KY Trauma Advisory Committee
General Membership Meeting (Virtual)
Minutes from September 15, 2026

- **Call to order** - Dr. Andrew Bernard, Acting Chair. There was a quorum present.
- **Minutes from July 21, 2026** were approved as distributed.
  (Available to view on the Ky Trauma Care System website.)
- **Report on status/balance of available funds** held by KHREF for KyTAC:
  - **$437,116.44** – Lawrence Bequest Fund held by Community Trust Bank Investment
    [This includes the initial $250,000 gifted in 2017, plus earned interest.]
  - **$3,410.30** - Custodial Trauma Funds from Dr. Cales gifts.
    [These funds used to purchase the KyTAC name tags & miscellaneous expenses.]
- Request for ***TWO Reimbursements*** related to Educational Programs *(Approved unanimously by voice vote).*
  - ***UK HealthCare Trauma*** – Request for reimbursement – 18 RTTDC manuals for August 11 RTTDC course at Baptist Health Corbin - **$900.00**
  - ***Pikeville Medical Center Trauma*** – Request for reimbursement – 18 RTTDC manuals for July 14 RTTDC course at Highlands ARH Hospital - **$900.00**
- **New Business:**
  - **Trauma System Future Planning and Funding (**Dr. Bernard)
    [Reference Dr. Bernard's PowerPoint presentation for details.]
    - **Proposed - KyTAC Structure**
    - **Draft - KY Trauma Foundation By-Laws**
    - **Draft - KyTAC Director Job Description** (The discussion speculated that the funding needed to support this position would be about $80,000 - $100,000, plus expenses; and may be initially funded for the first two years through available Rural Health Transformation funding.)
  - Dr. Bernard reviewed the slides in the PowerPoint, but there were very few comments or questions raised. The group appeared to be generally supportive of the plan as outlined. It was noted that it is hoped that the plans and related documents will be finalized for the upcoming in-person KyTAC meeting that will be held on October 20th at the 2026 KY Trauma & Emergency Medicine Symposium.
  - Dr. Bernard told the group that he, Dr. Costich, Mr. Bartlett, and several other members of the work group will have a virtual meeting with CHFS Secretary Dr. Steven Stack on Thursday to brief him on the outlined proposals, and get his input.
- There was no time available to cover other potential agenda items reflected on the draft agenda that was circulated.
- **Future meetings for your calendar:**
  - Tuesday, **October 20th at 4 PM** (In-person at Trauma Symposium, Lexington)
    - The ***Trauma Registrar's*** meeting will be in the Thoroughbred Conference Room, from 10 AM – Noon (ET) on October 20th; followed by a networking lunch.
    - The ***Trauma Manager's*** meeting will be in the Thoroughbred Conference Room, from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.
    - The **Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee,** in-person meeting (no on-line available) in the Thoroughbred Conference Room, from 4-6 PM.
  - Tuesday, **November 17th, 3 PM ET** (Virtual)
  - Tuesday, **December 15th, 3 PM ET** (Virtual)

- **Adjournment** – There was no time available for other business.
  Dr. Bernard adjourned the meeting.

Richard Bartlett, KyTAC Secretary
KY State Trauma Program Director
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---------- Committee Member Attendance ----------

(13) KyTAC Appointed Members in attendance on September 15, 2026

Title	First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Organization	Representative for
Mr.	Richard	Bartlett (3)	MEd	KY Hospital Association	KY Hospital Association
Dr.	Andrew	Bernard (1)	MD	UK Chandler Hospital	Level-I Adult Trauma Cntr
Dr.	Julia	Costich (2)	JD, PhD	KIPRC	Injury Prevention Programs
Mr.	Chase	Deaton		KY Trans Cab. Incident Mgmt.	KY Transportation Cab.
Dr.	Brian	Harbrecht	MD	UofL Dept. of Surgery	Level-I Adult Trauma Cntr
Ms.	Shannon	Hogan	RN	Norton Children's Hospital	Level-I Pediatric Trauma Cntr
Ms.	Kim	Howard	RN	University of Louisville Trauma	At-Large
Mr.	Chris	Lokits	EMT-P		KY Board of EMS
Mr.	Dale	Morton	RN	Pikeville Medical Center	KY Emerg. Nurses Assoc.
Ms.	Amber	Powell	APRN	Deaconess Union Co. Hospital	KY Board of Nursing
Dr.	Karan	Shah	MD	Physician Care Coord. Consult.	ACEP, KY Chapter
Dr.	Bryan	Shouse	MD	Frankfort Reg. Medical Center	Level-III Trauma Center
Ms.	Sandy	Tackett	RN	Pikeville Medical Center	Level-II Trauma Center

Note: (1)=Acting KyTAC Chair; (2)=KyTAC Vice Chair; (3)=KyTAC Secretary

(6) KyTAC Appointed Members absent on September 15, 2026

Title	First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Organization	Representative for
Dr.	Tony	Decker	MD	Owensboro Health Reg. Hospital	ACS, KY Chapter COT
Dr.	Mary	Fallat	MD	Norton Children's/KY EMS-C	KY Bd of Medical Licensure.
Ms.	Fayetta	Gauze	RN	Tug Valley ARH Hospital	Level-IV Trauma Centers
Mr.	Scott	Helle		UK Office of Rural Health	At-Large
Ms.	Morgan	Scaggs	EMT-P	KY EMS for Children Program	Pediatric Trauma
Dr.	Ryan	Stanton	MD	Central Emergency Physicians	KY Medical Association

Others identified appearing on the meeting call:

Debbie Baker, RN, CHI St. Joseph, London
Samantha Baker, UofL Trauma Program
Molly Banta, UK HealthCare Trauma
Rebecca Beams
Jayce Bethel
Dr. Blair
Michelle Broers, UofL Health
Lori Caloia, KY DPH
Helen "Denise" Carpenter
Jennifer Collins, Pikeville Med. Center
Amber Cross
Aubren Espinosa, UK HealthCare
Laura Gabbard-Seidman
Eric Hagan, Medical Center
Kari Hackney
Shay Hall

Sandra Hutton
Kelli Ison
Noah Jones, Baptist Health Corbin
Tiffany Loy, Frankfort Regional Medical Center
Kim Maxey, Ephraim McDowell Reg. Med. Center
Keith Miller, UofL Health
Amber Powell
Paula Rader
Candice Reynolds, RN, UK HealthCare Trauma
Ashley Ritter, TJ Regional Health
Ellen Stotts
Stefanie Upton, UofL
Zachary Warriner

Attachment (1): PowerPoint Presentation on Trauma System Restructuring