

**MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD
EASTERN AND WESTERN DIVISIONS
EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Medical Control Board was held, pursuant to Oklahoma Statute, Title 25 & 307.1 on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, 09:00 am at EMSA Administrative Offices located at 6205 S. Sooner Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 and 1417 N. Lansing Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74106, linked via videoconference.

NOTICE AND AGENDA for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Medical Control Board of the Emergency Physicians Foundation, was posted in the Office of the Deputy City Clerk of Tulsa, Thursday, December 28th, 2023, and in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Oklahoma City on Thursday, December 28th, 2023, more than 24 hours prior to the time set for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Medical Control Board.

- 1. Roll Call** disclosed a quorum at 09:14 am and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Anderson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Justin Davis
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. David Smith
Dr. Keri Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. Barret Bradt
Dr. Amanda Celii

- 2. Review and Approval of November 2023 MCB Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 2023 MCB Meeting.

AYE:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Justin Davis
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
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Dr. Keri Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

ABSENT:

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Dr. Amanda Celii

NAY:

None

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The motion is passed.

3. Oklahoma City Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Kelley

Major Jones updated the MCB on ongoing work by the Oklahoma City Fire Department, including mobile integrated health programs. Current program emphasis includes the Opioid Response Team (ORT) with over four hundred potential contacts and ninety-six opioid responses in December 2023 and collaborating with OCPD and Crisis Response Team to identify altered response to mental health crisis situations. Eight of the busiest OKCFD stations have iPads with links to mental health treatment facilities – Northside affiliating with Northcare and Southside affiliating with Hope Community Services.

4. Tulsa Fire Department Report – Chief Michael Baker

EMS Director Justin Lemery updated the MCB on ongoing work by the Tulsa Fire Department, including the CARES program adding a LMHP and MSW resource. Additionally, over eight hundred referrals were received over 2023. The Crisis Response Team with PD/FD/clinician from Family and Children’s responded to approx. one thousand calls in 2023, similar to 2022 numbers. Alternate Response Team 1 started in April and has made 400+ responses with FD/clinician from Family and Children’s with self-dispatch (no PD element embedded in this response team). Alternate Response Team 2 started in August within the IDL excluding MVCs and fires. First response medical and additionally with outreach resources (hygiene kits, etc.). ART 2 has made four hundred responses and operates Mon-Fri 0800-1700. Some success stories include getting individuals permanent housing, connecting to substance use disorder rehabilitation services. ART2 51% of responses are to “unhoused” individuals. All these responses are being tracked through Julota software.

5. EMSA President Report – Johna Easley

EMSA response time compliance performance was provided to the MCB.

Ms. Easley reported that EMSA is working on clinical performance bundle of care reporting in the following areas: STEMI, acute stroke, Priority 1 trauma, and sepsis. The first bundle of care to be developed in reporting is STEMI. EMSA leadership is working very collaboratively with the OMD team on constructing these bundles of care.

Over 9600 hours of “ED bed delay” were reported as occurring in each division over 2023, equivalent to 2.4M of labor/operations cost in the Western Division and 2.1M of labor/operations cost in the Eastern Division. This equates to 812 24-hour ambulance

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tours being “lost” from operations in the Western Division and to 808 24-hour ambulance tours being “lost” from operations in the Eastern Division. This data will inform EMSA – hospital system discussions in this year. Ms. Easley stated that these numbers are in her estimate 15% underreported to account for human element inaccuracies in capturing time of ED bed delays. The definition of ED bed delay is once a patient has arrived at the hospital ED and a bed is not available for immediate transfer of care until the time patient transfer of care has occurred as measured/documentated by the EMS crew.

Additionally, EMSA and OKCFD leadership are working with EMSA leadership on the supplemental EMS contract to facilitate additional ambulance transport capability with OKCFD operated ambulances, with estimated “go live” operations in March to April timing.

Edmond will transition to GMR ambulance operations sometime in mid-January per Edmond Fire Department. Additionally, EMSA is no longer the “primary” ambulance service for Oak Cliff and Deer Creek communities. Temporarily, it is Miller EMS providing this service per Ms. Easley.

6. Chief Medical Officer/Associate Chief Medical Officer Reports

Dr. Goodloe updated the MCB on activities completed by the OMD team in the interim since the November MCB meeting.

Dr. Goodloe briefly highlighted the numerous meetings that the OMD team continues to have with agencies within the EMS system, including orientation academies as well as the long-established monthly CQI meetings led by OMD.

Dr. Goodloe reviewed recent field implementation of low titer O+ whole blood in metropolitan OKC. There have been forty-three administrations in the first 11 months of the program, with all but three administrations (early in the program) meeting clinical criteria. This reflects a 93% case selection per clinical protocol.

Dr. Goodloe additionally indicated there were no needle thoracostomies performed by paramedics within the EMS system for the months of October, November, and December 2023.

Dr. Goodloe also updated the MCB on recent additional data continuing to support utilization of BLS ambulances for 911 response, with desirable performance in the three variables of key interest: return to hospital red lights and sirens, ALS ambulance assist activation, and unstable vital signs.

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Dr. Goodloe commented on Bixby Fire Department beginning ambulance transport operations for their city just 2 days ago. MCB/OMD welcomes Bixby continuing to utilize our medical oversight services.

Dr. Goodloe also commented on the fragility of the overall healthcare system in relations to impaired operations during cyberattacks and the impact upon the EMS system and EMS patients. He commented that during events at both OSU Medical Center and Ardent/Hillcrest system hospitals that those hospital administrative and clinical leaders worked productively with OMD and the EMS system for clarity of information about clinical abilities during infrastructure “downtimes.”

MCB physicians received the divert reports, compliance reports presented earlier by Ms. Easley and the hospital destination reports. OMD is continuing to work with EMSA IT to include past requests to include University of Oklahoma freestanding ED facilities in South OKC and in Yukon in the destination report. The reports are now updated again to indicate in divert hours by facilities the types of divers (CT, ED overload, etc.).

7. Review and Approval of October 2023 and November 2023 MCB Financial Statements

Dr. Goodloe presented the financial statements to the MCB, discussing revenue and expenses for the fourth and fifth months of FY 2023-2024.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the October 2023 and November 2023 MCB Financial Statements.

AYE:

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ABSENT:

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NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

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8. Information Items

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting – March 6th, 2024

11. Adjournment

Upon Motion by Dr. Russell Anderson, the Medical Control Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 am.

Approved By:
Keri Smith, MD
MCB Secretary

Date Approved: