



MINUTES
November 26, 2013 Meeting
of the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee
(Conducted by KDPH Video Teleconference MRN 1803822)
3:00 PM ET

Roll call of appointees - Richard Bartlett, Secretary

Appointees on the call:

Richard Bartlett, KHA
Andrew Bernard, MD, ACS COT
Richard Cales, MD, At-Large
Linda Gayheart, Citizen Representative
Nicholas Hammonds, RN, KBN
Brian Harbrecht, MD, UofL Level-I
Dan O'Brien, MD, ACEP
Michael Poynter, KBEMS
Carol Wright, RN, (Level-III)
Sandy Tackett, RN, Pikeville (Level-II)

Others on the call (May not be complete since everyone does not always speak-up or ID themselves.)

Wanda Bowman, UofL Hospital
Freida Bryant, RN, Trigg Co Hospital
Trish Cooper, UK Med Center
Becky Gillis, Mgr, KDPH Preparedness Br.
Kraig Humbaugh, MD, KDPH
Brad Learn, KDPH Preparedness Br.
Genia McKee, KIPRC Safe Cities
Steve Sparrow, KIPRC Safe Cities
Jason Stiles, RN, Owensboro
Rita Tabor, RN, Med Center Scottsville
Allyson Taylor, KDPH
Ellen Williams, UK Med Center

Review and approval of **minutes** from October 15, 2013 - Dr. Bernard

Presentation on "**Safe Cities/Safe Community**" initiatives and Trauma Centers - Genia McKee
[There was a presentation attached in PDF format that will be referenced.]

Mr. Bartlett, who has worked with KIPRC and KSPAN on some of the Safe Cities projects, encouraged the trauma centers, both the existing and developing programs, to get involved with Safe Cities as an enhancement to their public education and outreach programs.

Funding & Follow-up Meeting - Linda Gayheart

Mrs. Gayheart briefed the group on a meeting she had with Rocky Adkins (D,99), House Majority Floor Leader, about the need to provide some base funding for the state trauma system. He indicated that the budget would be very tight, and did not offer a great deal of hope.

Education - Carol Wright

She noted that there was an **RTTDC** Course at Marcum & Wallace Hospital on November 22, 2013, with about 35 attendees from seven hospitals and an aero medical service. Mentioned were Marcum, Russell Co, Harrison Memorial, St. Joseph Mt. Sterling, Baptist Health Richmond, Rockcastle Co, and ARH Morgan.

Courses in 2014:

- Theresa Baker said that UofL was working with Twin Lakes on an **RTTDC**, and she has a **TNCC** course planned for February.
- Carol Wright said that she was working with Taylor Regional on a **TNCC** course for the Spring.
- There was discussion about the **2014 Trauma Symposium** in October at Keenland. It will be held in the Sales Pavilion on Monday (pre-conference), Tuesday when the track is dark, and half day on Wednesday. There will be free parking and an opportunity to enjoy the races on Wednesday. Carol said that they are looking for topics and potential presenters at this time. A Save the Date flyer was distributed with the attachments.

Verification - Mr. Bartlett noted that the group will need to prepare additional verification team personnel for potential 2014-2015 verification site visits. The next two years could see a number of new facilities come on-line, and the Level-IVs will require verification. Dr. Bernard recommended that the new Verification Subcommittee Chair coordinate this training process.

Mr. Bartlett also noted that when the 2014 edition of the ACS COT "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient" manual comes out KyTAC is going to have to evaluate the document against our current regulations and the current state Level-IV standards. The new manual will reportedly have new standards for Levels I-IV.

There has been some interest expressed in Kentucky doing its own Level-III, as well as Level-IV (based on ACS COT), to help facilities hold down costs. There are several states that have taken the approach of developing their own criteria in regulation that closely follows ACS COT, but without specifically doing a direct link to the latest version of "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient". This avoids the need to open and redo regulations every time ACS issues a new version. Our existing regulations in 902 KAR 28:020 Sections 1(1)(a) and 6(1)(c) both make reference to criteria established by the American College of Surgeons Verification Review Committee. In one place it gives a website link to an on-line document that links to the current version of the "Resources for Optimal Care..." document, and the other to a "Reference Guide of Classification" dated January 2012. The on-line link now points to a document with an August, 2012 date on it; and the "Reference Guide of Suggested Classification" that the website takes us to appears to be linked to the 2006 edition of the "Resources for Optimal Care..." manual. So when all of this gets updated by ACS as the new manual comes out, we are likely to have to open and update regulations to keep things in synch. Any time you open the regulations up it becomes a lengthy process, and virtually everything in the regulation is subject to change or challenge.

Appointments - Allyson Taylor, an attorney working in the KDPH Commissioner's Office on boards and appointments, has been working with Mr. Bartlett to find, update, and appointments made for expired and expiring terms.

Update on developing trauma center progress - There were several sites listed in the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Taylor said that she was working on the designation form for Frankfort Regional Medical Center, and hoped to have it signed soon. There were no additions or updates offered.

Other - (Open discussion)

Meeting with Commissioner Mayfield - Mr. Bartlett reported that he had met with Public Health Commissioner Stephanie Mayfield and her new Chief of Staff, David Spinard. The status of the KyTAC, its history, current laws and regulations were discussed. Trauma as a "disease" like any other public health focuses on, the need for admin support for the program which legislatively is attached to KDPH, funding to support the state trauma registry at KIPRC and staff support to the program for future development were discussed. Carol Wright observed that the system can't grow without leadership from the state. She added that the first four years was "uphill", but with growth the map is filling rapidly. Dr. Bernard was concerned that this is likely to become more than Mr. Bartlett will be able to handle on a part-time basis in the future. He also noted that the Kentucky Trauma Registry currently has interim funding from grants, but it needs permanent funding for the future.

Dr. Harbrecht indicated that he had been named to the **ACS COT Verification Review Committee**, and would be glad to share developments with KyTAC in the future. He also mentioned that it might not be bad to find a way to do the ACS COT Trauma System Consultation in the future, if nothing else but to emphasize the need for stable system funding.

CDC Field Triage - Jason Stiles had asked Mr. Bartlett about adoption of the CDC Field Triage Guidelines. Mr. Bartlett noted that it was included in the Kentucky Hospital Trauma Hospital Manual as a recommendation for developing trauma centers to use, and KBEMS had reviewed it. Michael Poynter noted that it had been discussed, and they thought it had been adopted as a recommendation for the EMS services, but a check of their minutes found that it had never gone through the formal adoption process. They intended to put that on the agenda in their process for future consideration and potential adoption.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17 at 3 PM, but it was recommended that we cancel that since and do the next meeting January 21, 2014, at 3 PM ET. Dr. Mayfield in her meeting with Mr. Bartlett expressed an interest in having more frequent face-to-face meetings to help build networking and perhaps get into more substantive topics than can be handled over the video system.

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Attachments: Safe Cities PDF of the presentation; and Save the Date" for the 2014 Trauma Symposium