



**KY Trauma Advisory Committee
Full Committee Meeting
February 21, 2023 – 3 PM ET
[Via Zoom]**

Open/ Welcome (Dr. Richard Cales, Chair)

KyTAC Business Meeting

The minutes from the December 20, 2022, meeting had been widely circulated, and there were no additional changes requested or suggested.

Aimee Peel, UK's Trauma Education Coordinator, confirmed the 2023 Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium dates as October 17-19 at the Hyatt in Lexington. October 17th will be pre-conference activities; and the regular program will be October 18-19. A "Save the Date" flyer was distributed. It was noted that the 2023 symposium was shifted one day earlier than usual (Tuesday-Thursday) due to the dates and better room rates for horse racing season in Lexington. Aimee, and Amber Van, their Trauma Program Office Manager, are reaching out for potential speakers and program ideas.

Committee Reports

- **Data & Quality Improvement** - Trish Cooper was unable to be present due to travel, but indicated in an email that was reported to the group that that ESO has reportedly pushed the expected release of the new registry platform to quarter 3 or 4 of this year. They are not giving a firm date. They will then look for "early adopters" to be essentially pilot facilities prior to rolling it out. After that, she understands the rollout should take around 2 years. So it's expected that current users won't be required to move until 2025 or 2026.
She also reported hearing that there is another group of trauma programs, much larger than the Ohio Respond group, which is actively working on a new registry platform. This is not based on "first hand" information at this point, but she understands their current plan is to create this new platform for their own significant group of users first (most of whom would be leaving ESO to join the new platform), and then possibly to make it available to other users outside their group later. Either way, there is potential for this to force Epic into more competitive pricing.
- **Trauma Registry RFP** – Julia Costich reported that they have been working with the University of Kentucky Purchasing Department on this. At this time we are not able to share much information as they evaluate the one response which has been submitted. Dr. Bernard reported that he has reached out to the American College of Surgeons for their position or additional information, but has not received much that he can report back at this time.
- **Education Committee**
 - UK "CE CENTRAL" status – Aimee Peel reported that the University of Kentucky will NOT be losing their CE Central program for handling outreach and continuing education in the fall after all. The original news was that they were going to close the program down this fall.
 - RTTDC – UK indicated that they are doing a program March 2-3 in the Corbin/Lake Cumberland area.
 - ATLS Courses:
 - UofL Health Refresher Mar 3rd. POC for more info Tracie.Burchette@uoflhealth.org
 - UK HealthCare indicated that their ATLS courses are on the website. They have been doing one about every other month.
 - Pikeville also planning an ATLS course for August. Dates and more information will be forthcoming.
 - Pikeville also reported that they are planning an Eastern Kentucky Symposium on June 17th. More to come.

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- **Monthly Educational Offering:** Dr. Bernard talked with the group about the concept of having regular monthly educational offerings on a regularly scheduled cycle. Folks could share innovative program ideas, injury prevention “quick shots”, educational offerings, and perhaps “Best Practices”. Apparently the Education Committee meets now on the first Wednesday of the month from 2-3 PM. It might be possible to tie educational programming in to (or around) that time period. Dr. Fallat suggested that we consider starting out bi-monthly. Dr. Bernard suggested that the Education team consider developing an agenda with some program ideas, and perhaps start at the meeting in early April.

Dr. Vallance suggested that the program include some the EMS community, to include some of their “EMS best practices”. Mr. Bartlett suggested that we make sure this isn’t just for the Level-I, II and III facilities; and that we include the Level-IV trauma centers. He also recommended we consider including the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky (BIAK) which recently reached out to look for ways they could partner with the trauma program on education and outreach; and the two “Safe Kids” programs (Louisville and Lexington) which have been doing educational programs around things like gun locks, medication lock boxes, safe biking, and more. This could help stimulate the development of similar programs in other parts of the state (like Bowling Green, Owensboro, and eastern Kentucky).

