



MINUTES
April 15, 2014 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:

William Barnes, MD
Richard Bartlett, KHA
Andrew Bernard, MD, UK Healthcare
Richard Cales, MD, Absent
Julia Costich, JD
John Draus, MD, Absent
Mary Fallat, MD, Pediatric Trauma
Linda Gayheart, Citizen Representative
Nicholas Hammonds, RN, KBN
Brian Harbrecht, MD, UofL Level-I
Laryn Mertz, RN, Level-III Trauma Center
Dan O'Brien, MD, ACEP, Absent
Charlotte O'Neal, RN, KY ENA, Absent
Michael Poynter, KBEMS, Absent
Shane Ratliff, KY Transportation Cabinet, Absent
Jason Smith, MD, ACS KY COT
Susie Starling, Level-IV
Sandy Tackett, RN, Pikeville (Level-II)
Allyson Taylor, KY Dept for Public Health Commissioner's Office (For Dr. Mayfield)

Others on the call

(May not be complete.)

Theresa Baker, RN, UofL Trauma Institute
Leah Curry, Taylor Reg. Hospital
Caren Daniels, RN, St. Claire Hospital
Ben Hughes, RN, UofL Hospital
Kathy (Watson) Peck, Twin Lakes Regional Hospital
Dr. Peery, Pikeville
Jason Stiles, RN, Owensboro
Scott Suttles, RN, Pikeville

Meeting was opened by Dr. Harbrecht, Chair.

There was some discussion about the survey on the frequency of meetings. What KyTAC is going to try will be to have the Steering Committee (Officers and Committee Chairs) meet on the **THIRD TUESDAY** at 3 PM using the conference bridge (1803822) during the **ODD** months at 3 PM ET; and the **FULL** KyTAC group will meet on the third Tuesday of the **EVEN** months at 3 PM ET. Hopefully the working committees will have a chance to meet at least once between each full KyTAC meeting.

Dr. Harbrecht led a discussion about short term and long term potential solutions to funding the state Trauma Registry and Trauma System as a whole. Short term, registry support from a couple of different sources will help. Long term, support for the registry needs to be tied to trying to secure some sort of stable funding for registry efforts, a Trauma System Coordinator, educational efforts and meeting support.

Mr. Bartlett noted that the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) sent letters to Rick Rand, Chair of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, and House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, back in March on this same subject. The letter featured three bullet points. Highest priority was funding the trauma registry. Second priority was a time share on the data analyst who works with the registry at KIPRC. The third priority was for funding to support a dedicated, full-time trauma program coordinator. The letter also pointed out that the Trauma Law did authorize in KRS 211.496 an account to hold these funds.

We discussed approaches to the Governor which may have limited success given the tight budget situation. Dr. Fallat recommending methodically identifying key people over the summer, and try to enlist support from them. There was also discussion about developing a plan to present to them for how the system could be sustainably funded.

There was also noted that we may need to wait until after the primaries to see how things will play out. There are some current legislators who have opted not to seek re-election, and new candidates surfacing. IT is possible that going into the next full session we could have different people in leadership roles.

There was also discussion about identifying legislators from grass roots or rural areas in Kentucky where injury mortality is substantially higher than the rest of the state, and the burden of injury is more personal. Other states have been able to take trauma survivors, especially a child, with them to help make the point. Present during a meeting with them real numbers on the impact of injury to their constituency. There would appear to be a need to drum up grassroots support for the program for people and families that have been impacted by trauma.

Mr. Bartlett also noted that he recently addressed the annual meeting of the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky (BIAK). He told the group he believes the programs have some common legislative and funding interests and needs, and that their issues are tied to ours, and those of KIPRC's Injury Prevention programs. This would cover research, prevention, education at multiple levels; trauma systems of care and response focused on pre-hospital emergency and transport systems; and trauma centers; rehab and recovery; and sustained care/support for the most severe cases. He raised the idea of having leaders from each of these sectors meet to explore how they might be able to cooperate going forward to everyone's mutual benefit.

Identifying potential legislators, and revising drafts of the letter circulated, were tasks to do before the next teleconference in May which would be with committee chairs (as opposed to the entire KyTAC).

The Committee chairs were asked to have some short term goals/deliverables identified by the May call, and they were encouraged to have met/called/discussed ideas with their committee members.

Dr. Harbrecht noted that the American College of Surgeons national meeting indicated that the revised "Optimal Resources" document should be out very soon, but that date keeps slipping. The new guidelines will start January 2015, and will include guidance on Level-IV trauma center. There is no indication at this time on what the impact will be on Level-IV centers in general, and our existing Level-IV centers, going forward. The college also did not indicate if they were going to get into the business of verifying Level-IV centers.

Mr. Bartlett noted that right now any new ACS COT guidance would not impact our Level-IVs because that is controlled by published Kentucky regulations. Any changes to regulations could take between 6-10 months, and there is no requirement that Kentucky would have to accept the ACS COT guidelines. We would need to study the changes, and make some decisions on what needs to be changed. There would also be some potential concern from the Level-IV facilities, existing and preparing for verification that adopting the ACS COT standards could add a lot of cost.

