

KY Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Attendance

Richard Bartlett, Secretary/Trauma Program Coord
Brian Harbrecht, MD, Chair & Advocacy
Mary Fallat, MD, Vice Chair
Jason Stiles, Owensboro
Theresa Baker, UofL
Kim Denzik, UofL
Peter Rock, KIPRC Data
John Draus, MD, Protocol
Dan O'Brien, MD
Trish Cooper, UK

Finance: Linda Gayheart was working with a family member who left some funds in her will to Kentucky Trauma. KHREF information was provided to her to pass along to the estate.

Advocacy: Dr. Harbrecht discussed a trip he made with Dr. Chang from UK to Washington, DC in late February to advocate on behalf of trauma research programs. They had a chance to meet with Representative Barr, who was interested in speaking with the UK representatives about trauma. They also say staffers from Senator McConnell, Representative Yarmouth, and Representative Rodgers office.

Mr. Bartlett noted that the Kentucky trauma and poison center funding requests that KHA has been advocating for are still alive, but nothing will be certain until the budget adoption process is complete.

Dr. Richardson was going to meet with the Governor, so it is hopeful that this might open the door for future follow-up.

As of this meeting there were less than fourteen days left in the regular legislative session.

Education: Scott Suttles was tied-up. Mr. Bartlett reported on a number of educational programs in development. Theresa Baker (UofL) is working on an RTTDC course for Ohio County Hospital. It was originally scheduled for April 26th, but was likely to be postponed due to availability of the fourth edition materials. She is working on a Trauma Care After Resuscitation (TCAR) course for June 6-7. ATLS course in Louisville with cadaver lab April 15-16. There is also an Emergency Nurse Pediatric (ENP) course in Pikeville April 20-21. He noted that there are still some funds available for additional RTTDC courses.

The Trauma Registrars are meeting on April 14th. Trish Cooper is handling the arrangements. There won't be a formal speaker. She has a program planned that will involve some breakout groups.

Dr. Harbrecht said that Theresa had been touch with the College on the potential of doing some of the RTTDC programs by telehealth, but there was a reluctance to consider that. The College's position is that they would prefer that the courses be taught in person so that relationships can be built. We aren't sure why they should care about that. Dr. Fallat felt that it was about having them do the programs and scenario drills in their facility with their stuff to help reinforce the process.

The other problem discussed was a "disconnect" between the "frontline" office staff what goes on in the field. It goes beyond the educational information, to the cost of materials and the development of new materials. Dr. Fallat is also concerned that nationally, trauma seems to have no regular source of funding or a good home in the system. Mr. Bartlett briefly discussed a discussion with ASPR leadership about a review that is going on about the overall hospital preparedness program, and the fact that

trauma has fallen out of their vision for surge capacity. They appeared to be appreciative of the feedback, and would review that in future revisions

Mr. Bartlett also noted that Dr. Fallat has been working with Dr. David Foley on a Pediatric Resuscitation Course on June 21st. It would originate from Norton, and may possibly be offered via telehealth.

The Kentucky Trauma Symposium is being planned for the fall in Lexington. Dr. Nance will be the keynote speaker. She is going to encourage him to speak on "Gun issues in Children" which he has recently published about.

Process Improvement/Data: Dr. Draus noted that KIPRC has a Data Analyst on staff. Dr. Draus asked him to consider working on a Dashboard that would allow for some key measures, such as who is reporting and some of the quality measures.

Mr. Bartlett noted that he and Dr. Costich has had discussions with Dr. Humbaugh about requests received from Indiana's trauma system to exchange data. Dr. Humbaugh was going to consult with his office of legal counsel given some of the language in our enabling statutes.

Dr. Harbrecht urged Dr. Draus to press on with what you have, and don't delay based on a potential data exchange with other states.

Dr. Harbrecht also noted that he has found the state of Georgia has a fairly mature system and processes, and we may want to explore ideas with them.

Verification: Dr. Harbrecht said that there was a presentation on potential Level-IV rules and regulations at the COT meeting.

Mr. Bartlett said that there is some concern about going to ACS COT for Level-IV. If Kentucky were to try to force ACS COT on the Level-IVs it could have negative ramifications for the program. The feeling is that they are much too expensive. There has even been some pushback from a few Level-III's related to the new orange book and the Risk Adjusted PI process. The only way it can be done apparently is through TQIP.

Dr. Harbrecht said he wasn't necessarily pushing to adopt the ACS COT standards for Level-IV. We have a process in place that seems to work OK at this point. Mr. Fallat noted that the plan is to roll TQIP in to the verification charge. Apparently, a number of Level-III were involved in a recent TQIP meeting and engaged in the discussion. She believes it will likely add about \$8,000 to the verification charge - but this is still under discussion.

There was discussion about concerns expressed by Ephraim McDowell about a physician staff member who has been there for years, but is not "board certified". Under the new orange book he would not be allowed to continue. They reportedly been given "provisional" status, and need to address his credentials. Dr. Harbrecht and Dr. Bernard have had a discussion with their physician director about the situation. Our KY COT representative is currently Dr. Smith.

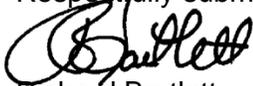
Appointments: The Department for Public Health has to reach out to the appointed representatives of various organizations to see what their preferences are for appointments. Dr. Cales is in an At Large position. There was also discussion with Dr. Humbaugh about potentially moving Dr. Fallat over to the Kosair Level-I position in the law, and then looking at appointing someone else to the Pediatric emergency care slot. There is also a problem we found in way the original Executive Order which added slots for Dr. Costich (Injury Prevention) and Pediatric emergency care were converted in to the actual law. In 2012 it was apparently added, but made to be an appointment by the Governor, so we now have

two slots named by the Governor, and the rest by the Secretary for the Cabinet. The Department has not started this process yet, and it may not happen until the Session is over.

There was no other business.

The next full meeting will be on April 19th at 3 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Bartlett", written in a cursive style.

Richard Bartlett
Secretary