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August 19, 2014 Meeting  
of the Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee  
(Conducted by KDPH Video Teleconference MRN 1803822)  
3:00 PM ET

**Roll call** of appointees - Richard Bartlett, Secretary

Appointees

William Barnes, MD  
Richard Bartlett, KHA  
Andrew Bernard, MD, UK Healthcare (Absent)  
Richard Cales, MD  
Julia Costich, PhD, UK KIPRC (Reappointment pending)  
John Draus, MD (Absent)  
Mary Fallat, MD, Kosair Children's Hospital  
Linda Gayheart, Citizen Representative  
Nicholas Hammonds, RN, KBN  
Brian Harbrecht, MD, UofL Level-I  
Laryn Mertz, RN, Level-III Trauma Center  
Dan O'Brien, MD, ACEP  
Charlotte O'Neal, RN, KY ENA (bsent)  
Michael Poynter, KBEMS  
Shane Ratliff, KY Transportation Cabinet (Absent)  
Jason Smith, MD, ACS KY COT (Absent)  
Susie Starling, Level-IV, Marcum & Wallace Hospital  
Sandy Tackett, RN, Pikeville (Level-II)  
Allyson Taylor, KY Dept for Public Health Commissioner's Office (For Dr. Mayfield) (Absent)

Others on the call

*(May not be complete.)*

Wanda Bowen, UofL Trauma Registrar  
Dr. Brown, Pikeville Medical Center  
Trish Cooper, UK  
Donnell Gordon, RN, Owensboro  
Ben Hughes, RN, UofL Hospital  
Paula Ledford, RN, Ephraim McDowell Ft. Logan  
Renee McClure, Rockcastle Hospital  
Kathy (Watson) Peck, Twin Lakes Regional Hospital  
Morgan Scaggs, EMT-P, EMS-C Program, KBEMS  
Svetla Slavova, PhD, UK KIPRC  
Jason Stiles, RN, Owensboro  
Scott Suttles, RN, Pikeville  
Carol Wright, RN, UK Chandler Medical Center & KY Children's Hospital  
Methodist Hospital Union County (person did not ID herself)

Dr. Harbrecht called the meeting to order.

### **Committee Reports**

Protocol Committee - Dr. Bernard, Chair - Dr. Harbrecht reported in Dr. Bernard's absence who is tied-up clinically today. He had nothing new to report since the last call.

PI Committee - Dr. Draus, Co-Chair with Carol Wright - Dr. Draus emailed some materials to Dr. Harbrecht with respect to the progress of his committee. They were looking at potential data driven things that they might be able to look at which would be fairly simple to accomplish, and yet useful to the trauma centers. As an example, they were talking about things like ED length of stay. He was still getting familiar with the trauma registry and the data elements that may be available, before getting more sophisticated.

Education - Scott Suttles, Chair - Dr. Harbrecht reported for Scott Suttles that Theresa Baker (UofL Trauma Institute) did two Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) courses funded by the Hospital Preparedness Program at fiscal year's end. She also did an Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Refresher course. They are considering another ATLS refresher course in the Spring of 2015 in coordination with UK. Carol Wright (UK) reported that she has done a double resident ATLS course in June, and another two-day course in July. They did a refresher course in August. They will be doing a two-day provider course December 3-4. Scott Suttles reported that they are doing an ATLS Provider Course October 17-18 in Pikeville. He had to switch computers, and has lost a lot of emails, so he is soliciting volunteers to join the committee. He would like a broad representation from across the state. He would like to consider developing a regional approach. He requests interested persons send him an email. Carol Wright has indicated that the RTTDC course for Rockcastle has not happened to date. Carol will follow-up. They did an RTTDC course for four ARH hospitals in June in Hazard. They are interested in another course, but that date is not set.

Finance Committee - Linda Gayheart, Chair - She indicated that she has no leads at this time. Dr. Costich reported that they have had some additional funding from the Highway Safety Program through the Kentucky Cabinet for Transportation. KIPRC has also received a major award from the Centers for Disease Control to work with CASPER related to drug abuse and injury prevention. There was a joint announcement on this recently that was previously shared with the trauma listserv.

Dr. Harbrecht talked about previous discussions on finding a legislative champion. Dr. Bernard had done some follow-up on this, but he was not sure what progress he had made. There was also discussion about approaching some of the key legislators, but we may need to wait until the election is over so we know who will be staying and coming in, and perhaps what roles they will play. Dr. Harbrecht would like to target some legislators in regions with a higher mortality rate to see about getting initiatives off the ground. Mr. Bartlett also noted that there was some leftover from the tobacco settlement that was being turned back over to the General Assembly for decision-making, and KHA had considering approaching them on support for poison control and trauma. Nothing will happen until the Session starts in January. Linda Gayheart said that she would talk with some legislators to see what they believe would be a good timetable.

