



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING  
KY Trauma Advisory Committee  
**April 18, 2023 at 3 PM ET** (via Zoom link)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Cales, Chair. A quorum was not initially present.

The meeting began with a presentation Mr. Donald Collins, Branch Manager for the Kentucky Traumatic Brain Injury Trust program, on the development of a new **REAP** educational program and manual which is *Concussion Management*. “**REAP**” stands for **Remove/Reduce, Educate, Adjust/Accommodate, and Pace**. It was originally developed in Colorado to help address “*Second Impact Syndrome*,” and had been adapted for Kentucky. The new Kentucky version of their manual, “**REAP – The Benefits of Good Concussion Management**”, was shared with the Committee and can be downloaded from the Trauma Resources page on the Kentucky Hospital Association website: <https://www.kyha.com/assets/docs/TraumaDocs/KentuckyREAPManual.pdf> Other educational materials, including instructional videos and posters, are coming in the near future. For those who would like to follow-up directly with Mr. Collins, he can be reached at [Donald.Collins@ky.gov](mailto:Donald.Collins@ky.gov).

- **Committee Reports**

- **Education Committee**

- **RTTDC course** on May 2nd at The Corbin Center. Co-Sponsored by SE KY Healthcare Coalition. Register by email to [eparrott@bhsi.com](mailto:eparrott@bhsi.com) Address questions to [Amie.Peel@uky.edu](mailto:Amie.Peel@uky.edu)
- The first monthly **Trauma Education call** will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-3 PM ET  
Join Zoom meeting at <https://ukth.zoom.us/j/84874813949> The Education Committee is going to do this on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Pikeville Medical Center, **Eastern KY Trauma Symposium**, June 17. More info to come.
- October 17-19, **2023 KY Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium**, Hyatt Regency, 401 High Street, Lexington, KY. Pre-meetings and KyTAC in-person meeting will be on October 17. The main symposium will be on October 18-19. Trauma Symposium Planning Committee meetings. If you have ideas, or would like to participate, reach out to [Amie.Peel@uky.edu](mailto:Amie.Peel@uky.edu).
- Mary Raley, ENA, said that they have been doing virtual **Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC)**, and have some planned for the summer months. For more information contact: [MRaley13@gmail.com](mailto:MRaley13@gmail.com)

- **PI/Registrar Committee**

- Samantha Baker, Trauma Quality Manager at UofL, summarized a recent meeting which featured ESO (company that currently owns/operates several trauma and EMS registry products). She noted that they have not done well explaining how their costs are structured, but indicated that facilities should discuss with their own internal IT departments any behind-the-scenes fees associated with operations of their systems, servers, and support staff that could contribute to current registry costs when considering a migration to the new product
- ✓ 20+ beta sites are onboarding now to the new platform, and beginning in early 2024, it will be offered to some “early adopters”. They are anticipating going live about January 1st. Once they migrate, there will be a limit of perhaps 1-2 years of old data available to migrate and older data would have to be housed outside the new platform. There may be other options in the future for migrating additional data for an added cost.
- ✓ Currently state data for patients admitted after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 has not been validated due to a delay in the validation software update being ready and release until around June 30th, so it may need to be audited prior to submission.
- ✓ There will also be behind-the-scenes data submission to TQIP available.

