

Minutes
January 17, 2012, 3:00 PM ET
KY Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

Title	First Name	Last Name	Representative for	Attendance
Dr.	William	Barnes	KY Medical Association	Present
Mr.	Richard	Bartlett	KY Hospital Association	Present
Dr.	Andrew	Bernard	ACS, KY COT	Present
Dr.	Julia	Costich	Injury Prevention Programs	Absent
Dr.	Mary	Fallat	Pediatric trauma	Absent
Ms.	Sandy	Tackett	Level-II Trauma Center	Present
Dr.	Brian	Harbrecht	UofL Level-I Trauma Center	Present
Ms.	Bari Lee	Mattingly	UK Level-I Trauma Center	Present
Mrs.	Linda	Gayheart	At-Large	Absent
Mr.	Shane	Ratliff	KY Transportation Cab.	Absent
Mrs.	Trish	Okeson	Commissioner, KY Dept for Public Health	Present
Ms.	Sharon	Mercer	KY Board of Nursing	Present
Dr.	Richard	Cales	At-Large	Present
Mr.	Bob	Hammonds	KY Board of EMS	Absent
Mrs.	Charlotte	O'Neal	Emergency Nurses Assn	Present
Dr.	Daniel	O'Brien	ACEP, KY Chapter	Present
Ms.	Susan	Starling	Level-IV Trauma Center	Present
Dr.	Russell	Travis	KY Bd of Medical Lic.	Absent
Ms.	Carol	Wright	Level-III Trauma Center	Present

Guests:

Lisa Gray, St. Mary's, Evansville
Ben Hughes, University of Louisville Hospital
Ron Jackson, Estill Co EMS
Laryn Mertz, Ephraim McDowell, Danville
Janet Smith, Marcum and Wallace, Irvine
Daniel Durham, Air Evac, Campbellsville

Dr. Bernard called the meeting to order.

Review of the Hazard Trauma Development Workshop

Mr. Bartlett reported to the group the program went well. There were 38 registered, but 36 attend due to an OIG inspection that occurred in a facility unannounced. There were also some attendees who were walk-ins, yielding a total of about 40 in the final group. The feedback was extremely positive. The general comment was that it "exceeded their expectations". Each participant was given a jump drive that was filled with reference materials and the PowerPoint presentations being used. There seven or eight hospitals from the southeastern part of the state in attendance.

With reference to the Frankfort site, the room at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center cannot grow beyond 30, so alternate arrangements have been made at the Cabinet for Public Health to use their Conference Room Suite on February 24th. Construction in their facility has caused some limitations, and there is no room to expand. Dr. Davis will also be coming down to address the group, and this will make it easier for him to participate.

As of January 17th, there are 18 registered for that site. A notice will go out to those registered, and the flyer will be modified. There are 9 at registered already for the Bowling Green site, 12 at Western Baptist, and 1 at the Corbin site so far.

Dr. Bernard noted that the plan at this time is to use the same faculty for the Frankfort meeting. That included Lisa Fryman (UK), Ron Jackson (Estill Co EMS), Janet Smith and John Isfort from Marcum and Wallace, Dick Bartlett and Dr. Bernard. He noted that if anyone from the KyTAC wants to be included please let him know.

Verifications and Consultations Updates

Frankfort Regional Medical Center (Level-III), ACS COT Consultation Visit Pending
Pikeville Regional Medical Center (Level-II or Level-III), preparing for an ACS COT site visit
Kosair Children's Hospital (Level-I Pediatric), expecting results of a site visit from ACS COT
James B. Haggin (Level-IV), pending approval of the regulations
Ephraim McDowell Ft Logan (Level-IV), pending approval of the regulations

Awaiting regulations for formal KY Trauma Center Designation:

Livingston County Hospital (Level-IV)
Marcum & Wallace (Level-IV)
UK Hospital (Level-I)
UK Children's Hospital (Level-I Pediatric)
UofL Hospital (Level-I)
Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center (Level-III)
Taylor Regional Hospital (Level-III)

Active Trauma Programs preparing for future verification:

Medical Center Franklin
Trigg County Hospital (Level-IV)
Mary Breckinridge ARH
(See map on KYHA website)

Carol Wright noted that they underwent their ACS COT re-verification visit in December, but they have not received their official letter yet. The lead surveyor, Dr. Hurst, indicated he believed that Taylor Regional Hospital is the longest consistently verified Level-III Trauma Center in the United States. This was confirmed through the ACS COT office in Chicago. They wanted to let the KyTAC know, but they were going to wait until they got the official notification from ACS COT before they made a public announcement. Taylor Regional was first verified in 1988.

