Northwest Kansas Regional Trauma Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Hays Medical Center
Hadley Conference Room #1
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
January 25, 2006

Minutes

Present:
Charles Schultz, MD, Kim Nutting, Deb Kaufman, Cheryl Goetz, Rosanne Rutkowski, Kendra Tinsley

Call to Order and Welcome
Dr. Charles Schultz
Chairperson, NWKRTC

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson.

Approval of the minutes from the 26 October 2005 executive committee meeting
MOTION: Kim Nutting moved approval of the minutes as published with Deb Kaufman seconding the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Good Samaritan Hospital Presentation (Kearney, Nebraska)
Carla Hosick
The presentation by Carla Hosick was postponed due to family illness. Carla plans to attend the May 2nd general meeting. Good Samaritan Hospital is a verified level II trauma center. Rosanne explained Carla would like to be involved in the council. She also expressed concern regarding a patient received from this region that might not have been transferred in a timely fashion.

Trauma Program Update
Rosanne Rutkowski
KDHE

Rosanne Rutkowski provided the update. She shared information from the American College of Emergency Physicians report that graded Kansas a C minus for its emergency care system. The report may be located on the American Academy of Emergency Physicians website. KDHE will propose legislation this session to include authority for hospital designation and peer review protection. The proposed statutes were provided to the committee. KHA assisted in drafting the statutes. Representative Bethell introduced the issue on January 12. Rosanne encouraged members to speak with respective organizations about proposed statutes. She will provide information on bill numbers and hearing dates. The Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) funding for the federal trauma program was cut from the President’s budget. The impact of the cut for Kansas will include support at the national level for a national trauma data set and documents such as the model trauma plan. In addition, $40,000 Kansas received for trauma systems development will be eliminated. Ultimately funding for the three year Kansas Trauma Program marketing and public relations campaign will be funded until August 2006. In addition, the kansastrauma.org website will be completed with the final year of funding.

There is a perception the bioterrorism program should include funding for trauma. The President maintained the Emergency Medical Services for Children program and the Traumatic Brain Injury program. The web-based trauma registry pilot is underway and includes Coffeyville, Newton, and Olathe. The pilot is for one month ending in February. KDHE will update the Digital Innovations contract. Digital Innovations has provided the low bid on a web-based system. Robert Waller is the new director of the Board of EMS following David Lake. The Board of EMS has been included in the Governor’s budget for an electronic prehospital data collection system. KDOT is leading an initiative to consolidate traffic records into a data warehouse. The KFMC contract is routing. The current contract expires January 31, 2006. The budget includes $6,000 for each RTC.

KDHE has a community health intern from KU this semester. Rosanne will be working with the intern and her primary project will include using the registry to determine major causes of injury and resources available to address those. The project is consistent with the regional trauma plan recommendations from the ACT. The EMSC database for posting injury prevention, EMS education
and trauma education will be completed by April 15. The database will be housed on a KDHE website.

**Trauma Registry Update**

Rosanne Rutkowski  
KDHE

Rosanne provided the trauma registry update. The reporting and non-reporting facilities spreadsheet was provided. Seventy-eight percent (14 of 18) of facilities reported in the third quarter 2005, which was the end of September. Rosanne reviewed the process for contacting non-reporting facilities. KDHE first calls non-reporting facilities and lets them know assistance is available. When the facility becomes overdue a letter is mailed including information about Kansas law. The regional chairpersons will be copied on this letter in the future. The RTCs usually mail a letter offering assistance and education about the importance of data reporting. Rosanne reviewed the results of calls placed to non-reporting facilities. Rosanne has considered mailing a document regarding the reporting status of facilities to KHA. A basic training course will be conducted in Hays this spring. Eric Cook-Weins has been developing benchmark reports for hospitals. The reports should be approved at the February ACT meeting. Hospitals will begin receiving the reports following ACT approval. Data is needed for facilities to receive reports, as the sample needs to be large enough to generate valid and reliable information.

**Reports from sub-committees**

- **Staff Education/Prevention**  
  KRHOP TNCC Course-Goodland-Rescheduled to February 8 & 9.  
  Chairperson: Cheryl Goetz

The Sheridan County Rural Trauma Team Development Course has been scheduled four times due to the teaching facility. A future date has not been set, but should be in the near future.

Cheryl Goetz reported that Gove County is planning First on the Scene course with Steve Everett.

- **EMS Education**  
  Chairperson: Darren Haynes

A report was not available.

- **Bylaws**  
  Chairperson: Roger Knak

- Routine Bylaws Review

The bylaws were provided. There was no discussion.

**Old Business**

- Develop 2006 budget

The 2006 budget was developed with funding for AgraSafe Professional and First On The Scene, ATLS at Hays, TNCC, EMT class, Glasgow Coma Scale education, general and executive meeting expenses, registry sharing and Trauma Nurse Talks Tough prevention.

**New Business**

- General Meeting Planning (May 2, 2006)

The committee planned the general meeting. The committee requested that Dr. Rodenberg speak at the meeting regarding hospital designation and related legislation. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will be held at Hays Regional Medical Center. Kendra will check on the status of elections.

**Regional Trauma Plan**

No report.

**Announcements**

No announcements.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.