



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network
14141 Airline Hwy., Suite One, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA

1. *Welcome/Introductions*

The May 19, 2016 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on May 19, 2016 at approximately 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Will Freeman, Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Two new Board members were present and introduced: Ms. Jeanette Ray and State Representative Tom Wilmott.

2. *Roll Call*

Roll Call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, attorney. The following members were present:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Patrick Breaux, MD
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Danita LeBlanc
John Owings, MD
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
Thomas Wilmott, Louisiana State Representative
Tracy Wold
Chris Wroten, OD

There were 12 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

Craig C. Greene, MD, arrived at 1:15 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:16 p.m.

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Rep. Thomas Wilmott left at 1:46 p.m.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator

Joel Eldridge, DO

Kenneth J. Gaines, MD

Katherine Hebert

Frank Hoffman, Louisiana State Representative

Tomas Jacome, MD

Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP

Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator

Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN

Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director

Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant

Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Contractors Present:

Sheryl Martin-Schild, LERN Medical Director - Stroke

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney

Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2016*

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

of the February 18, 2016 Board meeting as written. See Attachment 4. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. LERN Business

a. Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members

A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Garret to approve the following resignations and the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Resignation of Jeremy Dedeaux, RN, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Service District Hospital);
- Resignation of Shane Bellard, EMT-P, from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Emergency Medical Response);
- Resignation of Max Morandi, MD, from Region 7 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative);
- Resignation of Tommy Thiebaud from Region 9 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP).
- Appointment of Brent Giuffre, MD, to Region 2 Commission (nominee of Service District Hospital);
- Appointment of Damien Bellard, EMT-P, to Region 4 Commission (nominee of Emergency Medical Response);
- Appointment of Geoff Landry to Region 5 Commission (nominee of Service District Hospital);
- Appointment of Sandra Putmann, RN, to Region 7 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative);
- Appointment of Mark Dominquez, MD, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of American College of Surgeons);
- Appointment of Dawson Primes, LEM, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Appointment of Derek Rousseau, BSN, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Emergency Nurses Association); and
- Appointment of Fran St. Pierre, RN, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Rural Hospital Coalition).

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

b. Executive Director

• Annual Report

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, provided the Board with a copy of the LERN Annual Report. See Attachment 5b-1. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Paige Hargrove presented the attached Executive Director Update, Attachment 5b-2, reflecting the work of the Executive Director since the last Board meeting. No formal action

was taken by the Board.

- **Legislative Update/SB 475**

Paige Hargrove discussed the current status of Senate Bill 475 of the 2016 Regular Session, attached hereto as Attachment 5b-3. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- **Follow-up to SCR 42 workgroup**

Paige Hargrove reported that the deliverables required by the SCR 42 workgroup are complete and the report had been made to the legislature, but LERN is still working with community partners to achieve a trauma center in Region 8. The Mayor of West Monroe and the Living Well Foundation developed an ad hoc committee in which LERN is a member. The Foundation is working with the Hospital Service District to potentially dedicate funding to help establish a level III trauma center in the community. The Executive Director will update the Board as progress is made. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Contract Renewal***

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Greene to renew the LERN Medical Director contract with Dr. Coscia for one year, at the same hourly rate and reduce hours of work to 900 hours. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- c. Stroke Update*

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, reported on work since the last Board meeting, including the development of a Stroke Series Webinar posted on LERN website. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- d. STEMI Update*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the STEMI Update prepared by Dr. Ali, LERN STEMI Medical Director, attached as Attachment 5d. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- e. Communication Center Data*

- *Paper accepted to be presented at AAST for an oral presentation*

Dr. John Hunt advised the Board that the paper attached hereto as Attachment 5e, "Compliance with Triage Directions from an Organized State Trauma System Improves Trauma Patient Outcomes" had been accepted for oral presentation at AAST. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Dr. Breaux made a motion to set up an ad hoc committee to include Dr. John Hunt, Dr. John Owings and Tracy Wold, to study and present a report on patient access to appropriate trauma care in Louisiana. Dr. Owings offered an amendment to the motion to have the ad hoc committee review the available transportation resources in North Louisiana in order to adequately access trauma center services when appropriate. Dr. Breaux accepted the amendment.

Dr. Guidry seconded the motion as amended. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

f. Trauma System Update

In Dr. Coscia's absence, Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, presented the trauma update:

- a. North Oaks: pending Level II verification;
- b. Lakeview: scheduled for Level III consultation the week of May 23rd;
- c. OLOL: Scheduled for Level II re-verification the week of May 23rd;
- d. Lafayette General: expected to have Level II consultative review Summer 2016 (not confirmed);
- e. Lake Charles Memorial: encouraging relationship-building to facilitate engagement;
- f. LSU Shreveport: due for Level I re-verification in 2017; and
- g. Rapides: due for Level II re-verification in 2017.

Paige Hargrove provided an overview of the Trauma Program process that was first established by LERN in August of 2014. See Attachment 5f, presented by Ms. Hargrove which includes the Power Point Presentation; and the Trauma Program changes recommended by the LERN Committee, including the following: Policy and Procedure No. 019, re Recognition of Trauma Program Policy; Adult Level II - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation; Adult Level III - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation; and ACS NBATS Tool - Preliminary Draft 1 - September 4, 2015.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux approve "Policy & Procedure No. 019" and for "Recognition of Trauma Policy Program". The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux to approve the "Adult Level II - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation". The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux to approve the "Adult Level III - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation". The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Billy Connerly and seconded by Dr. Hunt to adopt the "Louisiana Emergency Response Network, Application For Recognition of Trauma Program" form. The

motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Owings to adopt the "ACS NBATS Tool" or the current version thereof for use by LERN. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Owings to promulgate the Policy and Procedure No. 019, re Recognition of Trauma Program Policy; Adult Level II - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation; Adult Level III - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation; and ACS NBATS Tool - Preliminary Draft 1 - September 4, 2015, as rules and regulations. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g. Emergency Preparedness

Dr. Guidry updated the board on the changes within the Bureau of EMS. One significant change is their responsibility for emergency preparedness which will now reside with Dr. Guidry. Dr. Guidry requested LERN take responsibility for the EMS Tactical Operations Center. LERN will now manage incoming air and ground ambulance assets during disaster response. No formal action taken by the board.

h. Budget/Finance

Tracy Wold presented the Budget/Finance report, attached as Attachment 5h. No formal action was taken by the Board.

6. Public Comments


There were no public comments.

Dr. Breaux advised that his term as a Board member would soon end, and that he felt it an honor and a privilege to have served on the LERN Board. He was thanked for his service.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Freeman, MD, Chair