CDC Field Triage Guidelines

Mr. Bartlett had distributed a new CDC algorithm for Field Triage that was published in a January issue of the CDC's MMWR. This version updates the original document done in 2009. KyTAC needs to take formal action to adopt the new CDC document if it is going to be included in the Kentucky Trauma Hospital Resource Manual (Attachment L), with is referenced within the new Trauma Regulations 902 KAR 20:030 Section 3. The package of six regulations are about to be released to the regulation process for adoption. Once these regulations are finalized, changes to the Resource Manual will trigger a change to the regulations, so it is important to adopt them now IF the group wants to do that.

The other question that needs to be discussed centers around any changes that need to be made to the manual while this window exists. Once there is a new version date created, and it is added to the regulation, we are locked in.

Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Cales both spoke in favor of the updated version. It is much better documented for references, and is thoroughly documented. The feeling is that this is actually a "cleaned-up" version of the previous one. Dr. Cales felt that Mr. Bartlett also expressed the opinion that from an interstate

interoperability standpoint, we would be better served by staying with the CDC document. Carol Wright also spoke in favor of the CDC changes.

There being no objections from the group, Mr. Bartlett said that he would make the changes and pass it along to Charlie Kendell in the Commissioner's Office for inclusion in the final regulations.

Regulations

Tricia Okeson indicated that the Secretary for CHFS promised to review the final document as soon as it is finished.

State Registrar Meeting

This was planned for the Spring. Ben Hughes indicated that he believes the plan is to still move forward with this. Trish Cooper at UK is heading the planning. Dr. Bernard said that the KY Chapter of ACS COT is going to be making a contribution to support this effort. He felt that as the registry enters its third year I felt it might be important to refine the discussion on what we are doing with the registry data, the data points we are collecting, the filters we want, how we want the statewide data dashboard to look, and the types of data that would be most useful when making the case for the trauma program. He felt that with the new CDM trauma registry there are better tools for analysis that need to be exploited.

Center for Rural Health

Center for Rural Health said at the Hazard workshop that they are trying to include in their contract with KHREF some additional funding to help rural hospital with purchase of their initial trauma registry software portals on a 50% cost split. The initial cost for a small hospital is about \$2,000 per portal, so the initial cost would be about \$1,000, and then the hospital would just need to cover the on-going support costs.

Foundation for Health Kentucky

A \$12,500 check has been received from the Foundation to help support the State Trauma Registry. This is hosted at CDM, and managed by Eddie Napier at KIPRC. There will be another \$12,500 check later this year, and that should get us into 2013 for those CDM services.

Additional Funding

Linda Gayheart has advised Dr. Bernard and Mr. Bartlett that an elderly relative of hers has expressed a desire to bequeath to the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee and the Kentucky Trauma program approximately \$250,000. They are reportedly having their lawyer draw up the documents.

Education Committee

Carol Wright provided a Summary of Educational Activities

University of Kentucky: Bari Lee Mattingly

- Partnered with Neuroscience group and are having a bi-monthly education offering. It meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 11:30 AM. The 1st Wednesday offers a neuro topic, and the 3rd Wednesday is a Trauma topic. Can be attended on site or via TeleHealth with pre-registration. These classes offer CME/CE for physicians, nurses, and EMS providers that attend.
- Have had no requests for RTTDC.

University of Louisville: Theresa Baker

- TNCC will be offered in April, August and December
- ATV/Bicycle Safety Program (Dr. Bernard's' Good Sam Grant)
 - Spring in Pikeville and
 - 3-4 other classes TBA
- No RTTDC at this time
- ATLS offered March, June and November

- ABLIS offered June and October

Frankfort Regional Med Center: Charlotte O'Neal

- Had TNCC course in November and an ENPC course in October
- For 2012 offering TNCC February, May and September
- For 2012 offering ENPC June and October
- Is attending the Train the Trainer class for Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma in February and will be offering classes.
- Currently the EMSC is contracting with KYENA to offer ENPC courses in underserved areas in 2012 with the focus to initially be on facilities who are interested or seeking trauma verification. The discussion currently is 4-6 courses at a reduced rate for attendees with instructors and books provided.

