



**Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee
Steering Committee Meeting
March 17, 2015 at 3 PM ET**

Participants on the call:

Richard Bartlett, KHA
John Draus, KY Children
Linda Gayheart, Citizen at Large
Brian Harbrecht, UofL
Ben Hughes, UofL
Dan O'Brien, ACEP
Jason Stiles, Owensboro
Sandy Tackett, Pikeville
Kim Denzik, UofL

[NOTE: The February 20, 2015, full KyTAC meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm.]

Advocacy

Dr. Harbrecht reported that as of the end of February, he and Dr. Bernard had been in Washington, DC at the National Coalition for Trauma Research meeting. It gave them an opportunity to get before Congressman John Yarmuth, Hal Rogers, and Andy Barr's office, and with staff for Mitch McConnell. They emphasized trauma care and the trauma system in Kentucky, and offered them a chance to visit trauma centers to "Come see what we do".

He would still like to have an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Mayfield or her Chief of Staff to talk about how to further develop the trauma system in Kentucky.

He noted that the KMA Doctor Day in Frankfort got canceled due to the weather.

Process Improvement Committee (Dr. Draus)

It was noted that Julia Costich applied for another grant to the KY Transportation Cabinet to support the Trauma Registry. They discussed adding some additional filters to help make it more attractive.

It is also important to note that we will eventually need to find an alternative source of stable funding for the registry since the Transportation Cabinet will not renew these grants indefinitely.

Svetlana has circulated some updates on who is submitting data now. It was noted that some on the list have submitted no data in awhile. As an example, Crittenden County Hospital had initially submitted six cases, then zero. There are a few others that are similar. Others seem to be doing a good job reporting.

It was noted that it is hard to track trauma patients within the system without a unique identifier that doesn't currently exist - especially when a patient is transferred from one hospital to another.

Protocol Committee (Dr. Bernard)

No report

Education Committee (Scott Suttles - not on the call)

Dick summarized a very good meeting that Carol Wright ran at the University of Kentucky for Trauma Center Managers on March 24th. It was well attended, and the group appears to want to continue to meet periodically.

It was also noted that the Trauma Registrars are meeting on April 13th at the University of Louisville. Dr. Aaron Brown, from Pikeville, will be a contributor.

The Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) is holding their 18th Annual Meeting in Louisville in September. Mr. Bartlett is going to get more information on this program for the group.

The National Trauma Managers Council is meeting October 12-16 in Louisville at the Marriott. This is part of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), and Mike Poynter is one of state hosts.

Pikeville Medical Center is going to host a regional Trauma Symposium May 30. They are arranging for 7 CME, RN CEUs and EMS in-service credits.

The Kentucky Trauma Symposium is scheduled for November 4-6 in Louisville. More to come on that.

Verification Committee (Ben Hughes)

Ben reported that he is working on assembling a team that will be able to do the Level-IV verifications and re-verifications. Mr. Bartlett encouraged folks to help Ben Hughes develop his teams. He will need some physicians, trauma nurses and trauma program managers. Mr. Bartlett also noted that the regulation also says that there can only be one person who is also on the KyTAC. Mr. Bartlett has participated in several of the site verifications to date, but does that as a "staff" member and without charge to the facilities since he is funded to do support activities through another grant.

Re-verification

Ft. Logan
Haggin
Livingston
Marcum & Wallace

Initial Verification

Rockcastle
Russell
ARH Morgan
Methodist Union (Added since the call)

Pikeville is waiting for confirmation of its Level-II ACS COT verification visit. Mr. Bartlett noted that they had no deficiencies reported during the out briefing session. From our standpoint, there will be an application that Pikeville will file for designation which will include the letter from the ACS COT. At that point, it gets run through the KyTAC to the Commissioner, and they can be officially designated.

Owensboro has an ACS COT Level-III verification site visit pending.

Re-designations are coming due for all of the existing Trauma Centers that were originally designated at the Kentucky Trauma Symposium on October 26, 2012. That would include UofL, UK, Kosairs, KY Children, Taylor, Ephraim McDowell. Frankfort was designated the following year.

Finance/Advocacy (Linda Gayheart)

Linda has applied to the Good Samaritan Foundation for another grant. It would essentially be another round of funding to help trauma centers, especially the new ones, to do education on injury prevention. The application is under review. The application is for around \$25,000.

There was no further business. The next meeting is a full KyTAC meeting on April 21, 2015, at 3 PM EDT.



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