MEETING MINUTES of the STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

November 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Eric Kuncir, Board Chairperson, at 10:35 am, on 11/14/2025 at the CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. The meeting was held in person. Copies of the agenda were emailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website on 11/7/2025. Dr. Kuncir announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Dr. Zachary Bauman
- Dr. Emily Cantrell
- Dr. Charity Evans
- Ashley Farrens
- Renae Jacobson
- Eric Jensen
- Kyle Kellum
- Jozef Kuehn
- Dr. Eric Kuncir
- Jessica Lee
- Dr. Dennis McGowan
- Katie Pierce
- Scott Reifschneider
- Dr. William T. Sorrell
- Lori Terryberry-Spohr
- Dr. Rebecca Stroklund

The following Board members were absent:

- Tami Bokelman
- Jill Coddington
- Analisa Colglazier
- Dr. Chad Duval
- Dr. Eric Ernest
- Dr. Rommie Hughes
- Tia Manning
- Mindy Walters
- Susan Wilson
- Jacqueline Wright

The following staff members from the Department were also present during all or part of the meeting:

- Regan Blackwell
- Tonja Bohling
- Mason Holmes
- Carol Jorgensen
- Diane Schoch
- Wendy Snodgrass
- Tim Wilson
- Sherri Wren

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Bauman made the motion, seconded by Kellum, to adopt the agenda for the 11/14/2025 State Trauma Advisory Board meeting.

These minutes have been approved by the State Trauma Advisory Board on 02/20/2026.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kellum, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Colglazier, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Pierce made the motion, seconded by Cantrell, to approve the 7/23/2025 meeting minutes with the following changes made: Page 3, Agenda Item: Committee Updates, subsection a, line 2, "Spend" should be changed to "Send"; line 3, "Nebraska Medicine" should be changed to "CUMC – Bergan"; page 5, paragraph 1, second to last line, add "Command" before the first word "Center" and change "(RMOC)" to "(RMOCC)"; last line of same paragraph, "STRACK" should be spelled "STRAC".

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: Kellum. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Colglazier, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: Office of Emergency Health Systems Program Updates

Program reports are provided in the handouts, submitted for Board review prior to the meeting, and were posted in the portal.

a. EMS Program: Carol Jorgensen reviewed her report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. In addition, she also announced her resignation from the Office of Emergency Health Systems.
b. Education and Training Agency Compliance: Wendy Snodgrass reviewed her report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. She expressed her gratitude for DeNell Rhinehart joining the team. She also added if anyone has online training calendar items to let her know so she can get them added to the 2026 calendar.
c. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program: Regan Blackwell reviewed her report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. She added that the Hospital Pediatric Ready Recognition Program will roll out in early 2026. There are 20 new Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC) members. She thanked Dr. Cantrell and Renae Jacobson for being willing to help with the upcoming *Little Lives, Big Impact Pediatric Emergency Readiness Workshop* on December 6, 2025. National Pediatric Readiness Project assessment that will be rolled out at the national level in March 2026. She will be reaching out for emergency department contacts or whoever will be teaching this at individual hospitals. Regan and Ashley Farrens will discuss the former Pediatric Emergency Trauma Simulations (PETS) Program.
d. Stroke/STEMI Program: Tim Wilson gave a brief update, in Becka Neumiller's absence, to the report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. This program recently had a statewide Stroke Training that went well. The Stroke Task Force will continue to evaluate their policies and get information out for hospitals that are non-stroke designated. They are also evaluating EMS protocols and making recommendations for these.
e. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program: Tim Wilson reported in addition to the report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting, that there has been a significant increase in CISM activations as well as debriefings. He promoted building this team out across the state.
f. OEHS Data Systems: T. Wilson reviewed Sharon Steele's report submitted in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. He added that they have been working on updating the data standard use and state for the EMS Patient Care Reporting System and should be done by the end of this year. Some of the big changes due to the update will be changes to the data standards and the revamping of the "run" form. For the Trauma system, OEHS is looking into amending the contract

with ImageTrend. The update to ImageTrend and the Trauma Registry will include the addition of DataMart and will be done by the end of the month. DataMart will give Epidemiology the ability to go in and get information through the back end. This should help with the creation of dashboards.

