

# DRAFT

Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2012

Dr.	William	Barnes	Present
Mr.	Richard	Bartlett	Present
Dr.	Andrew	Bernard	Present
Dr.	Richard	Cales	Absent
Dr.	Julia	Costich	Present
Dr.	Mary	Fallat	Present
Mrs.	Linda	Gayheart	Audio
Dr.	Brian	Harbrecht	Present
Ms.	Bari Le	Mattingly	Present
Dr.	Dan	O'Brien	Absent
Mrs.	Charlotte	O'Neal	Audio
Ms.	Sharon	Mercer	Absent
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:

Belinda Burnette, Methodist Union  
Jackie Caudill, Pikeville  
Morgan Scaggs, EMS-C/KBEMS  
Chuck O'Neal, KBEMS  
Leah Curray, Taylor Regional  
Daniel Durham, Air Evac (Campbellsville)  
Rockcastle Hospital  
Jason Stiles, Owensboro Medical Center  
Svetla Slavova, KIPRC  
Trish Cooper, UK

Dr. Bernard opened by complimenting the Kentucky Trauma Symposium team for a great meeting in Lexington.

It was noted that there would be no meeting in December, and the next meeting would be in January. The date was changed to January 22nd at 3 PM (ET) due to the EAST (Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma) meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. A confirmation will be sent out with connection information.

Dr. Bernard indicated that he is working on a draft protocol related to diagnostic X-Rays. It will discuss abdominal imaging without contrast in adults and children. The experience is indicating that this is a waste of time, and increases the rate of re-imaging. It would be a standardized approach to this subject, and should be ready for review before the next meeting.

### Expanding Trauma Registry Data

CDM has been working with the Trauma Registrars to potentially expand data elements for the coming year, and going forward. Trish Cooper has worked with CDM and Digital Innovation (DI) which has five installations in the state. CDM is willing to add the fields at no cost, and can roll them out with January patients. DI will be more of a problem. They already collect a lot of these data elements, but they want a fee for setting up the download to the state of \$1,500 per facility, and then within 60 days they want an additional \$500/facility/year. Carol Wright, who used DI while at Taylor Regional, believes there may be a way to set this up without going through DI. She will research it and advise Trish.

What has been discussed is adding about 18-20 fields, but they are related. It includes things like the county of injury, the city of injury, and the state. Alcohol and toxicology report information is included with specifics drugs from a drug abuse screen, times. There are fields to capture where the patient came from, like the source hospital and/or ambulance service. Also, pre-hospital and early hospital medications that may have been administered so they can look at the drugs screens to see if the results could be influenced by medications given en route. Trish has been floating a list to the registrars for comment, and so far there haven't been many changes.

### Follow-up on Meeting with KBEMS Staff

There was a meeting at KIPRC to discuss potential ways that the KY Board of EMS' new KEMSIS electronic data system may be able to pass information to the Trauma Registry. The thought is that this could potentially enhance trauma data, and make pre-hospital information available to improve the QI process.

Apparently, there aren't a lot of good ways to do this directly. CMD's initial discussion was about bringing the two systems up in parallel so that the registrar could see the information side-by-side, and decide what needed to be moved over.

KBEMS uses Image Trend as their EHR vendor. There will be a follow-up discussion with them to see how they do it with their own software, and with other trauma registries.

### KY Transportation Cabinet Funding

Julia Costich and Svetla Slovova have been working on a proposal for the KY Transportation Cabinet to take advantage of some program funds to enhance information surrounding traffic injuries. The first draft was due November 21st, and if accepted a final proposal would be needed by the end of November. There was hope that might become a regular source of funding for the trauma registry software for awhile.

There was also an opportunity to potentially include funding to assist KBEMS with completion of their KEMSIS deployment. About 15% of their services still need some assistance to get electronic run reporting implemented. KBEMS was to work with Svetla and Julia on getting their proposal together.

### Trauma Nursing Program

Carol Wright discussed an earlier draft that had been circulated by email, along with an outline. There has been some discussion with interested parties since the Trauma Symposium, and the work group is open to others who would like to participate. Since Carol is no longer a Trauma Coordinator at a Level-III, she would like to see Pikeville take the lead.

The program would be targeted at care for the trauma patient who leaves the ED and goes to a unit for continuing care. The feeling that TNCC was good, but didn't necessarily address this component. The next steps would be to flesh out the course, an outline, skill components, any competency testing materials, and a slide set to support it. The intent is to make the program flexible enough that a facility

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can teach it with in-house staff, and tailor it to the needs of the institution. The current outline does not address pediatrics.

Dr. Bernard expressed a desire to have a pilot program ready for the Spring. Mary Fallat expressed support, and it was noted that Kosair has developed a program they use. Apparently, Theresa Baker at UofL Hospital has a similar program. Both facilities have indicated a willingness to assist.

There were some initial volunteers to work on the project, and others are welcomed.

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Level-IV

(No one stepped up yet. Volunteers needed.)

Reappointments to KyTAC

There are some appointments that need to be made due to their term expiring (though they serve until replaced or reappointed).

Carol Wright (No longer at a Level-III facility. Recommendation of the group was to consider recommending Laryn Mertz at Ephraim McDowell and Leah Curry at Taylor Regional.

Dr. William Barnes (Represents KY Medical Association)

Andrew Bernard (Representing the KY Chapter of ACS COT)

Linda Gayheart (Representing a consumer at large)

Mike Poynter (KY Board of EMS replacing Charlie O'Neal and Bob Hammonds)

Dr. Travis (KY Board of Medical Licensure)

It was also noted that with Kentucky Children's Hospital now having its own Level-I ACS COT verification, the way the law is written they would get a names person to KyTAC. Dr. Bernard will discuss this with the hospital administration. Andrew may switch to represent UK Chandler Medical Center.

Those representing a named organization in the law should discuss this with their sponsoring organization. The normal process is for the Commissioner of Health's Office to contact the named sponsor to get their recommendations for appointment.

Linda Gayheart expressed a willingness to serve if reappointed, and there were no other suggestions made.

Dr. Barnes and Bernard discussed some potential interest by surgeons in the Paducah area. Dr. Barnes was going to follow-up.

Dr. Harbrecht and Dr. Bernard also discussed potential surgeon candidates in Owensboro and Frankfort.

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There was also discussion about the need to probably nominate and elect new officers once the KyTAC appointments are made. The officers and vacancies to consider filling include:

Chairperson (Currently Dr. Bernard)  
Vice Chairperson (Currently Dr. Fallat)  
Secretary (Currently Dick Bartlett)

Committees: (KyTAC and the new chair can reconfirm the committees)

Education (Currently Carol Wright)  
Protocol (Currently open)  
PI (Currently Dr. Harbrecht)  
Data (Currently Trish Cooper)  
Verification (Currently Dr. Bernard)

No further business to conduct, so the meeting was adjourned.

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Dick Bartlett, Secretary  
KyTAC

NOTE: At some point, a participant to the call put their phone on HOLD, which caused a promotional announcement for their facility to play loudly during the last portion of the meeting. This could have easily been music on hold. Participants on the call, particularly those calling in to the conference call bridge from an office phone, are urged to remember not to use the HOLD button if they have something which comes on-line while people are waiting.