Mary Fallat noted that we have never had a "system" visit, so this may not be as important at this time. She also noted that with limited funding, and a focus on sustaining our registry and funding for some salary support, a "system" visit isn't very likely.

Carol Wright reminded the group that back a few editions ago (yellow book) the college had included criteria for Level-IVs, and that was used to help develop our criteria. That was deleted in the green covered edition. Hopefully, the new criteria may not be that much of a change.

Mr. Bartlett also noted that there are some states which use ACS criteria for Levels-I and II; and then use in-state criteria for Levels-III and IV.

Protocol Committee - Dr. Bernard

He was not able to get his group together before this meeting, but will work on that before the next one.

Dr. Bernard suggested that the committee listing wasn't very full, and not everyone appointed to KyTAC was on a committee. He recommended that all the appointed people either volunteer, or be assigned to a committee, before the next meeting. Dr. Harbrecht agreed. Mr. Bartlett noted that there were a few people who had trouble with the survey tool, but have expressed an interest. Laryn Mertz said she would be willing to serve on either Education or Verification Committees. Julia Costich volunteered for the Finance Committee. Charlotte O'Neal had to decline the Education Committee, but Scott Suttles from Pikeville has agreed to Chair that committee. We will send out a revised listing.

Educational Items:

April 22, ASPR/Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) will hold a webinar from 4-5:30 PM ET on Everyday Pediatric Readiness for Extraordinary Events. They are going to look at some disaster events that heavily impacted on children. This information has been pushed out through the trauma listserv.

May 14, Trauma Registrars will be meeting at University Hospital in Louisville. Trish Cooper is the point of contact for this activity. That information has also been distributed.

June 11, there will be an Active Shooter in the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Community webinar. That information will be distributed.

ABLS classes by the end of June, funded by the HPP program. One will most likely be at Ephraim McDowell, and the other in Western Kentucky potentially at Western Baptist. If that doesn't work out, Scott said he would be willing to host in at Pikeville Medical Center. Theresa Baker at the UofL Trauma Institute is the point of contact for these programs.

Next Steering Committee meeting is May 20, 2014 at 3 PM ET

Next full KyTAC meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014, at 3 PM ET.

Submitted by:



Richard N. Bartlett
Secretary, KY Trauma Advisory Committee

Emergency Preparedness/Trauma Coordinator
KY Hospital Association/KHREF

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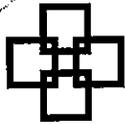
KY Trauma Advisory Committee Listing

Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee Appointed Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Representative for	Organization	Original Term End	Status	Email	Phone
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Notes: (1)=KyTAC Chair; (2)=KyTAC Vice Chair; (3)=Secretary

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March 7, 2014

Larry Clark, House Speaker Pro Tem
Kentucky State House of Representatives
Capitol Room 305
Frankfort, KY 40601

Rick Rand, Chair
House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
Capitol Annex Room 366B
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Subject: Kentucky Trauma Care System Funding

Dear Speaker Clark and Chairman Rand:

I would like to begin by thanking you for being willing to help the Kentucky Trauma Care System with its funding shortfall.

When the Kentucky Trauma Care Law, KRS 211.490-496, was passed in 2008 the program was created without any funding. Efforts to develop a reliable source of modest state financial support have either been turned away or redirected into the General Fund. The program has subsisted and made steady progress based on donations and a few small grants. Unfortunately, this is not permanent funding and in hard economic times it is going away.

- The highest priority is for funding to support the *on-going operational cost of the Kentucky Trauma Registry system*. With an allocation system operation, support and training costs this is about \$25,000 a year. The Trauma Registry is managed by the Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center (KIPRC) at UK.
- The second priority is for a time-share of the costs for both a *Trauma Registrar*, and a *healthcare Data Analyst*. These functions are also handled by KIPRC.
- The third priority would be to have some funding to support a dedicated *Kentucky Trauma Program Coordinator*, and to support the work of the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee as created in the law.

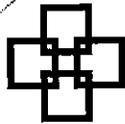
KRS 211.496 was created to allow the Department for Public Health to handle appropriations and funds allocated to the Trauma Care System. We would ask that a budget appropriation of \$100,000 per year be provided to support the state trauma program.

Your support and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Rust, FACHE
President

Cc: Representative Bob DeWeese, MD



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January 19, 2014

Walter "DOC" Blevins, DMD
Kentucky State Senate
Capital Annex
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Subject: **Kentucky Trauma Care System Funding**

Dear Dr. Blevins:

I would like to begin by thanking you for being willing to look at helping the Kentucky Trauma Care System with its funding shortfall.

As you know the statute was passed in 2008 creating the Kentucky Trauma System, and regulations were finalized in 2012. Unfortunately, the program was created without any funding and efforts to develop a source of modest financial support have been either turned away or were redirected into the General Fund. A portion of the potential fine revenue from *distracted driving* violations a few years was originally going to be targeted to support the Kentucky Trauma System.

