

Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2012

Dr.	William	Barnes	Present
Mr.	Richard	Bartlett	Present
Dr.	Andrew	Bernard	Present
Dr.	Richard	Cales	Audio
Dr.	Julia	Costich	Absent
Dr.	Mary	Fallat	Present
Mrs.	Linda	Gayheart	Audio
Dr.	Brian	Harbrecht	Present
Ms.	Bari Le	Mattingly	Present
Dr.	Dan	O'Brien	Present
Mrs.	Charlotte	O'Neal	Absent
Ms.	Sharon	Mercer	Present
Ms.	Trisha	Okeson	Absent
Mr.	Michael	Poynter	Present
Mr.	Shane	Ratliff	Absent
Ms.	Susan	Starling	Absent
Ms.	Sandy	Tackett	Present
Dr.	Russell	Travis	Absent
Ms.	Carol	Wright	Present

Guests:

Angela Baker, Hazard ARH RMC  
Leah Curray, Taylor Regional  
Daniel Durham, Air Evac (Campbellsville)  
Ben Hughes, UofL  
Dr. Danny Jazarevic, Pikeville  
Paula Ledford, Ft. Logan Hospital  
Robin Leidecker, Livingston County Hospital  
Lydia Russell, Haggin Hospital  
Rose Pendencygraft, Ft. Logan Hospital  
Jason Stiles, Owensboro Medical Center  
Trauma Center, Evansville

Dick Bartlett, Secretary, started the meeting in the absence of Dr. Bernard or Dr. Fallat.

Dr. Bernard thanked the site verification teams, and complimented Haggin Memorial and Ft. Logan on their accomplishments. Mr. Bartlett, who was a member of the two site verification teams, reported that both teams were satisfied with their findings, and would like to recommend approval of James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital, and Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital, to the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee for endorsement and forwarding to Commissioner Steve Davis for verification and designation in the Kentucky Trauma System. The vote was unanimous to approve these two centers.

Both facilities did well, and obviously worked very hard. Ft. Logan had some EMS Run Report issues with some of their EMS providers, but the team did not believe that this was specific to Ft. Logan. Mr. Bartlett has passed information to Mike Poynter, Executive Director of the KY Board of EMS, for follow-up. This included some very well done graphs to document the linkage between the lack of EMS Run Reports and their PI process.

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Dr. Bernard said that we should all be proud of the work that has been done. It is progress, an inch at a time occasionally, but we are moving forward.

Mr. Bartlett indicated that he had met with Mr. Kendell on plans for a public event to announce the designations. At the time, Mr. Bartlett mentioned that there had been discussion around a target date in mid-September. He would let everyone know that when it was confirmed. The hope was to have an event in Frankfort, with the Governor participating. (*Note: This was subsequently done at the Trauma Symposium*). He also noted that the Commissioner's office had a certificate made-up that looks just like the hospital's licensure certificate, and would be displayed next to that certificate.

### Finances

Mr. Bartlett noted that he is working with Elizabeth Cobb at KHA, and the Center for Rural Health Flex Grant, to obligate some year-end funds. One of the projects would potentially reimburse or pay-forward the trauma submission/registry costs for some of the small and rural hospitals. There is also potential funding to help provide scholarships for small and rural hospitals to the upcoming Trauma Symposium. There are also funds available for up to four more Rural Trauma Team Development courses by the end of the calendar year. Potentially two in the east and two in the west. It needs to be in facilities that haven't done it before, though we know there is interest in some redo's. Elizabeth Cobb is working with Larry Allen on this, and I have alerted Bari Lee on this. There will also be a call to Theresa Cobb at the UofL Trauma Institute. That is about \$37,000 dollars in total.

We have about \$9,500 in residue funds from the Good Samaritan grant program. He indicated that he has had a preliminary discussion with the Methodist Convention about this subject. He will do a report to them on what has been done, and will request an extension to use the balance on similar programs.

### Trauma Report

The 2011 Trauma Report has been distributed. The 2011 ED and Outpatient Report is in progress, and should be out in about 10 days. Julia indicated that TraumaBase has made easier to do their report.

Following up on a submission gap with Trigg County Hospital, Julia indicated that they had stopped submitting for awhile, and are submitting again in 2012, but this is the 2011 Report so some of their data will not be represented in the final report.

### Trauma Nursing Course

Carol Wright reported on the initial activities of a collaborative work group asked to consider developing a program for nurses that would be caring for trauma patients after they are admitted. There is a preliminary outlined (distributed) for this program, and there have been a few revisions since then. They don't intent to eliminate ED or pre-hospital personnel from taking the program. The course would be developed for a facility to do in-house, about 16 hours probably over two days. They have tried to follow ATLS and TNCC guidelines, but making it more specific to the facility. The feeling is that TNCC may be expensive and very specific to the trauma center - where this course is intended to pick-up with the long-term patient care needs after the individual is admitted to a unit where all of the materials in TNCC may not apply. Initial feedback is positive.

Mr. Bartlett noted, on Dr. Bernard's behalf (he left the meeting to return to his clinic), that Carol Wright has taken a position as of September 10th at UK in their injury prevention and educational outreach programs. Carol said that she was excited for the new opportunity. She had been at Taylor Regional for about 30 years.

Leah Curry, a 17-year veteran at Taylor Regional Hospital, is her replacement and was introduced to the group.

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### Trauma Symposium

A "Save the Date" and general outline was sent out. Mr. Bartlett reviewed some of the highlights, including a first-day event (October 24) for the trauma hospitals, and a workshop for Trauma Registrars put on by Trish Cooper from the UK Trauma program. There will also be a free Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) course put on by Theresa Baker from the UofL Trauma Institute. He also discussed some parallel pediatric tracks that will occur on Friday, October 26. This will include a session on HB 285 related to abusive head trauma.

Sharon Mercer asked about the Trauma Report, and when it will be public. Mr. Bartlett indicated that he will post the Trauma Report on the KHA website in a few days, and it will be referenced in the Report to the General Assembly. Julia Costich said that she has also posted it on her website.

Dr. Mary Fallat also referenced a manuscript that was done with the assistance of Julia and Morgan Scaggs, EMS-C Coordinator from KBEMS. She said that she was going to push it to Mr. Bartlett as a co-author. And she asked about other places where it could be posted. Mr. Bartlett noted that KHA has some statewide publications that might be used, along with the Greater Louisville Medical Society, but none of those are peer-reviewed.

Dr. Fallat also indicated that she and Morgan are working on a new partnership grant that is due in September.

The next meeting is likely to be altered due to the presentation, and the group will be advised as soon as the arrangements are confirmed.

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