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- ✓ ESO will have a module for burns and gun shots, as well as a stroke module and a cardiac module that will be optional to purchase for an additional fee;
  - ✓ They are already doing an EMS module, but Chris Lokits noted that while the ESO platform will take all versions of EMS electronic patient records, for a hospital to get the data interface they would need to buy the service.
  - With regards to the AIS V-15 program in 2025, it will eventually replace books with a self-paced course will be available in the future.
  - Julia Costich reported that there was only one response to the RFP, and the cost proposed was about twice that of the current system. Asked if we could do a registry ourselves, Julia said they were doing some research on a group in another state that is working on an option for TQIP submissions.
- **Verification Committee** – Kim Denzik reported that they have completed verification visits at Mercy Health Marcum and Wallace Hospital, Livingston Hospital, and Middlesboro ARH Hospital. The reports and full designation recommendations have been processed for Marcum & Wallace and Livingston. The survey team is working on their report and recommendations for Middlesboro at this time. We have received an inquiry from ARH Hazard, and will be looking for their application in the near future. We are also looking for an application for one facility that is due, and one of the facilities that dropped out during the pandemic is preparing to reapply for verification again. Mr. Bartlett noted that Frankfort Regional Medical Center will be having their Level-III American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) reverification site visit May 1-2, and he will be participating as an official observer for KyTAC.
- **EMS-C & KPECC** meeting feedback [Morgan had a national Peds-Ready call, so Mr. Bartlett reported for her.]
  - The KPECC Conference went well, had about 111 participate in-person and on-line, and issues 82 CE certificates. Evaluation feedback was really positive. They will likely return to their original schedule in the first week of March next year.
  - With regards to the Hospital Peds-Ready Recognition program, they now have 11 hospitals recognized as having a Pediatric Ready Emergency Department. They are expecting more to apply as they wrap up their supplemental grant targeting rural areas. Mary Raley, ENA, said that she has been assisting Morgan with educational programs.
  - Morgan noted that ACS-COT has been reviewing pediatric readiness during current site surveys, and will implement pediatric readiness as a verification requirement in the near future.
- **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - **The KyTAC Leadership held a meeting with Dr. Steven Stack**, the KY Public Health Commissioner, Trish Okeson, the Deputy Commissioner for Operations, and Tabah Herrington, his Chief of Staff. Dr. Cales, Dr. Costich, Dr. Bernard, and Mr. Bartlett attended for KyTAC. The intent of the meeting was to discuss the status of the trauma system, and the need to find a reliable source of continuing funds to support the system. Dr. Stack, as an Emergency Physician, clearly understands the need for the trauma care system. Unfortunately, he does not have any funding available in his budget at this time. Most of the money they are working with is either tied directly to specific programs (often using other grant funds), or has a regular source of funding. The trauma program was created without a regular source of funding, uses limited access grant funding to support Mr. Bartlett, and the fees collected for designations and Level-IV verification site visits are typically allocated to cover the costs associated with the visits and the designation process. It is still the KyTAC leadership's intent to approach the 2024 General Assembly with a request for funding, and may suggest some options for consideration to create that funding stream. Dr. Stack indicated his support for our efforts.
  - There was a brief general discussion about **potential regulation changes** that may be done later this year. The first change will be to go from three required Level-IV site surveyors, down to two, to match the current process used by the ACS COT when they do Level-I, II and III surveys. The other major change will be to formally put into regulation the national "*Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department*" program standards, as adopted by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). This is the 2018 revision to the previous joint policy statement titled "Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department," and has been widely adopted as the "standard of care" for pediatric readiness. These standards are being incorporated into the ACS COT verification criteria going forward, and may at some point become part of The Joint Commission standards for accreditation. The hope is to have draft

regulations ready by June, and the effective date for the Peds-Ready standards probably set for mid-summer, 2024.

- **Review of KyTAC's investment statement from the Lawrence Family Bequest.** KyTAC made the decision when the bequest was made years ago to invest the principle, and only use the earned interest from the funds for educational and trauma-related outreach programs. In the past, some of these funds have been used to help sponsor Rural Trauma Team Development Courses (RTTDC), and other educational offerings. As of the end of March, 2023, the fund balance is \$306,053.20. That means there is technically \$56,053.20 available.

- **Open/Other items of interest**

- DEA DRUG TAKEBACK DAY is April 22nd from 10 AM – 2 PM local time. The DEA site has link to hunt for local takeback locations, and a number of communities have been publicizing local sites and activities.
- There was no other business offered, so Dr. Cales called for adjournment.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be May 16th at 3 PM ET, and the next full KyTAC meeting will be June 20th at 3 PM ET.

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APPOINTEES IN ATTENDANCE: [9 - Quorum was not 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  
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  
Sandy Tackett, RN; Pikeville Medical Center/Level-II Trauma Center

Not Present: (12)

William Barnes, MD; KY Medical Association  
Chase Deaton, KY Transportation Cabinet  
Tony Decker, MD; ACS, KY COT Chapter  
Fayette Gauze, RN; Level-IV Trauma Center  
Mary Fallat, MD, KY Board of Medical Licensure [Traveling out of town.]  
David Foley, MD, Norton Children's Hospital/Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center  
Patty Howard, RN; Emergency Nurses Association  
Morgan Scaggs; KY EMS-C Program [National conference call conflict.]  
Karan Shah, MD; ACEP, KY Chapter  
Steven Stack, MD; Commissioner of Health or Trish Okeson, Deputy Commissioner  
Steven Vallance, MD; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; Level-III Trauma Center  
Ellen Williams, RN; KY Children's Hospital, Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Baker. UofL Hospital  
Rebecca Beams, RN; Trauma Prgm Manager, Ephraim McDowell Haggin, Level-IV Trauma Center  
Samantha Bowen, RN; Trauma Prgm Mgr, Middlesboro ARH  
Scott Collins, Br. Manager, Traumatic Brain Injury Trust, CHFS  
Kim Denzik; Trauma Prgm Mgr, UofL Level-I TC  
Mistry Lewis, RN; Hazard ARH Hospital  
Mike Mixson, RN; Trauma Program Mgr, Owensboro Regional Hospital, Level-III TC  
Jerry Prater, Pikeville Medical Center  
Aimee Peel, RN; UK Trauma Education [Coord. for 2023 Symposium]  
Mary Raley, RN, ENA  
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  
Robin Tuttle, RN. Middlesboro ARH, Level-IV TC  
Taylor Wright, RN, Whitesburg ARH, Level-IV TC