The program has subsisted to date on donations from groups like *Marshall Emergency Services Association* (MESA) which donated an hour of each physician's time to help us get the Kentucky Trauma Registry set-up. We have also received small grants from the *Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky*, and the *Good Samaritan Foundation of the Kentucky United Methodist Church*. The Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center at UK, which manages the Trauma Registry, has been able to get some targeted grant funding from the *Highway Safety Program* through the *Kentucky Transportation Cabinet* to support their data analysis, research and reporting.

Unfortunately, this is not permanent funding and in hard economic times it is going away. At the moment we are trying to find funds to continue paying for the Kentucky Trauma Registry which has a \$20,000 annual support bill due in April. We also need to provide continuing state registry management, assistance to new trauma centers getting their systems and registries established, data interfaces with the trauma centers, trauma registrar education and training in the face of new ICD-10 requirements, and the on-going data analysis done for us by KIPRC. *It is not feasible to continue the operation of a state trauma program without a reliable source of funding.*

Since the law was passed in 2008 the program has grown from three verified Trauma Centers, to eleven centers at this time. We have a Level-III and a Level-II trauma center that will hopefully be verified later this year, and there are another 3-5 regional and community hospitals working on preparations for verification by the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee (KyTAC) either later this year or early in 2015. Without full-time staff to help them, all this is being done on a voluntary basis. Even KyTAC members are working voluntarily, with meetings by video teleconference because we don't have the funds to meet in person.

As the program continues to develop we would like to have some basic funding to hire a full-time Kentucky Trauma Program Coordinator to oversee the development, the in-state verification or re-verification process, technical assistance to developing centers, the coordination of professional education, and work with community partners on public education around trauma reduction and injury prevention. Right now I am doing some of this as an "other duty" assigned when time allows while working on implementation of grant programs for hospital emergency preparedness. Unfortunately, even my position is grant supported, so this is not a permanent solution.

The highest priority is for funding to support the **on-going operational cost of the Kentucky Trauma Registry system**. We are using a hosted solution from Clinical Data Management (CDM) in Denver. With an allocation for some support and training costs, this is about \$25,000 a year.

The next priority is to cover a **time-share of the costs for both a Trauma Registrar** (about \$18,000 a year), and a **healthcare data analyst** (about \$50,000 a year).

- The Trauma Registrar is trained to work with the trauma team to deal with complex data entry based on various standards used in the industry. This person needs to understand coding, how the trauma registry works, and how to assist registrars in other facilities with questions. The person may also get involved with some on-line training for new trauma registrars and facility coordinators new to the system.
- The healthcare data analyst is someone with specialized education on health statistics, data information management, analytical reporting and statistical tools, and report writing skills.
- The positions would be continue to be housed at KIPRC where they work with a variety of other related healthcare data, including hospital In-Patient, Outpatient, Emergency Department Discharge data that is collected on contract for the state by the Kentucky Hospital Association.
- With a time share of the fringe and shared overhead costs, the total is about \$75,000 a year.

The third priority would be to have funding to hire a full-time dedicated Kentucky **Trauma Program Coordinator**. With salary, fringes, an allowance for travel and meeting expenses, office expenses and overhead, we project this at about \$120,000 per year. This could potentially be handled on contract with the Kentucky Hospital Association as we do now for the HPP program, and co-location with KHA's existing Emergency Preparedness program office would actually result in both program efficiencies and some cost savings.

The bottom line is that the program really needs about \$100,000 in the short term to keep the Kentucky Trauma Registry and our data programs alive. Data drives quality assurance, process improvement, and demonstrates the system is making a difference.

Over the next biennium, though, the system needs to find a source of about \$250,000 a year to help it grow, give it stable leadership and continuity, and set the stage for the future.

There have been a few who say that trauma benefits the hospitals, and they should fund it all. A trauma system benefits the public, and includes more than just hospitals. As the original HHS HRSA trauma program migrated over the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response a few years ago, they made it clear that *trauma needs to be look upon, and addressed, like any other epidemiological disease. There needs to be an analysis of the root causes, programs to encourage prevention and reduction, and a system in place to adequately respond to severe*

trauma in an effort to reduce morbidity and mortality. The savings to society from the prevention of unnecessary and untimely death or disability more than covers the cost of a trauma system.

The Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee appreciates that in tough economic times it is difficult to consider a request for what appears to be "new" funding. What we are looking for is the state to put a very small amount of stable funding into the budget to support the on-going operation of a program that was created about six years ago by law, and has done amazing things without a dime of state money to date.

I am not sure how this gets distributed internally, but I have included with this letter a copy of the latest Report to the General Assembly for the period covering 2011 to 2012. To keep down volume, I have extracted some of the Attachments that as a medical professional you may find interesting. Attachment G in particular focuses on the Kentucky Trauma System as "A Work in Progress." The rest of the attachments can be downloaded from the program's website link at KYTrauma.org.

Your support and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Bartlett
Emergency Preparedness/Trauma Coordinator
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