10:40 a.m. *Katie Pierce joined the meeting.*
10:45 a.m. *Kyle Kellum left the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Updates

a. Region 1 Committee – Lee gave an update. Children's Nebraska has a new Trauma Program Manager, Allison Flynn, who started in September. They also had verification for ACS Level and Pediatric verification Level. Pierce gave an update on designations and announced they also had their Level 1 reverification. The November meeting was cancelled so the 2026 meeting schedule is not out yet. All upcoming education is on the State website.
b. Region 2 Committee – Jensen reported they have had 2 PI Meetings. They are planning on quarterly meetings in 2026. They have a new Trauma Medical Director. Auburn is up for redesignation.
c. Region 3 Committee – Jacobson reported that there were six designations completed in 2025 and there are five anticipated in 2026. Their PI Meeting will be by Zoom on December 10, 2025. Jacobson put together a Trauma Education List for 2026 for anyone to access. If anyone has education class information send it to Jacobson and she will add it to this list. She also reported that she will be helping with Pediatric Education Day on December 6, 2025, in Scottsbluff, Omaha, Kearney, and Norfolk.

11:00 a.m. *Dr. Stroklund left the meeting.*
11:02 a.m. *Dr. Stroklund returned to the meeting.*

d. Region 4 Committee – No report.
e. Data/QA Committee – Jacobson summarized the QA Committee report (submitted by Coddington) due to Coddington's last minute absence. The Data Dictionary is being reviewed by Legal. Third-party submissions – Jill Coddington was able to submit a file at CHI St. Elizabeth this morning and it went through with some mapping issues, but with 98% accuracy. The 2024 Template was approved in April 2025. within 3-4 months. The 2025 template is going to go through the 2024 template because the 2025 template is tied to the Data Dictionary, which is not in regulation, yet. Nursing Lunch & Learns need discussion topics for next year, so please send any to this committee. Next meeting is on November 17, 2025.

11:03 a.m. *Ashley Farrens left the meeting.*
11:03 a.m. *Ashley Farrens returned to the meeting.*

f. Designation Committee – Jacobson reported this committee met on 10/28/2025. Jessica and Karen did a PRQ revision for Level 2 Centers and they will be looking at it in next couple of weeks. A TMD checklist was found in the archives that will be used for orienting TMDs along with an orientation packet created by Dr. Bauman. An injury prevention log was created to go with the PRQ to help centers organize what they are doing for visits. A Clarification Document will be brought up at the next meeting. Creation of a Chart Cover Sheet for facilities is the next project for this committee. Dr. Kuncir asked to have initial vital signs added to the Chart Cover Sheet as this is hard to find on the ACS sheet.
g. Financials to Support Improvement/ Legislation Outreach Committee – Dr. Kuncir reported this group has not met since the last meeting. Evans updated on legislative outreach for the capitol Stop-The-Bleed class.
h. Statewide Education Committee – Kuehn gave an update. This committee brainstormed regarding some stay-and-treat protocols/guidelines. Farrens addressed doing public-facing education. Discussion was held regarding the stay-and-treat guidelines. The TQIP Collaborative meeting will be in December.

11:17 a.m. *Analisa Colglazier joined the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: Trauma Program Update

Sherri Wren gave an update on the Trauma Program in addition to the report submitted in the Agenda Packet. She welcomed and thanked new and renewed board members Dr. Rebecca Stroklund from Fairbury; Analisa Colglazier, the new APRN; and Dr. McGowan, the new Subspecialty Surgeon; Dr. Cantrell accepted another term; and Dr. Sorrell accepted another term. It has been a busy year in the Trauma Program. There have been a lot of committee activities. Nurse reviewers are plentiful. The qualification list for nurse reviewers can be amended so at the next meeting this list can be amended. Designations are going well. Region 2 has a new TMD. All 2026 Lunch & Learns have been scheduled. One 2026 goal is to educate the workforce in 2026.

The Block grant was not awarded, so funding for specialty classes and the next Annual Trauma Symposium will stop. Other funding is still available for basic classes (TNCC, ENPC, ATLS, etc.).

Trauma Regulations are currently going through the review process.

TNC Day will be on June 11, 2026. The room booked at the Engagement Center in Kearney was free of charge thanks to a COVID Grant that Renae Jacobson applied for that was available for education for non-profit agencies.

Burn Center and rehabilitation are both on the table for future work.

Diane Schoch went out for an orientation with the Trauma Medical Director at Imperial and got to meet with the Trauma Nurse Coordinator.

Jacobson gave an update on RTTDC books. The 5th edition is set to come out in March or April 2026. The cost is high for the books for rural hospitals. They will not be printing the 4th edition anymore. She will keep everyone updated as information becomes available.

a. Trauma Registry Data: T. Wilson commented the rules and regulations are in review with the Department's Legal Division and then will go on to approval for public hearing and public hearing from there. He also stated that data release requests are subject to Data Release laws and statutes.
    i. Statutory Release Authority 71-8294 – The Department has statutory authority for release of aggregate or case specific data to the regional trauma system quality assurance program and regional trauma advisory boards. Although the regional boards are no longer functioning due to statutory changes, every region should have a trauma system quality assurance program, which can receive data on a regional basis from the Department. The Regional PI meetings would fall under this statutory authority. Wilson will check on this with Teresa, Department Attorney, when he gets back to the office. The Regional Trauma Systems Data Quality Assurance Program is specifically outlined in the statute as well as providing protected health information to a public health authority (Public Health Districts, etc.).
    ii. DHHS Release Authorization Process – The creation of a committee was discussed. This committee would oversee any data release that is outside the regional authorization. They would be looking at requests and making sure the requests meet the recommendations below before they are submitted. Committee members would need to understand the data going in and going out and communicate with OEHS staff to determine what can and cannot be pulled. Farrens volunteered to put the committee together. Volunteers/nominated to be on the committee include Renae Jacobson, Dr. Evans, Dr. Bauman, Mindy Walters, and Jill Coddington. It was suggested that this committee meet between now and the next Trauma Board meeting at which time they will report to the Trauma Board.
    iii. Trauma Board Data Needs Process – T. Wilson made the following recommendations for base line data requests: 1) Every request needs an objective. 2) Define the terms of the data as a group and what is needed to pull information for the query (i.e. filters, criteria, parameters, etc.). Teresa reminded everyone about following the Safe Harbor

Permission put out by the federal government regarding data suppression for small regions and rural areas.

MOTION: Kuehn made the motion, seconded by Bauman, for the Trauma Board to develop a data acquisition/oversite committee. Discussion was held. It was suggested to have someone from the State (the OEHS Epidemiologist) sit in at the committee meetings. Kuehn amended the motion, seconded by Bauman, to state the Trauma Board will develop a committee to acquire data and oversee the acquisition of data from the State and to include a member of the state epidemiology on it.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Colglazier, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kellum, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Sorrell, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

The Board took a short break to get lunch at 12:07 p.m., resumed at 12:28 p.m.

12:28 p.m. *Dr. Sorrell left the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Trauma System Medical Director Update

Dr. Bauman thanked the planning committee for all the planning and setup of the 2025 Trauma Symposium. He received great feedback from those who attended. It was a successful first event, and Dr. Bauman is looking forward to many more Statewide Trauma Symposiums in the future.

AGENDA ITEM: NE State Trauma Symposium Review

Farrens gave a review of the Trauma Symposium. Overall, this symposium had a remarkably high engagement rate with strong representation from nurses and diverse participation from physicians, Emergency Medical Services, and allied health. Attendees praised the evidence-based sessions, clinical updates, and rural-focused content. Suggestions for future improvements included more practical workshops, more clarity in session descriptions, and great relevance in all roles. Top recommendations centered on rural trauma, pediatric, blood management, and interprofessional teamwork. There were 24 speakers throughout the conference and there were 187 attendees. 87.7% of attendees provided a registrant evaluation. Looking forward to the next Trauma Symposium, there is a strong interest in rural trauma care and system development. Both clinical and operational topics were requested in the future. Longer and more interactive breakout sessions were requested in future symposiums. The next symposium will be in 2027 and there is already $42,000.00 going toward it. T. Wilson will continue to watch for grants to help with the funds for this.

Thank you to Tim Wilson and Sherri Wren for getting the grant that financially supported this event. Thank you to the planning committee for their hard work putting it all together. Farrens will set up a debrief for the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM: TQIP Collaborative

Pierce updated December 9, 2025, will be this group's next meeting. Jacobson added they are talking about elderly lift, hip fractures for mortality, shock, hospital events, and events and mortality of low injury frail trauma .

AGENDA ITEM: Trauma Regulations/Statutes

This topic was discussed previously under section 6.a.

AGENDA ITEM: Committee on Trauma (COT)

Dr. Evans gave an update. The Regional groups meet once a month. The Pediatric Care Network (PCN) at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City is up and running. The RMOCC in Kansas City has a grant separate from this work. It helps with onboarding 20 hospitals in a year. This onboarding is the ability for a hospital EMR to communicate with Mercy's hospital to be provided information and updates.

T. Wilson commented on the Rural Health Transformation Grant. Nebraska has submitted applications for funds from this grant and is waiting to hear back about the distribution of those funds. Kellum commented that the State of NE is not releasing to the public any information on the completed application.

AGENDA ITEM: Future Meeting Dates & Places

Dr. Kuncir reminded the Board that this is the meeting at which the 2026 meeting dates are determined and voted on. Dates were presented. Discussion was held and the following dates were put forward to vote on:

Friday, February 20, 2026 (Zoom)

Friday, May 15, 2026 (Kearney)

Friday, August 21, 2026 (Zoom)

Friday, November 6, 2025 (Lincoln - possibly at CHI Health St. Elizabeth's)

MOTION: Bauman made the motion, seconded by Reifschneider, to accept the above dates and places for 2026 Trauma Board meetings.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Colglazier, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kellum, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Sorrell, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: Posting of Meetings

Dr. Kuncir introduced the agenda item. T. Wilson reminded members that previously the postings of notification of meeting times and locations were done on the OEHS website and the Public Meeting Calendar, sent through OEHS contacts, and through the newsletter.

MOTION: Kellum made the motion, seconded by Stroklund, to continue as previously with posting the notification of meeting times and locations – on the OEHS website and the Public Meeting Calendar, sent through OEHS contacts and through the newsletter. Discussion – none had.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Colglazier, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kellum, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Sorrell, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments

Dr. McGowan commented on State designations being more in line with the Grey Book designation for level 1 and level 2 hospitals, requiring trauma centers to have operating room abilities and having an operating room available. T. Wilson commented that this would be a regulatory change, and the topic should be brought forward during the public comment period of the Trauma Regulations Legislative Review process. Discussion was held and it was determined to delegate the Designation Committee to review this.

Dr. McGowan brought up the topic of blood and plasma. Discussion was held. Kuncir requested data on how much blood is given at Level 4 hospitals and below for Trauma patients throughout Nebraska by making sure the rural hospitals and the tertiary hospitals are putting that blood in as a procedure in the prehospital tab. T. Wilson recommended Dr. Ernest be included in the group to look at this subject because he could be a liaison with the Trauma Board and the EMS Board. This committee needs to be led by board members.

MOTION: Kuehn made the motion, seconded by Cantrell, that a committee be formed for prehospital blood administration.

Voting Yes: Bauman, Cantrell, Colglazier, Evans, Farrens, Jacobson, Jensen, Kellum, Kuehn, Kuncir, Lee, McGowan, Pierce, Reifschneider, Terryberry-Spohr, and Stroklund. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bokelman, Coddington, Duval, Ernest, Hughes, Manning, Sorrell, Walters, S. Wilson, and Wright.

Motion carried.

Dr. McGowan brought up the topic of bone health and asked that the board take a stand on preventative bone health. Discussion was held. Jacobson suggested that board members take this back to local injury prevention programs and put it out region-wide and provide education for hospital staff and the public. Kuncir offered to have Dr. McGowan come speak on July 17 26, 2026, to the Omaha Area Trauma Symposium. This is deferred to the individual injury prevention coordinators for trauma centers and have a subject matter expert discussion at the Grand Rounds and at the Omaha Trauma Symposium.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m. by Dr. Kuncir.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonja Bohling
OEHS Administrative Technician