

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, November 16, 2017 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 November 16, 2017 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on November 16, 2017 at approximately 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Will Freeman, LERN Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

2. Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, board attorney, with the following members present:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Danita LeBlanc
Dawn McKeown, RN
John Owings, MD
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
John P. Reilly, MD
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy Wold
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA
Karen O. Wyble, RN, BSN, MBA

There were 15 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Craig C. Greene, MD, arrived at 1:20 p.m. and left at 2:00 p.m.

William Lunn, MD, arrived at 1:25 p.m.

Members Absent:

Cynthia Baker, OD
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
Tomas Jacome, MD
Dustin Miller, State Representative
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant
M. Sutherland, M.D, Medical Director
Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Reilly to add an item to the agenda regarding the LERN contract with Dr. Martin Schild. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Wold to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2017*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Mr. Wold to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017 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 Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to accept the following resignations and to approve the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Resignation of Tammy Armand to Region 2 Commission (nomination of National Emergency Number Association);
- Nomination of L. D. Leach, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Law Enforcement);
- Nomination of Brian Spillman from Region 2 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Resignation of Anthony Summers, NREMT-B from Region 2 Commission (nomination of GOHSEP);
- Nomination of Anthony Summers, NREMT-B, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of National Emergency Number Association);
- Resignation of Donna Tesi, MD, from Region 3 Commission (nomination of Louisiana State Medical Society);
- Resignation of Liz Harmon, from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Health & Human Services Designated Regional Coordinator);
- Nomination of William Ritchie to Region 4 Commission (nomination of Law Enforcement);
- Nomination of Donald Simon, Jr., BS, NREMT-P to Region 4 Commission (nominee of Health & Human Services Designated Regional Coordinator);
- Nomination of Nicholas Sosso, NREMT-P, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of EMS Representative);
- Nomination of Niksad Abraham, MD, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of American College of Cardiology);
- Resignation of Mark Dominguez, MD, from Region 9 Commission (nomination of American College of Surgeons); and
- Nomination of Marco Hidalgo, MD, to Region 9 Commission (nomination of American College of Surgeons).

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

Quarterly Stroke Data which reveal that overall the state is seeing improvement in the efficiency of these hospitals. Dr. Martin-Schild proposes asking for actions plans from certain hospitals regarding how to remedy lack of efficiency, giving two quarters to demonstrate improvement in areas they are deficient. A discussion was held during which Dr. Lunn suggested changes to the letter to reflect the needs to be improvement towards benchmarks to Maintain Attestation Level.

A motion was made by Dr. Reilly and seconded by Dr. Owings to, at a minimum, require Stroke Level 3 hospitals to submit data to LERN regarding the attestations made by the hospital CEO's. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Lunn and seconded by Mr. Varnado to revise the letter attached as Attachment 5d2 to make more assertive, deferring to Dr. Martin-Schild, on the final letter to be sent. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

f. Trauma System Update
• *State Trauma Plan*

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, made a presentation to the Board regarding the State Trauma Plan. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. McKeown to approve the State Trauma Plan. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- *Trauma Quality Improvement Program*
- *R2 Pilot w/EBR-EMS*

Dr. Sutherland presented an overview of the Trauma Quality Improvement Program, suggesting the following:

(1) Link hospital data housed by LERN with EMS database for EMS run reports. This would require the initiation of unique patient identifiers to link the 2 sets of data. Dr. Sutherland also suggested a pilot program with BREMS and OLOL by the use of orange wrists bands.

(2) Aggregate Trauma Quality Improvement Program data to show how we are doing as a state.

(3) Create database to categorize the instances of call center review at the request of outside agencies.

No formal action was taken by the board.

- *State Trauma Registry Report*

Chris Hector presented the State Trauma Registry Report, attached as Attachment 5f. No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. State Fire Marshal
• *Discussion - Building on Public Safety Campus*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, discussed the proposal for LERN having space in a new building to be built for the for state Fire Marshal, which will be a legislative proposal in 2018. The proposal will include LERN and Bureau of EMS in the building and would take three years to build. Butch Browning, State Fire Marshal, was unable to attend the meeting due to a fire the night before. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to explore options with the state fire marshal for the building to be capable of serving disaster conditions with the State Fire Marshal. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g. Budget

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented FY18 Fiscal Overview as of 11/03/17, attached as Attachment 5g. No formal action was taken by the board.

6. Public Comments

Dr. Hunt introduced Jeff Carter, the Medical Director for the new burn center at UMC.

A motion was made by Dr. Cvitanovich and seconded by Dr. Hunt to investigate the availability of space at GOHSEP. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

There were no other public comments.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Conerly and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Freeman, MD, Chair