



**KY Trauma Advisory Committee  
Annual Meeting  
December 20, 2022 – 3 PM ET  
[Via Zoom]**

- **Open/ Welcome** (Julia Costich, Chair)
- **Announcements & Presentations:**
  - New appointees to the KY Trauma Advisory Committee were welcomed. An updated list of the KyTAC membership will be posted and shared to help members connect.
  - There was a reminder that the 2021 KY TRAUMA REPORT, which was discussed at the October meeting, is available for download full report: <https://kyha.memberclicks.net/trauma-system-reports>

**KyTAC Business Meeting**

- The minutes from the October 26, 2022, meeting at the KY Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium had been circulated, and there were no changes requested.

**Committee Reports**

- **Data & Quality Improvement**
  - Dr. Costich reported that the Request for Proposals related to a potential replacement for the Ky Trauma Registry was to be release soon, with a return in February. Those interested can obtain a copy from the University of Kentucky Purchasing Department, which is handling the process.
- **Education Committee**
  - ATLS Courses:
    - UofL Health (Full course January 10-11; Refresher Mar 3)  
(POC for more info [Tracie.Burchette@uoflhealth.org](mailto:Tracie.Burchette@uoflhealth.org))
    - UK HealthCare and Pikeville also planning programs
- **EMS for Children Program** (Morgan Scaggs)
  - Morgan reported that the KY Board of EMS' offices have moved to Frankfort, and that both their email address and their website domain information, have changed.
    - New email address: [morgan.scaggs@ky.gov](mailto:morgan.scaggs@ky.gov)
    - The new address is: 500 Mero Street, 5th Floor Suite 5SE32, Frankfort, KY 40601
    - Office: (502) 764-1508/ Mobile: 502-330-9007
    - 1-866-97KBEMS
  - New KBEMS website address: <https://kbems.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
    - New EMSC site: <https://kbems.ky.gov/EMSC/Pages/default.aspx>
  - They have had some learning sessions that will extend into January.
  - The EMS for Children will be doing an updated survey during January – March, 2023.
  - The *7th Annual KY Pediatric Emergency Care Coalition Annual Conference* will be on March 29, from 8 AM to 5 PM ET. The in-person event will be at the KY Transportation Cabinet Conference Center, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY. Registration info will be available soon.
- **Verification Committee** (Kim Denzik)
  - Review of a recent NEW hospital verification site visit that was completed successfully at:
    - Highlands ARH Hospital

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- Review of a recent re-verification site visits that were completed successfully at:
  - Ephraim McDowell Ft. Logan and Ephraim McDowell Haggin Memorial.
  - Deaconess Union County Hospital
  - Whitesburg ARH Hospital
- Scheduling re-verification site visit for:
  - Harrison Memorial Hospital
  - Mercy Health Marcum & Wallace Hospital
- We have had some potential new surveyors come with the site survey teams for orientation. If there is interest in helping with these in the future contact Kim Denzik at UofL Trauma Institute.
- **Ad Hoc/Advocacy & Outreach**
  - There was nothing new to report at this time. As noted previously, we were not successful in the 2022 Session, and the 2023 Session is not dealing with fiscal matters. There will another attempt to address stabile trauma system funding in the 2024 Session.
  - As a minimum, the focus areas would include:
    - Costs for support of the trauma registry system, data analysis, and registry options
    - Support for educational programs, outreach, and the trauma system website. This would include professional and public education programs; and educational campaigns such as Bike Helmet Safety, and “Stop the Bleed”.
    - Potential staffing needs going forward (trauma program management, KIPRC data analysis and data management; and trauma education)
    - Support for trauma and EMS system Workforce Development, to potentially include assistance with EMS training program support.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Election of Officers** – There was a discussion about the election of KyTAC officer, deferred from the October meeting. Dr. Costich was interesting in stepping back as Chair, but wanted to stay involved because of the work being done on the Trauma Registry. Dr. Richard Cales was nominated to move up to the Chair position on a motion by Dr. Mary Fallat. There was discussion and agreement that Dr. Costich would step in to the Vice Chair role. There was no objection from the membership, so the motion was approved. Dr. Richard Cales is now the Chair; and Dr. Julia Costich is the Vice Chair. There were no nominations or discussion about the secretary’s position, and Mr. Bartlett agreed to continue in that role. *[As a footnote: Based on the By-Laws, the officers serve for two years, and are elected at the ANNUAL MEETING, which is typically done in conjunction with the Trauma Symposium. So the next election of officers will be in October, 2024.]*
- **Potential Update to KY Trauma Regulations** - Mr. Bartlett reported that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is changing the “Appeals” language in all regulations so that the Appeals Branch will handle these matters going forward. That will impact on the Trauma Regulation 902 KAR 28:050. There has been no other action on other regulatory changes discussed at the October meeting, and this will likely be deferred at this point until the 2023 Session is over.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Scott Hill, from King’s Daughter Medical Center, is heading a research study for the International Association of Healthcare Safety and Security (IAHSS) Foundation on potential violence and security in hospital Emergency Departments. He had over 100 hospitals participating in his survey, but was looking for more to complete the survey (on a confidential basis). They are hoping to publish their findings in January, 2023.
- The 2023 Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium is scheduled for October 17-19 in Lexington.

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**NEXT Meetings**

- **General Meeting** – February 21st 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.)*

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**Join KyTAC Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID:** 919 6307 9643

**Audio Only**  
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**Adjournment**



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

**APPOINTEES IN ATTENDANCE:** [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  
Mary Fallat, MD, KY Board of Medical Licensure  
David Foley, MD, Norton Children's Hospital/Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center  
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  
Sandy Tackett, Pikeville Medical Center/Level-II Trauma Center  
Ellen Williams, RN; KY Children's Hospital/Level-I Pediatric Trauma Center

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Abby Bailey, PharmD; UK Chandler Hospital  
Sam Baker, Trauma Quality Mgr, UofL Trauma Institute  
Samantha Bowen, RN; Trauma Program Mgr, Middlesboro ARH  
Kim Denzik; Trauma Program Mgr; UofL Level-I Trauma Center  
Scott Helle, KY Office of for Rural Health  
Mike Mixson, RN; Trauma Program Manager, Owensboro Regional Hospital  
Jerry Prater; Injury Prevention/Outreach; Pikeville Medical Center  
Angie Reed, RN; Trauma Program Manager, Pikeville Medical Center  
Ellen Stotts, RN; Dir of Nursing, Mercy Health Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Amber Van, RN; Trauma Program Manager, UK Adult Trauma Program  
Taylor Wright, RN; Dir. of Emerg. Dept & Trauma, Whitesburg ARH Hospital