Data/Registrars Committee - Trish Cooper, Chair - They have a meeting planned the day before the Trauma Symposium in October. They will focus a lot data quality. She is also going to be working with the new PI Committee.

Verification Committee - Ben Hughes, Chair - Dr. Harbrecht said that there are a number of facilities coming due for re-verification. Carol Wright said that UK is due in December. Their visit will be December 2nd and 3rd. Dr. Harbrecht noted that UofL Hospital is scheduled to host their ACS COT re-verification visit in May, 2015. Dr. Fallat said that Kosair Children's is having their visit in October of 2014.

Sandy Tackett said that Pikeville is looking for a verification visit from the ACS COT in February. The Consultation visit went well, and all the things that came up were very simple things to fix. Dr. Brown (Pikeville) was positive. They realized that there are some challenges with the pre-hospital providers since it is a mix of public and private providers with county-to-county variances.

Jason Stiles said they are still moving forward towards verification. They had a change in CEO, but the new person is very supportive of trauma. They are looking for a visit in early Spring. The ACS is currently booked-up until the end of March.

Mr. Bartlett noted that there are a number of Level-IV facilities that have been working on this for awhile, but we need to get some feedback on when some of them will be ready. Methodist Hospital in Union County said that they should be close in March to June, 2015. They thought they might be ready by December, but that hasn't worked out. The POC is either Belinda Bernette or Rachel Jones.

Paula Ledford at Ft. Logan noted that several of the Level-IV facilities will be coming due during the summer of 2015.

Dr. Harbrecht reminded everyone that there is a new Resources document that is available on-line (not on paper yet). He said that his resources coordinator is going through it to see what the differences are with the old (green) book. Some of the changes will start in 2015.

2014 KY Trauma Symposium - Carol Wright, Chair - There are six speakers who still need to provide some credential information to get the in-service credits set-up. That is the hold-up on for the on-line registration. The websites for the hotel and on-line registration has been pushed to Mr. Bartlett, and will be sent out. The program will be in the Sales Pavilion, and the costs are the same as last year. The Registrar cost will be the same as the STUDENT rate to keep expenses down for those attendees.

The next meeting of the KY Trauma Advisory Committee will be on MONDAY, October 20th, in the Sales Pavilion at Keeneland, starting at 3:00 PM (ET). There will NOT be a video teleconference feed since this will be a live face-to-face meeting.

By-Laws Committee - Allyson Taylor, Chair - No report

The next meeting of the small group KyTAC Steering Committee will be on the same day as the KY Chapter of the American College of Surgeons meeting. They may necessitate a change in the schedule, or need to change the way the meeting is to be done. The Steering Committee call (3 PM on Tuesday, September 16) is primarily for the Sub-Committee Chairs, but anyone is welcomed to listen in.

Dr. Harbrecht talked about the meeting, and encouraged the physician participants on the call to consider joining the KY Chapter. He said that it should be a good educational opportunity.

Mr. Bartlett also noted that the Emergency Nurses Association Annual Conference will be in October in Indianapolis. This is where Frankfort Regional Medical Center will receive an award for its Quality, Safety and Safety Injury Prevention. Some material was distributed on this along with the agenda.

The Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) will be in mid-November in Chicago. UofL and UK participate. Hospitals interested in learning more about that is on the ACS site, or Dr. Harbrecht will be glad to talk with anyone interested.

Dr. Fallat noted that KBEMS is reviewing the use of the CDC Trauma Triage document to see if it is appropriate for the triage of children. Dr. Fallat said that there are several places in the document where it references children or age. She said that the document is evidence-based, and was vetted by pediatricians. She is not sure how it could be further improved. Her feeling is that if children are injured, and they fit the guidelines, they should go to a trauma center. It doesn't necessarily have to be a

pediatric trauma center. All trauma centers have pediatric protocols, guidelines and transfer agreements, and are aligned with a trauma center for transfer if needed. If a child happens to be in proximity to a Level I trauma center, "that's perfect". If they aren't, "that's the beauty a trauma system." She believes that the CDC triage document is adequate if it is used properly. There is an evidence-based article that goes with it. Mr. Poynter commented that it came up at the Board meeting recently, and he believes that has been answered. He will work to get this information out. Dr. Fallat felt that further defining the triage process will probably not be helpful to EMS. They just use the triage document the way it was designed.

There were no other agenda items, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard N. Bartlett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'R'.

Richard N. Bartlett  
Secretary, KY Trauma Advisory Committee  
Emergency Preparedness/Trauma Coordinator  
KY Hospital Association/KHREF