

**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, March 1st, 2023, 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, Friday, February 24th, 2023, and in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Oklahoma City on Friday, February 24th, 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 09:01 am and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Anderson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Barrett Bradt (arrival 09:15)
Dr. Amanda Celii
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Michael Padgham
Dr. David Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. Keri Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

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

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

AYE:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Amanda Celii
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Michael Padgham
Dr. David Smith

ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. Barrett Bradt (arrival 09:15)
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. Keri Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

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3. Oklahoma City Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Kelley

Major Mike Nikkel updated the MCB on ongoing work by the Oklahoma City Fire Department with high frequency utilizers.

4. Tulsa Fire Department Report – Chief Michael Baker

EMS Director Justin Lemery updated the MCB on ongoing work by the Tulsa Fire Department with programs designed to address mental health issues and substance use disorders, including high frequency utilizers and work of the CARES team, Community Response Team (CRT), and indicated an upcoming meeting the OMD team to discuss additional response teams and a new software platform to organize the efforts of these teams. Director Lemery additionally commented that TFD is approaching full workforce staffing.

5. EMSA President Report – Johna Easley

Ms. Johna Easley updated the MCB on EMSA response time compliance performance, evidenced in supplied reports within the March MCB agenda items. Ms. Easley referenced the continued focus on Priority 1 patient response time compliance deficits, particularly in the Western Division (metropolitan OKC). There continues to be remarkable improvement as shown in the monthly compliance reports for December and particularly for January (P1 compliance up to 84%).

Of note, patient volumes have also been rising in comparison to year prior at a historically unprecedented rate, with the metropolitan Tulsa area up 12% and the metropolitan Oklahoma City area up 19%. This rise in metropolitan Oklahoma City equates to an additional 54-55 responses per day.

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 January 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. Additional meetings include a weekly meeting with the EMSA CEO and COO with Dr. Goodloe to discuss the most important issues at EMSA, factoring this particularly dynamic time at EMSA as it works on the measures covered by Ms. Easley in her report to the MCB.

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Dr. Goodloe reviewed recent field implementation of low titer O+ whole blood in metropolitan OKC. There have been 9 administrations in the first 90 days of the program, with seven of the nine meeting clinical criteria. Dr. Celii commented favorably about this program from the trauma surgery/inpatient care viewpoint.

Dr. Goodloe additionally reviewed results of needle thoracostomies performed by paramedics within the EMS system for the months of January and February 2023, indicating appropriate patient selection and procedural performance, with patient outcome information obtained from the respective trauma centers in Oklahoma City (OUMC) and Tulsa (SFH and SJMC). There was one non-traumatic cardiac arrest patient with tension pneumothorax transported to OHH-North.

Dr. Goodloe advised the MCB that albuterol for nebulization therapy is still in a nationwide shortage, with EMS system agencies adopting well, utilizing levalbuterol 1.25 mg to replace albuterol 2.5 mg until such time albuterol nebulization is able to be readily supplied.

Dr. Goodloe reviewed the recent benchmarking trip to San Antonio Fire Department with Oklahoma City Fire Department leadership and EMSA leadership to focus on mobile integrated healthcare programs, specifically their high frequency utilizer program and hospice collaboration program. The trip proved greatly successful in identifying results-proven programs to help model future work in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Goodloe additionally reviewed recent findings from attending the NAEMSP 2023 Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, touching upon the latest research (the DOSE VF trial) confirming statistically significant improvement in cardiac arrest survival, using double sequential external defibrillation in the setting of refractory ventricular fibrillation, and reviewing the current marketplace for video laryngoscopes, specifically highlighting the uescope system. The OMD team will be planning a benchmarking trip to Fort Worth, Texas in the next 60-90 days to study the successful utilization of uescope video laryngoscopy in that system. It is anticipated that the OMD team will be recommending adoption of video laryngoscopy over the coming 2 years to the MCB in protocol specific format within this calendar year.

Additional note was made that the Handtevy mobile app, purchased for system-wide use by credentialed EMTs and paramedics by MCB/OMD, has been updated to Version 2.0 as of February 28, 2023.

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7. Review and Approval of Protocol Update: Protocol 11A – Heat Illness Adult & Pediatric.

Dr. Goodloe discussed the importance of rapid cooling in the setting of heat stroke. The OMD team is recommending adoption of a practice shown very effective within Johnson County, KS last year, utilizing whole body cooling bags and fire hydrant-sourced deluge cooling of patients on-scene prior to transport to hospital emergency departments. Protocol update language further emphasizes the benefit of whole body immersion in ice baths at static, pre-scheduled events such as outdoor athletic practices in summer weather.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended updates to Protocol 11A – Heat Illness Adult & Pediatric, to be effective May 1, 2023.

AYE:

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Dr. Barrett Bradt
Dr. Amanda Celii
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Michael Padgham
Dr. David Smith

ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. Keri Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

8. Review and Approval of December 2022 and January 2023 MCB Financial Statements

Dr. Goodloe presented the financial statements to the MCB, discussing revenue and expenses of the sixth and seventh months of FY 2022-2023.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the December 2022 and January 2023 MCB Financial Statements.

AYE:

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Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

ABSENT:

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Dr. Michael Padgham
Dr. David Smith

NAY:
None

The motion is passed.

9. Information Items

10. New Business

11. Next Meeting – May 10th, 2023

12. Adjournment

Upon Motion by Dr. Russell Anderson, the Medical Control Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am.

Approved By:
Keri Smith, MD
MCB Secretary

Date Approved: