

## Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee

April 13, 2010 – 3 PM (EST)

By videoconference

### Members (19)

William Barnes, MD -Yes  
Andrew Bernard MD –Yes  
Dick Bartlett-Yes  
Julia Costich -Yes  
Mary Fallat, MD - Yes  
Terence Farrell - Yes  
Glen Franklin - Yes  
Lisa Fryman -Yes  
Linda Gayheart -Yes  
Chuck Geveden – Yes  
Sharon Mercer - Yes  
Earl Motzer - Yes  
Charlotte O'Neal – Yes (audio only)  
Bob Hammonds - Yes  
Chris Pund, MD -Yes  
Susie Starling – Yes (audio only)  
Russell Travis, MD - No  
William Hacker, MD – No  
Trish Okesan (for Dr. Hacker) - Yes  
Carol Wright – Yes (audio only)

### Guests:

Tim Bickel, UofL  
Ruth Carrico, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health  
Chris Giese, Kentucky Hospital Association  
Leslie Hall, ARH Hazard  
Brian Harbrecht, MD - University of Louisville Department of Surgery  
John Isfort – Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Diane Jackson, Trover  
Ron Jackson – Estill County EMS  
Joe Miller, Trover  
Dan O'Brien, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine  
Scott Rinehart, University of Kentucky  
Janet Smith – Yes – Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Sandy Tackett, Pikeville Medical Center  
Tom Taylor, KBEMS

The meeting was opened by Dick Bartlett, Secretary. There were appointed members and visitors. There was a quorum present.

## Committee Reports:

Verification: The verification workgroup met. There are too many definitions in the regulations and the designation section needs more work as there is too much redundancy. Charlie Kendall, Dick Bartlett and Nancy Galvani agree that the regulations need to be streamlined. This could be accomplished by paring down the definitions. The designation section could be structured similarly to the certificate of need regulations. The information on verification would be in one section and the information on re-verification would be in another section. The regulations would include the ER Transfer Decision Tree and the Field Triage Decision Scheme from the Centers for Disease Control. The regulations would reference the Kentucky Trauma Hospital Manual as protocols do not need to be added separately to the regulations.

The repeal section will be part of the document. The fee section will need cost justifications. There needs to be better explanations on how the fees have been calculated as well as better justification for fees. Mr. Kendall will be working on that section.

It is anticipated that by the first week of May there will be a new draft of the regulations. This will be done in order to have a conference call during the second week of May. The regulations will be submitted to May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Legislative Review Committee (LRC) in order to be published on June 1. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, there is typically a 30 day "review and comment" period. Assuming that there are no negative comments, the regulations could be finalized by late June 2010.

Dr. Barnard asked that KyTAC members comment on the new draft and return it quickly to Mr. Bartlett.

The revised trauma system maps are posted on the KHA website at <http://www.kyha.com/home/kentucky-trauma-care-system/>

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C): Dr. Fallat reported that on April 14, Kosair Children's Hospital will be surveyed for the EMS-C grant. The grant is a survey about the readiness of the Emergency Departments for pediatric patients, pediatric protocols, procedures and equipment. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Emergency Nurses Association issued a joint AAP/ACEP/ENA policy statement titled "Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department" on which the survey is based. Teams will visit emergency departments to look at their pediatric equipment, protocols for transfer, etc. The goal is to provide data analysis which will help with the development of a pediatric system of care in Kentucky on a regional basis much like the trauma system.

All trauma centers will be surveyed. Any facilities who want to become trauma centers can also be surveyed. These hospitals will act as the pilot test sites. After the pilot test sites, all hospitals in Kentucky will be surveyed. The "Guidelines" may need to be tweaked to reflect the needs of Kentucky.

Dr. Costich has reviewed the guidelines with the University of Kentucky. They are in the process of moving their Emergency Department.

Dr. Fallatt reported that another EMS-C grant that began on March 1, 2010. An EMS-C survey had been sent to all hospitals. It was difficult to get the hospitals to respond and to get the

surveys back. The response rate did not satisfy the grant requirements so it is being done again. Dr. Bernard suggested that a list of e-mail and hospital addresses be obtained from KHA in order to notify the medical directors at the hospitals. Dr. Fallat commented that the survey had been reworked and was a much better instrument this time. It can be completed by telephone or electronically.

Education: Ms. Wright reported that RTTDC courses will be offered in Harrison County in April and in Georgetown in May. The TNCC course will be offered at Taylor County Hospital this week.

Mr. Bartlett reported on the two courses being offered in conjunction with the American College of Emergency Physicians. The courses will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort at the Department of Public Health. They will be offered through the TRAIN system as a videoconference.

The morning course, "In A Moment's Notice: Surge Capacity for Terrorist Bombings" is based on the lessons learned from the London and Madrid blast events. Templates were developed to prepare EMS and hospital departments for surge capacity. After pilot testing the templates at three facilities (Raleigh, NC; Las Vegas, NV and Grapevine, TX), a meeting was held to update and revise the templates. The updated version will be released by the Centers for Disease Control in the next few weeks.

Representatives from developing trauma centers will be invited to attend in Frankfort along with a representative from EMS.

The afternoon course, "Hospital Evacuation: Principles and Practices During a Disaster", is a course developed through a grant from DHS/FEMA. This course will be presented in a lessons learned format based on actual experiences.

Materials for both courses will be available through download at the TRAIN site or requested from KHA.

Mr. Taylor reported that a training course will be held on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the "Field Triage Decision Scheme" from the Centers of Disease Control.

Data: Dr. Costich asked if the 2008 data had been submitted to the state. May 14<sup>th</sup> is the submission data for 2009. Truama Data Base will request 2009 data after it receives 2008 data.

Using the KEMSIS system is voluntary now but will be the mandatory reporting format beginning in 2011. The RFP for an updated/revised KEMSIS had to be reissued.

A comments were made about the CDM program and the acquisition of data. If there is a trauma reporting program, then information can be obtained from CDM.

Dr. Costich reported that she was in contact with the Provost's Office to get the funds for the licenses.

Mary ? asked about the need to issue an RFP. Mr. Bartlett reported that the previous vendor had not be able to deliver the product so a new RFP was being issued. The RFP would call for an electronic, web-based submission of data. Mary reported that this is very disappointing that

the system is not up and running. Tom Taylor said that the whole system would need to be replaced.

Funding: Mr. Bartlett reported that there was a failure of the trauma system funding associated with SB 23. If pressed to support funding for the trauma system, SB23 would have failed. SB23 passed with the funds collected from fines going into the General Fund.

Mr. Bartlett reported that he is following up with The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to submit the paperwork needed to receive the funding.

Dr. Bernard said that a protocol on imaging had been sent to all Nurse Managers and Medical Directors. There were a few replies. Dr. Barnes requested a copy of the e-mail and protocol so that he could follow up with his facility.

Telemedicine: Mr. Giese reported that the telemedicine program is expanding within the state. Funding is a hot topic and the RFP for the grant has been released. Information about the USDA RUS (Distance Learning and Telemedicine) grants is available on the website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>

Under the grant guidelines, KHA is not a candidate to apply for the grant. Member hospitals will have to apply. The grant awards range between \$50,000 - \$500,000. The University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville have template submissions that rural hospitals could use to assist them in their grant application process.

Mr. Bartlett asked that anyone interested in applying for the grant contact Mr. Giese. The application deadline for the grant is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Other: The minutes of the last meeting, February 16, 2010 were approved.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for late March or early April due to the April 15 deadline for the submittal of the proposed trauma regulations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Diana Jester, Emergency Preparedness/Trauma Program Assistant