



## KY Trauma Advisory Committee General Meeting

(by KDPH video teleconference system)  
December 16, 2014, 3 PM EDT

### Appointees in attendance

Mr. Richard Bartlett, KHA  
Dr. Julia Costich, KIPRC (Injury Prevention)  
Dr. John Draus, University of KY Children's Hospital (Level-I Adult)  
Dr. Mary Fallat, Kosair Children's Hospital (Pediatric Trauma)  
Dr. Brian Harbrecht, University of Louisville Hospital (Level-I Adult)  
Dr. Mayfield, KY Commissioner of Health (represented by Brandon Harley)  
Dr. Dan O'Brien, University of Louisville (ACEP, KY Chapter)  
Mr. Michael Poynter, KY Board of EMS  
Mrs. Susan Starling, Marcum & Wallace Hospital (Level-IV)  
Mrs. Sandy Tackett, Pikeville Medical Center (Level-II)

### Appointees not in attendance:

Dr. William Barnes, Livingston Hospital (KBML)  
Dr. Andrew Bernard, University of KY (Level-I Adult)  
Dr. Richard Cales, At-large  
Mr. Nicholas Hammond, St. Claire Hospital (KBN)  
Mr. Shayne Ratliff, KY Transportation Cabinet  
Dr. Jason Smith, University of Louisville (ACS COT, KY Chapter)

### Others on the call:

Theresa Baker, University of Louisville (Trauma Institute)  
Dr. Aaron Brown, Pikeville Medical Center  
Tricia Cooper, University of Kentucky (Trauma Center)  
Kimberly Denzik, University of Louisville (Trauma Center)  
Ben Hughes, University of Louisville (Trauma Institute)  
Genia McKee, KIPRC/KSPAN (Safe Communities Program)  
Kathy Peck, Twin Lakes Hospital  
Jason Stiles, Owensboro Hospital  
Missy Snowden, Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Steve Sparrow, KIPRC/KSPAN  
Trena Stocker, Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Scott Suttles, Pikeville Medical Center  
Carol Wright, University of Kentucky (Trauma Center)

Review of the minutes of the October meeting. There were no corrections offered, so they stand as distributed.

### Committee Reports

**Education** - Scott Suttles, Chair: He had circulated a map of the potential divisions of the state by HPP regions to help focus efforts around committee members in four areas. He has followed-up with a mass mailing to people in the eastern part of the state, but has had some email problems. There was some feedback about training to be conducted at Harrison Memorial in Cynthiana in January. Mr. Bartlett said that he would be willing to post educational offerings on the website. Use "Trauma Education for Posting" in the header. The idea is to create a regional focus that would make educational more available.

**Process Improvement** - John Draus, Chair: He distributed mid-day a Trauma Registry Report for the quarter ending in September. There was a question about why Owensboro had two separate entries with two different numbers. Jason Stiles indicated that they changed software vendor, and so their identification number changed during the quarter.

Trish Cooper said that the deadline is always 90 days out, so that quarter three may appear incomplete, but the deadline for submission is the end of December. That means that if the same report was run in January (after the closing) the report will look different.

Since the meeting last month Dr. Draus met with Dr. Bernard and Dr. Slavova at KIPRC to look at potentially studying the three existing trauma protocols to see what kind of compliance exists at this time (Timely transfer decision; Imaging studies on Adults; Imaging studies on kids).

There was some discussion about the potential of doing some more "global" performance data, but Dr. Costich noted that without specific patient identifiers in the data set the only thing they can do is potential data matching on a probabilistic basis.

**Protocol Committee** - Dr. Bernard: (Not available - no report)

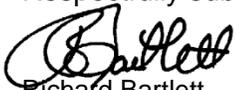
**Verification Committee** - Ben Hughes, Chair: He has sent out a "cross-walk" of the green-book verses the new orange-book. We may need to begin looking at this for potential changes to the regulations. Mr. Bartlett recommended that we continue to move forward with re-verification and verification of facilities this winter and spring around the existing standards. Changes are generally not done during the General Assembly Session; and the process is lengthy often requiring 3-6 months at best to complete. He also isn't sure we have a consensus on how to proceed. It seems that from the last discussion on the topic the feeling was we need to stand-fast. Dr. Harbrecht also noted in the last Steering Committee call that the College was considering making the new manual more "flexible" in the future so that changes could be made faster. Unfortunately this is not good for the regulatory process we have to go through, so it may be necessary to look for an alternative way to refer to the ACS COT guidance without the use of a specific version number. There was discussion about looking for a way to make reference to the ACS COT verification process, without getting tied to a specific version number or date.

There is an application process that we need to go through, and there is a set of tools that we had previously developed, that need to be passed along.

**Finance Committee** - Linda Gayheart: (Out of town and not available) Dr. Harbrecht discussed an email he had distributed to identify some potential advocates or groups who might be able to help champion the work we need to do. He was looking at some ideas he got from the trauma system in Georgia. He said that he spoke with the Greater Louisville Medical Society, but their emphasis seems to be on community health. This is not a budgetary session, so we need to plant some "seeds" for long-range development. He also asked Mike Poynter, KBEMS, to see if their Medical Director, Dr. Martin, might be able to engage with their group on ways to move the trauma agenda forward.

Next will be a Steering Committee meeting on January 20, 2015 at 3 PM (ET).  
The next meeting of the Full KyTAC will be on February 17, 2015, at 3 PM (ET).

Respectfully submitted:



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