



Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, August 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 August 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

Board members participated in the Board meeting via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

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
Paul Gladden, MD
Representative Jonathan Goudeau
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Chris Guilbeaux
John Hunt, MD

Tomas Jacome, MD
John D. Jones, MD
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Charles Nassauer, OD
Monic S. Nijoka, RN
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Robert K. White, MD
Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 20 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Gregory K. Stock
Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White
Tracy B. Wold, Treasurer
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Staff Present:

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Board meeting as written, Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Introduction of New Board Members

New Board members, Dr. Keith White, MD, FACS, and Monica Nijoka, MHA, BSN, RN, were introduced to the Board. Thanked Dawn McKeown and Dr. Lester Wayne Johnson for their service.

Ratification of Commission Members

A motion was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Dr. Hunt to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

Resignations

- Vinod Nair, MD – from Region 3 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Chapter of American College of Cardiology);
- Brandon Jay Caskey, FPC - from Region 6 Commission (nomination of Air Medical);
- Nicholas Sosso, NRP, FPC, from Region 8 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Services); and
- Patrick Taylor, MD, from Region 8 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians).

Appointments

- Curtis Elkins, BSN, RN - nomination to Region 7 Commission (nomination of American Heart Association); and
- Christopher Reine, NRP, nomination to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Services).

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

Research Review Committee/Stroke Sub-Committee

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced an opening on the Stroke Subcommittee to replace Dawn McKeown. Board members interested in serving on the committee were asked to contact Ms. Hargrove. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Paige Hargrove announced that Dawn McKeown, no longer a Board member and no longer could serve on the Research Review Committee; however that committee does not require additional members. Anyone interested in serving on that committee was asked to contact Ms. Hargrove. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Executive Director Report Call Center Volume

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on Strategic Priorities. See attached as Attachment B. An increase in trauma transfers through the Call Center was noted, as was the fact that the pre-hospital Call Center volume is rebounding after previous decreases due to COVID conditions. The fear of COVID had caused the public to stay home and not present to Emergency Departments for care. The importance of seeking care is still being addressed. No formal action was taken by the board.

Ms. Hargrove noted that since March 2019, 90% of patients routed by LERN call center are recommended to one of four burn facilities in the state. No formal action was taken by the Board.

State Health Officer Update

Board member Dr. Jimmy Guidry updated the Board regarding the Department of Health's COVID response to the pandemic. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Trauma System Update

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, updated the board about the State Trauma System. See attached as Attachment C, p 15. He advised that the presence of Off Site Emergency Departments/micro hospitals around the state is causing some confusion in patient care/routing, especially in urban areas. This is being monitored, but no recommendations at the present time. He informed the Board that he is working with the Coroner's offices to facilitate sharing of autopsy reports with the trauma centers. Thanked Dr. Cvitanovich for his assistance. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***STEMI System
Pilot Update***

Dr. Christopher White, STEMI Medical Director, reported progress of the STEMI Pilot program, which began in March, and continued through June. See report attached in Attachment C, pp. 16-19. Dr. White made the following five recommendations as a result:

1. Make data submission mandatory for all STEMI Receiving Centers;
2. Leave implementation date open for now until COVID situation stabilizes;
3. In the interim, solicit additional program participants;
4. STEMI Referral Center Algorithm (Attachment C, p. 21) to help educate referral centers; and
5. Distribute the Thrombolytic Guideline to all STEMI Referral Centers.

A motion was made by Dr. Daly and seconded by Dr. Keith White to accept the recommendations presented. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Stroke System

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, updated the Board on the Stroke System.

Dr. Martin-Schild presented the following recommendations of the Stroke Sub Committee:

1. For the hospital ABN reviewed for Quarter 1 for failure to meet door to needle process: The recommendation was for the onsite visit to the hospital. If an on-site visit is not scheduled before September 15, 2020, then automatic demotion to a Stroke Bypass Hospital. (The visit was held on August 17, 2020)
2. For a different hospital ABG, reviewed for door to needle, they have improved since an October 2019 on-site visit, but have not sustained the improvement. Quarter 1 of 2020 - median-time is 117 minutes. Quarter 2 mid time is 77 minutes. Recommend: Require all Emergency Department Clinical Staff to review webinar. Sign an attestation that all clinical staff have viewed this webinar; and Return the signed attestation to LERN by October 1, 2020.
3. Last hospital AAX reviewed for failure to meet door to CT Performed and Door to Lab Results. Recommend: Require an on-site meeting between the ED leadership and Dr. Martin-Schild to discuss solutions to meeting these process measures. If an on-site visit is not scheduled before September 30, 2020, then automatic demotion to a Stroke Bypass Hospital. (Site visit scheduled for September 25)

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Gladden to accept the above recommendations of the stroke subcommittee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Martin-Schild presented Aggregate Summary of Q1/Q2 2020 presented by ASRH. See attached as Attachment C, pp. 29-30. COVID Analysis was also presented. See Attachment C, p. 31. No formal action was taken by the Board.

New Board member Monic Nijoka volunteered to serve on the Stroke Subcommittee.

Legislative Update
Standing Agenda Item

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on a possible special session in October. She discussed SCR 62 of the Regular Session of the 2020, which requires “the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program.” Attachment D. Ms. Hargrove advised that she contacted the State Board of Education to advise that LERN teaches this in schools now and would be willing to assist the State Board of Education in fulfilling the requirements of SCR 62. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Budget

Paige Hargrove presented the FY20 Fiscal Overview as of July 31, 2020, attached as Attachment C, p. 32. No formal action was taken by the Board.

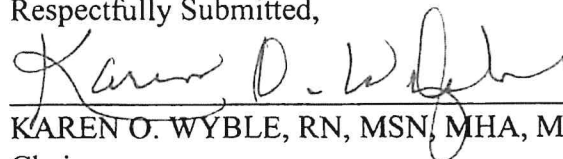
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

It was announced that the next meeting is November 19, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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