

**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, July 14th, 2021 10:00 am at EMSA Administrative Offices located at 1111 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 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, Eastern and Western Divisions, was posted in the Office of the Deputy City Clerk of Tulsa, Friday, July 9th, 2021 and in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Oklahoma City on Friday, July 9th, 2021 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 10:23 am and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Anderson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Roxie Albrecht
Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. David Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. Barrett Bradt
Dr. Karyn Koller
Dr. Keri Smith

2. **Review and Approval of May 2021 MCB Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2021 MCB Meeting, the MCB voted to approve the minutes from the May 2021 MCB Meeting.

AYE:

Dr. Roxie Albrecht
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Dr. Michael Smith

ABSENT:

Dr. Chad Borin
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NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

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3. EMSA President Report

EMSA President and CEO Jim Winham reviewed EMSA compliance for April and May 2021 in the Eastern and Western Divisions. Mr. Winham discussed the Transfer of Care (TOC) Paramedic Program in which EMSA is employing off-duty Oklahoma City Fire Department and Edmond Fire Department paramedics to be stationed in Oklahoma City hospital EDs, able to accept ongoing patient care and observation while awaiting ED bed assignment, freeing up EMSA ambulance crews to return to clinical service sooner. This program increases ambulance availability and thus, clinical capacity in the EMS system, while reducing response times of ambulances. In June, the TOC paramedics cared for 301 patients on ED bed delay, returning ambulances to service 235 hours earlier than otherwise would be occurring. This is nearly the equivalent of 20 12-hour ambulance duty shifts.

EMSA continues to face a national shortage of qualified paramedics and is embarking on recruiting outside of Oklahoma to help. Additional numbers of off-duty OKCFD paramedics are being hired part-time at EMSA as well.

ESO Solutions electronic health records software implementation was discussed by EMSA's Deputy Chief of Support Services, Bryan Jones. The ESO patient care documentation has been implemented and is being used by frontline EMTs and paramedics at EMSA since April. The ESO Alerting program (to advise hospital EDs of incoming patients via EMSA) is anticipated to be functional as early as September. Many area hospitals are contractually set for this feature with the remaining currently with contractual review in progress. ESO Health Data Exchange program (to allow health records sharing between EMS and hospitals) is in a similar status as the ESO Alerting feature.

Progress is being made on EMSA's new administrative offices in South OKC with a move expected later this year. The MCB/OMD offices in OKC will be in this location.

4. Chief Medical Officer/Associate Chief Medical Officer Reports

Dr. Goodloe referenced the MCB/OMD Annual Report FY/OY 2020-2021 that is now available and will be filed with city governments in OKC and Tulsa.

Dr. Goodloe referenced diversion reports for April and May 2021. Dr. Goodloe highlighted the ongoing work of the OMD team, commenting on the additional work in updating OMD administrative and clinical policies to now be reviewed on a yearly basis in total.

Dr. Goodloe highlighted the success of EMS support at recent special events, including the IRONMAN North America Championship, US Senior PGA Championship at Southern Hills, NCAA Softball College World Series and multiple events surrounding the Centennial Observance of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

Dr. Goodloe updated the MCB for its awareness level that EMSA is continuing in responding to Priority 2 incidents using Red Lights and Sirens (RLS). The MCB authority is to specify the medical necessity for RLS and the allowance on clinical reasoning when RLS is not required. Individual agencies within the EMS System for Metropolitan OKC and Tulsa have authority in how their apparatus will or will not utilize

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those MCB specifications. For instance, most fire departments have been responding to nearly all or all medical calls using RLS for years. During the last 7.5 years, EMSA has reduced its RLS responses nearly 66% following the MCB guidelines. EMSA is not utilizing RLS for Priority 2 responses in Tulsa and is actively working to reduce its use in metropolitan OKC.

5. Review and Approval of MCB/OMD Clinical Administrative Policy

- **CAP: Documentation of Patient Care**
- **CAP: EMS Provider Credentialing**
- **CAP: System Continuing Education**

All three policies are updated, with changes being primarily formatting in nature for ease of use by those responsible for patient care documentation, seeking OMD credentialing, and/or planning/delivering continuing education.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the recommended changes to the policies as detailed above.

AYE:

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ABSENT:

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NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

6. BLS Pilot Program Expansion

Dr. Goodloe outlined the ideal versus present status of paramedic staffing on ambulances in the EMS system as well as the current state of BLS ambulance utilization. The OMD team conducted a careful analysis of MPDS code (call type) determinants, identifying determinants that reflect ability for safe dispatch of BLS (2 EMT staffed) ambulances in a pilot period. Requirements for the pilot period were delineated for EMSA, EMTs, Paramedics, and OMD. A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the recommended BLS Pilot Program Expansion. The pilot program will need to go to city councils in both OKC and Tulsa for their review and approval, given current language in the Uniform Code that applies to EMS.

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NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

7. Review and Approval of April and May 2021 MCB Financial Statements

Dr. Goodloe presented the financial statements to the MCB, discussing revenue and expenses in FY 2020-2021 to date.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the April and May 2021 MCB Financial Statements.

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AYE:

NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

ABSENT:

8. Information Items

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Dr. Goodloe updated the MCB that EleGard device (head up CPR device) orientation training is successfully in progress with the Edmond Fire Department and EMSA. Anticipated start date for patient use in Edmond is August 1st.

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting – September 8th, 2021

11. Adjournment

Upon Motion by Dr. Russell Anderson, the Medical Control Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 am.

Approved By:
David Smith, MD
MCB Secretary

Date Approved: