

**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 13th, 2022, 10:00 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, July 8th, 2022, and in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Oklahoma City on Friday, July 8th, 2022, 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 10:01 am and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Chad Borin.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Roxie Albrecht
Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. David Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Barrett Bradt
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Karyn Koller
Dr. Keri Smith

2. **Review and Approval of May 2022 MCB Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2022 MCB Meeting. The MCB voted to approve the minutes from the May 2022 MCB Meeting.

AYE:

Dr. Roxie Albrecht
Dr. Chad Borin
Dr. David Gearhart
Dr. John Nalagan
Dr. David Smith
Dr. Michael Smith

ABSENT:

Dr. Russell Anderson
Dr. Barrett Bradt
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
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NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

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3. EMSA President Report

Ms. Johna Easley (President) updated the MCB on EMSA response time compliance performance, evidenced in supplied reports within the July MCB agenda items. Both Ms. Easley and Mr. Frank Gresh (COO) discussed data related to increases in hospital/ED-initiated bed delays in frequency and in hours per day. Mr. Gresh additionally discussed data related to increases in staffed ambulance/unit hours at EMSA, consistently increasing since January 2022. Patient volumes have also been notably rising, in part reflected in the increases in the hours of hospital/ED initiated bed delays discussed. Ms. Easley additionally referenced a) ongoing use of non-911 BLS ambulances to help decompress hospital census, specifically patients being discharged to home/nursing home and requiring ambulance transport for medical necessity; b) Transfer of Care (TOC) paramedics to help free up ambulance crews whenever possible.

Discussion among MCB physicians and EMSA leadership subsequently focused on strategies to help highlight the issue of hospital/ED-initiated bed delays and the impact on EMS system capabilities to perform at desired levels.

4. 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 May MCB meeting.

Dr. Goodloe briefly highlighted the numerous meetings that the OMD team continues to have with all agencies within the EMS system, including orientation academies, monthly meetings with the EMSA Executive Team and Fire Chiefs from Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Edmond, 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.

Dr. Goodloe briefly highlighted multiple academic presentations on behalf of the EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa that have been delivered at EMS conferences since the May MCB meeting. Some were in virtual forums, while others were given at in-person conferences, all of which were achieved without direct costs to the EMS system.

Dr. Goodloe reviewed the 911 BLS Ambulance Program to date, utilizing presentation materials shared with an international audience at the EMS State of the Science/Gathering of Eagles XIII conference in Hollywood, FL last month. Data analysis through May 2022 continues to show accuracy of MCB approved MPDS codes for the program correlate well with patient illness or injury successfully managed within the EMT scope of practice (as defined within the MCB Treatment Protocols) and are able to predict patients with rare need for RLS return to hospital, need for ALS assist as identified through ongoing EMD query of the 9-1-1 caller, or presence of unstable vital signs (as defined within the MCB Treatment Protocols).

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Dr. Goodloe advised the MCB that its FY2022-2023 Annual Budget has been unanimously approved by the City Council of Oklahoma City on July 5th and that he is presenting the budget for review and approval by the Tulsa City Council later in the day.

Dr. Goodloe advised the MCB that the MCB/OMD Annual Report for FY/OY 2021-2022 is now available and will be subsequently posted to the MCB website and shared with key stakeholders, including the City Manager of Oklahoma City and Mayor of Tulsa.

Dr. Goodloe additionally advised the MCB about work in progress by the OMD team, including clinically relevant memos intended for frontline clinical personnel, preparation of the 2023 MCB Treatment Protocols draft for review and action at the September MCB meeting, and annual strategic planning preparations.

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

CAP: ALS BLS Inspection Form

CAP: EMR Inspection Form

The revisions brought to the MCB reflect changes in minimum requirement for clinically related equipment on emergency apparatus in the EMS system, these changes include new ventilator model, pediatric ventilator tubing, adult ventilator tubing, Ducanto suction catheter nomenclature, and EleGard (optional device).

The effective date is 9/1/22.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the recommended Clinical Administrative Policy changes, as detailed above.

AYE:

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Dr. Michael Smith

ABSENT:

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Dr. Barrett Bradt
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Karyn Koller
Dr. Keri Smith

NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

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6. Review and Approval of April 2022 and May 2022 MCB Financial Statements

Dr. Goodloe presented the financial statements to the MCB, discussing revenue and expenses FY 2021-2022 to date.

A motion was made and seconded that the MCB approve the April 2022 and May 2022 MCB Financial Statements.

AYE:

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Dr. Michael Smith

ABSENT:

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Dr. Jeffrey Johnson
Dr. Karyn Koller
Dr. Keri Smith

NAY:

None

The motion is passed.

7. Information Items

8. New Business

Dr. Borin discussed workplace safety, specifically a patient self-presenting to a local hospital with multiple weapons, including firearms and another patient with alleged assault on a nurse on hospital property. He further shared concerns about a national instance of a physician and a nurse being assaulted within the emergency department of their hospital. He encouraged all leaders within the EMS system to advocate for safety within the emergency services system – EMS and in-hospital. Dr. Albrecht shared a similar concern of a patient's family member voicing a threat to shoot medical staff members after alleged physical assault upon the same medical staff members. Dr. Albrecht compared local practices to many other hospitals she has visited in ACS Trauma Center Verification Review with more robust access/security procedures. Dr. Goodloe shared ACEP's advocacy on this front as well.

9. Next Meeting – September 14th, 2022

10. Adjournment

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Upon Motion by Dr. Chad Borin, the Medical Control Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am.

Approved By:
David Smith, MD
MCB Secretary

Date Approved: