

# Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board  
Thursday, May 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Held at:**

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

**With Board participating via teleconference due to the  
declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.**

## *Welcome/Introductions*

The May 20, 2020 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Karen Wyble, Board 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:**

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair  
Schaun Chevis, MSW  
Janet D. Clark  
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD  
David Daly, Jr., MD  
William Freeman, MD  
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD  
Chris Gilbeaux  
Paul Gladden, MD  
Jimmy Guidry, MD  
Tomas Jacome, MD  
John D. Jones, MD  
Dawn McKeown, RN  
Charles Nassauer, OD  
Gregory K. Stock  
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 17 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

John Hunt, MD, joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Tracy B. Wold, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**Members Absent:**

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator  
Representative Jonathan Goudeau  
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD  
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.  
Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP  
Senator Mack A. “Bodi” White

**Staff Present:**

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director  
Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Hector, Administrative Director  
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager  
Ted Colligan, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator  
Yvette Legendre, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator  
Deborah Spann, LERN Tri-Regional Coordinator

**Contractors Present:**

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

***Approval of Agenda***

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to accept the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020***

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Ms. McKeown to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board meeting as written, Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***Ratification of Commission Members***

A motion was made by Dr. Nassauer and seconded by Dr. Garrett to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

**Resignations**

- Jon Brazzel, NRP – from Region 2 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response); and
- Scott Kyle, NRP - from Region 5 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association > 100 Beds).

**Appointments**

- Clint Braud, NRP – nomination to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response);
- Thomas Jeider, MD - nomination to Region 2 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Gary J. Walker, MD – nomination to the Region 2 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association);
- Damon Patterson, MD – nomination to the Region 4 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association);
- Ross Hardy, MD - nomination to the Region 5 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association); and
- Troy Meaux, NRP – nomination to the Region 5 Commission (nomination of Rural Ambulance Representative).

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

***Executive Director Report***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on matters since the last Board meeting. Drs. White and Martin-Schild expressed concern about the decreased number of patients presenting with stroke and STEMI. Because of this concern, a short survey was sent to each region of the state. STEMI had 16 responses and stroke had 19 responses, which confirmed that patients were waiting to seek medical care. The Board was given the attached COVID-19 STEMI Survey Report (Attachment B). No formal action was taken by the Board.

***State Health Officer Update***

Dr. Jimmy Guidry updated the Board regarding the state response to COVID 19 - testing, contact tracing and opening by phases. He also updated on issues of people choosing to delay health care. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Trauma System Update***

***ACS 1 year Extension***

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, updated the board on the effect of COVID-19 in delaying ACS visits, surveys and approval in Louisiana. No verifications are currently being done. All ACS certifications have been extended for one year for this reason. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Peds Trauma/Ochsner LSU Shreveport***

The Board was advised that Ochsner Shreveport has had some capacity issues and has moved their pediatric unit to another facility owned by LSU Health where they are working to maintain a pediatric trauma program. This is working well. Their Level 2 ACS verification survey was scheduled for July 2020 and is not delayed to July 2021.

The Board was advised that Children's Hospital in New Orleans will have four trauma surgeons this summer or later this year.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Stroke System Update***

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, updated the Board on the Stroke System. For Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals, one 1 out of 55 hospitals was tardy with submitting data. The Stroke Subcommittee met Tuesday, May 19, 2020, regarding two hospitals being out of compliance.

A motion was made for Hospital 1 (as per the recommendation of the Stroke Subcommittee) by Dr. Zweifler and seconded by Mr. Wold to allow Hospital 1 to resubmit data and to review two webinars and to allow Hospital 1 to continue in the remediation process. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made for Hospital 2 (as per the recommendation of the Stroke Subcommittee) by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Wold, that Hospital 2 must submit mock codes monthly and that Hospital 2 will be automatically demoted should they fail to do so. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***STEMI System Update***

***STEMI Data Pilot***

Dr. Christopher White, LERN STEMI Medical Director, updated the Board on the pilot to collect data from STEMI Receiving Hospitals. Six of the ten hospitals have submitted data. Treatment for STEMI has been affected by COVID, as numbers treated have gone down. Dr. White recommended extending the pilot through July and inviting additional participants.

A motion was made by Dr. Daly and seconded by Dr. Garrett to extend the pilot program to collect data from STEMI Receiving Hospitals through July 31 in order to receive more data and have more participation. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***LERN Regional Update***  
***Regions 1, 3 and 9***

Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator, reported on Regions 1, 3 and 9. Attachment C attached hereto.

No formal action was taken by the board.

***Legislative Update***  
***Standing Agenda Item***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on SB 442, which would require Stop The Bleed program and materials in all public schools. Due to the large fiscal note, this was changed to SCR 62, which passed. SCR 62 requests “the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program.” This would be a first step. Next year, Senator Milligan stated he would continue his initiative to get kits in schools. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Budget***  
***2020 Budget Status***

Paige Hargrove presented the FY20 Fiscal Overview as of May 19, 2020, attached as Attachment D. No formal action was taken by the Board.

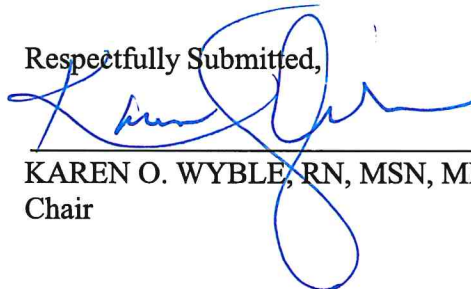
***Public Comment***

There were no public comments.

***Adjournment***

A motion was made Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



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KAREN O. WYBLE, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA,  
Chair