

# General Meeting Minutes



August 15, 2023 – 3 PM ET  
(via KHA Zoom link)

The KY Trauma Advisory Committee's General Meeting on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM ET, began with an educational presentation by Scott Collins, Branch Manager for the Kentucky State Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund, on the new Kentucky REAP Program to Prevent Secondary TBIs.



The REAP manual (shown on the left) was available to be [downloaded](#) before the program. It focuses steps to prevent or minimize a potential secondary brain injury after an individual gets a TBI. The REAP program focuses guidance and steps that can be taken by the *Family Team*, the *School Teams* (physical and academic) and the *Medical Team*. This program is recommended for ED and trauma center medical staff, discharge planners and social workers to help guide with follow-up care planning for TBI patients. [A link to download the manual is shown at the bottom.]

Mr. Collins also told the participants that the REAP program has ordered about 3,000 bike helmets, and has been working with groups across the state to promote bike safety. Facilities and injury-prevention/outreach programs interested in partnering with them should reach out to Mr. Collins directly.

## **GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

The General Meeting started about 3:40 PM with an opening and welcome by Richard Cales, MD, the Committee Chair.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ➤ **Advocacy** – (Dr. Cales/Dr. Bernard/Dr. Costich)

Approach for potential Trauma System Funding & legislation. There was a brief discussion about work being done on some regulatory changes that need to be addressed. Dr. Bernard had a conflict and was not able to be on the call, but it was mentioned that he had developed a one-page “talking points” summary on the trauma system to help with future approaches to the General Assembly. That had been previously shared, and was sent in a follow-up email to the Trauma listserve after the meeting. In the last Session of the General Assembly there had been a bill introduced which was based on the Georgia Super-Speeder program, but it really didn't have enough time to get out of committee. There had also been some opposition expressed by a legislator, reportedly from Western KY.

Mr. Bartlett talked about a model that he had worked on, using Kentucky State Police excessive speed citation data (20 miles per hour or more) from several years, to model what potential revenue might look like at various levels of fines. Using 2022 data indicating about 48,700 citation, and Georgia's \$200 penalty, that would have brought in about \$9.7-million. If Kentucky were to consider a fine at half that amount (\$100), the potential revenue would be about \$4.87-million. A \$75 fine would have brought in about \$3.65-million; and \$50 would have brought in about \$2.4-million.

Mr. Bartlett also noted that the National Trauma Managers were in the process of conducting a survey of the states to see which states had funding available to support the trauma program and trauma centers. While some states have targeted revenue from traffic fines, a few others get their funding from sources like casino gambling, and a fee charged on the purchase or lease of vehicles. While some states have specific trauma system funding, a number of them do not provide direct financial support to trauma centers [notable exceptions include GA, and TN which provides funding to hospitals for “readiness” and “uncompensated care.”] A number of states indicated that while they can't provide direct funding to trauma centers, they do provide a number of educational programs, and the use of the state's trauma registry system at no cost. Several said they do not charge trauma centers for things like state Level-III and IV verification site visits, or state designations; and in a few cases they also aid their state's EMS systems.

He noted that as KyTAC leadership has discussed with the KHA legislative team, and looked at potential approaches to the 2024 Session, it is clear that we may need to partner with other agencies and organizations, like AAA (which has been actively promoting safe driving), and agricultural groups which often advocate for safe

farming practices. There has also been discussion about the need to partner with EMS since the success of a trauma system is very dependent on a viable ambulance transportation network, and a number of organizations have been struggling to train, recruit, and retain EMS personnel. Mr. Bartlett encouraged those on the call to review the one-pager that Dr. Bernard had prepared, and consider how they might be able to assist us in this effort going forward.



Name tags for KyTAC Members – Dr. Cales has been working with Mr. Bartlett on the concept of developing a “Kentucky Trauma System” name tag for KyTAC members, committee chairs, and leaders to wear while working in public, during verification site visits, and participating in forums or hearings, on behalf of the Trauma System to help build recognition. It would contain the KyTAC logo in two colors, the words “Kentucky Trauma System”, with the individual’s name and title, on a white background.

➤ Data/Quality Improvement/PI – Trish Cooper/Julia Costich

RFP Process and follow-up discussion – The single vendor has reduced their pricing, and has been working with us on a potential grant to help fund it. Where do we go next? Trish talked about plans for the Trauma Managers meeting at the symposium.

Renaming KY Trauma Registry to KY Trauma Data Bank. Julia talked about the need to rename the KY Trauma Registry into a KY Trauma Data Bank. It is really a repository to look at outcomes, and study of trends. Julia moved and Mary Fallat second. No discussion. Approved.

➤ Education:

- ATLS Courses Planned. Angie Reed at Pikeville said they had a course coming up, and have three seats available. Contact her if interested. UK just held its full ATLS course, and the next one will be in NOVEMBER.
- RTTDC/Burn Care Courses planned. Talked about Heart and HELP courses are being planned for November. There was also a recent RTTDC/Burn Care course in the Corbin area. One is also being discussed for the West HCC. These programs are typically linked to interest from facilities working towards being a potential trauma center.
- 2023 KY Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium
  - Registration, Agenda, other info: <https://www.cecentral.com/live/24005>
  - Updates and anything planning that needs to be addressed?
  - TUESDAY Pre-Conference Meetings
    - Registrar’s Meeting – 9 AM to Noon - Trish Cooper
    - Trauma Program Manager’s/Coordinators Meeting – 1 to 3 PM - Amber Van/Amie Peel
    - KyTAC General Meeting (in-person/no virtual offering) 3:30 PM

➤ EMS for Children – Morgan Scaggs

- The EMSC program is continuing to support pediatric readiness among all hospitals. We are looking to staff two subcommittees (one EMS and one ED) to gather more input from Pediatric Coordinators and find solutions and develop resources to support peds readiness.
- We have been working with Mary Raley to offer virtual ENPC classes. They have been well-received and provide an opportunity to complete this education without travel. Participants must be available for the entire course (1.75 days) and there is work that must be completed prior to the course start. They had scholarships available for a limited group of hospitals who were participating in a collaborative project. There are openings in their October class but students (or their employer) would need to pay the course fee. Email Morgan if you need more info [Morgan.scaggs@ky.gov](mailto:Morgan.scaggs@ky.gov)

➤ Verification – Kim Denzik

- Rockcastle Regional Hospital – Completed; No findings or Actions needed; & Designation Certificate forwarded to Dr. Stack.
- Frankfort Regional Hospital – ACS VRC letter received. No findings. As of the meeting date, we were awaiting formal application for re-designation. [That was subsequently received, and is being processed.]
- Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital – Data submitted to address ACS VRC questions. Review pending for two-year extension.
- New application received: Hazard ARH – A verification site visit is being scheduled.

**OLD Business:**

- KyTAC Officers – Mr. Bartlett raised the subject, but in doing research for the minutes this topic is not something we need to act on at this time. Based on our By-Laws, there are three elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). Officers serve a two-year term, and except for the Secretary, can serve a maximum of

two consecutive terms. The Secretary is not term limited. (We will forward a copy of the By-Laws out with the minutes to help orient new members.)

At the DECEMBER 20, 2022 meeting there were some changes in the officers when Dr. Costich stepped back from the Chair's role to be Vice Chair; and Dr. Cales was nominated and moved on to the Chair's role. Mr. Bartlett agreed to continue on as Secretary. ***It was noted in the minutes that this would mean that the next election of officers will be in October 2024, at the annual in-person meeting at the KY Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium.***

- Other old business – Nothing was brought up.

#### **NEW Business:**

- ***Bike Helmets:*** The state Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund **REAP** program has some **bike helmets** available for use with outreach Bike Safety programs that your Injury Prevention/Outreach Education staff may be planning as part of their *Back to School* programs. [Contact Scott Collins for information and availability. [Donald.Collins@ky.gov](mailto:Donald.Collins@ky.gov) ]
- Potential expansion of **Safe Kids** program. There are currently two Safe Kids programs in the state. Safe Kids Louisville is based out of Norton Children's, and Kinzie Evrard is the Coordinator. Safe Kids Fayette County is based out of UK's Kentucky Children's Hospital, and Sherri Hannan is the Coordinator. Safe Kids is a global program (<https://www.safekids.org/>) as a go-to source for safety information and safety tips. They often are leading the effort to teach local safe kids seat programs, and promote safe bike, skates, and skateboard education in partnership with local schools and youth groups. They have partnered with other community programs to get involved at times with safe gun lock and home drug lock-box education and distribution campaigns. The question is if, as the trauma system grows, can be also grow the Safe Kids network?
  - Pikeville/Eastern KY? Angie Reed said that Pikeville is looking at potentially implementing the Safe Kids program next year.
  - Bowling Green/Southcentral KY?
  - Owensboro/Paducah/Madisonville & West KY?
- ***Other items?*** - There was nothing else brought up.

Next General Meeting is October 17, 2023, at 3:30 PM at Hyatt in Lexington as part of the 2023 Trauma & Emergency Medicine Symposium.

Dick Bartlett  
KHA/KHREF  
Trauma Program Director  
InfraGard Healthcare and Public Health Sector Chief

#### **Additional references:**

Link to download the REAP manual:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Documents/Kentucky%20REAP%20Manual.pdf>

Link to KIPRC's KSPAN program: <https://www.safeKentucky.org>

## **Attendance**

### **Appointed members present:**

Richard Bartlett, Secretary (KHA)  
Richard Cales, MD, Chair (At-Large)  
Julia Costich, JD, Vice Chair (Injury Prevention Programs)  
Chase Deaton (KY Transportation Cabinet)  
Mary Fallat, MD (KY Bd of Medical Licensure)  
Fayette Gauze, RN (Level-IV Trauma Centers)  
Brian Harbrecht, MD (UofL Level-I Trauma Center)  
Jacob Higgins, RN (KY Board of Nursing)  
Morgan Scaggs, EMT-P (Pediatric Trauma)  
Sandy Tackett, RN (Pikeville Level-II Trauma Center)  
Ellen Williams, RN (KY Children's Hospital Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center)

### **Others in attendance:**

Rebecca Beams  
Samantha Bowen  
Tracie Burchett  
Deb Campbell  
Shafrin Choudhury  
Scott Collins  
Trish Cooper  
Daniel Detelich  
Michelle Dunaway  
Tessa Evans  
David Fredericks  
Shay Hall  
Jessica Head  
Julie Lane  
Sarina Lashbrook  
Misty Lewis  
Baillie McCane  
William Moss  
April Mullins  
Patience Naderian  
Stephen Peter  
Brian Preece  
Candice Reynolds  
Lauren Short  
Steve Sparrow  
Erin Spyрка  
TiWannia Taylor  
Tammy Wells