- **Verification Committee** (Kim Denzik)
 - Review of a recent re-verification site visit that was completed successfully at:
 - Harrison Memorial Hospital on January 12th.
 - Mercy Health Marcum & Wallace Hospital on February 20th.
 - We had some potential new surveyors (Amber Van and Candice Reynolds, both from UK) come with the site survey team for orientation at Mercy Marcum & Wallace.
 - Kim Denzik and her Verification Committee team are working on scheduling site visits for:
 - Middlesboro ARH (this was a re-verification site visit.)
 - Livingston Hospital (this is a re-verification site visit)
 - We are awaiting a re-verification application for Rockcastle Hospital
 - Frankfort Regional Medical Center has an ACS COT “virtual” re-verification visit May 1-2.
 - There was some discussion about re-visiting “virtual” site visits for our Level-IV facilities if desired, or team travel becomes a problem. There was a general discussion with Fayette Gauze (Tug Valley ARH), which was one of the previous virtual sites.
 - If there is interest in becoming a surveyor in the future contact Kim Denzik at the UofL Trauma Institute.
- **EMS for Children Program** (Morgan Scaggs)
 - The **7th Annual KY Pediatric Emergency Care Coalition Annual Conference** will be on March 29, from 8 AM to 5 PM ET. *The event is being moved to the Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, KY.* More information and registration will be available soon. The program will be in-person this year, and is targeted to pediatric coordinators, emergency department and trauma program leadership.
 - Their Supplemental Grant Program to help rural hospitals includes eight of the 21 trauma centers at this time. Their program which offered scholarships and educational programs, will likely wrap-up in the next six months.
- **Ad Hoc/Advocacy & Outreach:**
 - KyTAC leadership is requesting a meeting with Dr. Stack, the KY Public Health Commissioner, to update him on the program, and discuss some of our challenges going forward.
 - As part of a strategy to develop funding for the trauma program, Dr. Cales talked about the need to perhaps do some outreach education on exactly what are the key components of a complete trauma care system, as part of our efforts to improve the system, and support development of a regular source for on-going funding. He had done some guidelines and work on this for the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) several years ago, and will share that with the group.

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- There was also some discussion about possibly including the subject as part of the 2024 Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium.
- Dr. Harbrecht also noted that the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has some material on their website that talks about “Trauma System Components and Models”, and can be found on-line at:
<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/systems/trauma-systems-consultation-program/components/>
- The Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) also has some information on their website about the components of a trauma systems:
<https://one.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/ems/emstraumasystem03/whattrama.htm>

OLD BUSINESS – There was no additional Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no additional New Business at this time since many of these topics had been covered in other areas above.

NEXT Meetings

- **General Meeting** – April 18th at 3 PM ET. (*We anticipate using the same virtual link from UofL Trauma.*)
- **Steering Committee Meeting** – March 21st at 3 PM ET. (*Primarily for Committee Chairs and officers, but open for public viewing if interested, using the same virtual link from UofL Trauma.*)

Adjournment



Richard N. Bartlett
Secretary, KY Trauma Advisory Committee
Trauma Director/KHA
KY State Trauma Program Director

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<https://uoflhealth.zoom.us/j/91963079643>

Meeting ID: 919 6307 9643

Audio Only
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APPOINTEES IN ATTENDANCE: [16 - Quorum was present]

Richard Bartlett, KY Hospital Association
Andrew Bernard, MD; UK Level-I Trauma Center
Richard Cales, MD, At-Large
Julia Costich, KIPRC/Injury Prevention Programs
Chase Deaton, KY Transportation Cabinet
Tony Decker, MD; ACS, KY COT Chapter
Mary Fallat, MD, KY Board of Medical Licensure
Fayette Gauze, RN; Level-IV Trauma Center
Amber Hamlin, RN; At-Large
Brian Harbrecht, MD, UofL Hospital/Level-I Adult Trauma Center
Jacob Higgins, RN, PhD, KY Board of Nursing
Chris Lokits; KY Board of EMS
Morgan Scaggs; KY EMS-C Program
Karan Shah, MD; ACEP, KY Chapter
Sandy Tackett, RN; Pikeville Medical Center/Level-II Trauma Center
Steven Vallance, MD; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; Level-III Trauma Center

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Not Present: (5)

William Barnes, MD; KY Medical Association

David Foley, MD, Norton Children's Hospital/Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center

Patty Howard, RN; Emergency Nurses Association

Steven Stack, MD; Commissioner of Health or Trish Okeson, Deputy Commissioner

Ellen Williams, RN; KY Children's Hospital, Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Beams, RN; Trauma Prgm Manager, Ephraim McDowell Haggin, Level-IV Trauma Center

Samantha Bowen, RN; Trauma Prgm Mgr, Middlesboro ARH

Tracie Burchett, Trauma Education & Outreach, UofL Trauma Institute

Kim Denzik; Trauma Prgm Mgr, UofL Level-I TC

Shay Hall, RN; Trauma Prgm Mgr, Highlands ARH Hospital, Level-IV TC

Mistry Lewis, RN; Hazard ARH Hospital

Renee McClure, RN, Trauma Prgm Mgr, Rockcastle Hospital, Level-IV TC

Mike Mixson, RN; Trauma Program Mgr, Owensboro Regional Hospital, Level-III TC

Aimee Peel, RN; UK Trauma Education [Coord. for 2023 Symposium]

Angie Reed, RN; Trauma Prgm Mgr, Pikeville Medical Center, Level-II TC

Bridgett Sims, RN; Trauma Prgm Mgr, Frankfort Reg. Med. Center, Level-III TC