Taylor Regional Hospital: Carol Wright

- Offered TNCC course in November
- Offering TNCC course May 2012
- Offering Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma courses beginning January 18, 2012
- Have worked with Jean Statz, Trauma Coordinator at Spring View Hospital in development process.
- Have had no request for RTTDC
- TRH Education Department has ACLS Instructor Course scheduled for January 25, 2012, and ACLS Provider Course scheduled for March 21-22, 2012.
- Have not received any request from other facilities for TNCC offerings.

Charlotte does not have the fine details yet on a contract between EMS-C and ENA to get some pediatric education into the field. EMS-C had some grant funds available, and intends to contract through KY ENA. The plan is to target those areas interested in trauma verification first. The initial classes will likely be in far eastern Kentucky.

EMS-C

Dr. Fallat is working with Kentucky Hospital Association, Kosair Children's Hospital, Kentucky Children's Hospital, Julia Costich and Morgan Scaggs (EMS-C) to send out a follow-up letter to about 38 hospitals which have not completed the AAP survey on pediatric capabilities. EMS-C has some limited grant dollars to help facilities get the major items identified to improve pediatric care statewide.

Educational offerings will be posted on the KHA Trauma Website in the future.

Dr. Bernard mentioned some on-line CME through Children's Hospital in Pennsylvania on "Imaging the Pediatric Trauma Patient". It is about 45 minutes long. Interested physicians can get there from the "East" home page. Dr. Bernard said that there is no cost.

LINK: <http://www.cecentral.com/activity/3591>

There may be other CME offerings of interest on the "Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma" at <http://www.EAST.ORG/professional-development> website.

He also indicates that there are some sample protocols covering various topics on the EAST website. He noted that these are essentially the state of practice consensus documents.

Mr. Bartlett also mentioned the "Emergency Department Tools and Resources" kit from AHRQ that was distributed to the group, and may be of interest to the KY Chapter of ACEP.

There was discussion about a potential regular meeting with the Commissioner and the Secretary in the future to improve coordination and program development. He hopes to get this ball rolling before he rotates off the KyTAC. Sharon Mercer (KBN) supported that position, and spoke it from their perspective.

There was a question from Dr. Barnes about a KET documentary scheduled to come out this winter on trauma. (See supplementation information on this following the minutes.)

There was a question about the UK lecture series, and the RTAC. The response was that the lecture series replaces the RTAC. Dr. Bernard said that it will be a little more formal now. Dr. Ron Tucker is taking over the series, and he is trying to make it more formal, and scheduled farther in advance.

Additional discussion on Trauma Regulations

Susie Starling asked for more clarification on the status of the regulations. Tricia responded that they are now waiting for the updated regulations (with the changes discussed earlier). Everything needs to be as should be before it is sent to the legislature. The exact timing is not certain. Ms. Starling feel like this has dragged on now for several years, and it is rather discouraging.

Dr. Bernard talked with the group about setting-up a meeting with the Governor to discuss this. He recalled a previous meeting with the Governor, and felt like perhaps it is time to do that again. Dr. Bernard was going to make a request of the Governor, and would get back with the group.

Air Evac Update

Dan Durham from Air Evac said that the Kentucky Chapter of AAMS (Association of Air Medical Services) has been reformed. Air Evac, Air Methods and PHI are the three active services in Kentucky. They met in Danville to discuss that reorganization. They will be a combined voice for aero medical services.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012 at 3 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bartlett, Secretary
KY Trauma Advisory Committee

FOOTNOTE:

The KET special referenced above appears to be called "Gray Matters: The Silent Epidemic of Brain Injury". It has had a lot of airings in early February. This was first aired March 30, 2010, and the next showing will be FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 9 AM ET. There is also a link to watch on-line.

LINK: <http://www.ket.org/health/gray-matters.htm>

If there is a new program on trauma being planned it is not on the KET site at this time.