



Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

Held at:

**Louisiana Emergency Response Network
14141 Airline Hwy., Bldg. 1, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70817**

Welcome/Introductions

The February 16, 2023 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Deidra Garrett, MD, Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Board Attorney, Celia Cangelosi, with the following results:

Members Present:

Deidra J. Garrett, MD, Chair
William Freeman, MD
Scott Guidry
John D. Jones, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
Joseph Kanter, MD
David Marcus, NRP
Monica S. Nijoka, MHA, BSN, RN
Michele Sutton, FACHE
Duke Walker, FACHE, MBA
Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA
Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 12 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Granville S. Morse, II, MD, arrived at 1:11 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:23 p.m.

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Jeffrey E. Carter, M.D.
Schaun Chevis, MSW
Venkata S. Gadi, MD
Paul Gladden, MD
Dan Carl Godbee, MD
Honorable Jonathan Goudeau, State Representative
Eva Lamendola, OD
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Buddy Mincey, Jr., State Representative
Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Honorable Mack A. “Bodi” White, State Senator
Robert K. White, MD

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, RN, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Reed Douglas, RN, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, LERN State Education Coordinator
Justin Schleis, LERN Data Manager

Contractors Present:

Michael J. Sutherland, MD, Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Celia Cangelosi, Legal Counsel
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Kanter seconded by Dr. Freeman to accept the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022

A motion was made by Dr. Guidry and seconded by Dr. Freeman to approve the minutes

of the November 17, 2022 Board meeting as written. See Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Reminder of Financial Disclosures

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reminded Board members of the mandatory financial disclosures that must be made to the Board of Ethics in by May 15, 2023.

Ratification of Commission Members and Resignations

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to accept the following resignations from and to approve the following appointments to the following regional commissions:

Resignations

- Peter Deblieux – from Region 1 Commission;
- Dawn McKeown, MSN, RN – from Region 7 Commission;
- David Marcus, NRP – from Region 9 Commission; and
- Ken Salzer, RN, AAS, NRP – from Region 9 Commission.

Appointments

- Monique St. Romain - to Region 1 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center representative);
- Rhea L. Tannehill – to Region 6 Commission (nominee of Local Ambulance Alliance);
- Dawn McKeown, MSN, RN- to Region 7 Commission (nominee of Trauma Centers Emergency or Critical Care);
- Gerald Pellerin, NRP – to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Emergency Medical Response); and

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Executive Director Report Operations Update

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on LERN's three year plan through CY 2022, attached here as Attachment B. Ms. Hargrove acknowledged that LERN has met almost 90% of the goals set forth therein. No formal action was taken by the Board.

LERN Move Update

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised that the LERN office is scheduled to move to the new location in May of 2023. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Peds Ready Facility Recognition

William Freeman, M.D., presented “Pediatric Ready Emergency Department Program” to the Board. This program is facilitated by EMS for Children (EMS-C) with the goal of ensuring that every Emergency Department has the equipment, supplies, medications, and training to provide high quality emergency care for children. The Advisory Board has worked with hospitals statewide to develop two levels – Peds Ready and Advanced Peds Ready. See Attachment C. Dr. Freeman asked for Board support and endorsement the ED Facility Recognition Program. A motion was made by Ms. Sutton and seconded by Mr. Walker to endorse the “EMS-C Pediatric Ready Emergency Department Program” and requirements in the “Facility Guide”. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Trauma Update

2023 Strategic Goals

Paige Hargrove reminded the group, that the board is in the second year of a three-year strategic plan. Each year, the medical directors present new goals to advance the strategic priorities.

Michael Sutherland, MD, LERN Trauma Medical Director, presented the LERN 2023 Strategic Goals related to the Trauma system in Louisiana. See Attachment D, p. 1. A motion was made by Scott Guidry and seconded by Dr. John Jones to approve the Strategic Goals for Trauma in Louisiana for calendar year 2023.

Our Lady of Lourdes (ABA)

Dr. Sutherland informed the Board, Our Lady of Lourdes received burn center verification from the American Burn Association (ABA). This is the second ABA verified burn center in Louisiana. The other is University Medical Center New Orleans.

Stroke Update

2023 Strategic Goals

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, presented the 2023 Strategic Goals related to Stroke in Louisiana. See Attachment D, p. 1 attached. A motion was made by Ms. Wyble and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to approve the Strategic Goals for Stroke in Louisiana. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

STEMI Update

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented 2023 STEMI goals related activities in Louisiana. See Attachment D, p. 2. A motion was made by Dr. Kanter and seconded by Mr. Morse to accept the 2023 Strategic Goals regarding STEMI. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

In addition, discussion ensued regarding CPR and the desire to have a person certified in CPR present at all LHSAA sporting events. The Board requested that the LERN attorney to research current CPR legislation and to report back at the May board meeting.

BURN System

Executive Director Hargrove presented the 2023 Burn System Goals. See Attachment D, p. 2. A motion was made by Ms. Sutton and seconded by Dr. Hunt to accept the LERN 2023 Strategic Goals regarding the Burn System. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ms. Hargrove presented goals related to strategic priorities Nos. 3 and 4. A motion was made by Dr. Jacome and seconded by Dr. Freeman to accept Strategic Priority Nos. 3 and 4. See Attachment D. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

2022 LCC Data Report

Chris Hector, LERN Administrative Director, presented the “LERN Communication Center 2022 Patient Data” report. See Attachment E. No formal action was taken by the board.

Budget

Dr. Freeman, Treasurer, provided the Board with an overview of the fiscal year 2022 budget as of January 25, 2023. See Attachment F. No formal action was taken by the board.

Ms. Hargrove thanked the Communications Center for their continuing diligence and hard work.

The executive director thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting. She then recognized Mr. Scott Guidry for his service to the board, both as a member of the Executive Committee and an active member of the board. Mr. Guidry resigned from the Board effective 2/17/2023.

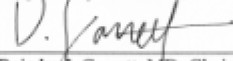
Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Guidry and seconded by Dr. Jones to adjourn. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deidra J. Garrett, MD, Chair
Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board