



Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

Held via Zoom

**Via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public
Health Emergency.**

Welcome/Introductions

The March 10, 2022 special called meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. by Deidra J. Garrett, MD, Board Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Members participated via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following results:

Members Present:

Deidra J. Garrett, MD, Chair
Schaun Chevis, MSW
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
William Freeman, MD
Paul Gladden, MD
Scott Guidry
Chris Guilbeaux
John Hunt, MD
John D. Jones, MD
Joseph Kanter, MD
Charles Nassauer, OD
Monica S. Nijoka, RN
Duke Walker

There were 13 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Jeffrey E. Carter, M.D., joined the teleconference at 2:38 p.m.

Tomas Jacome, MD, joined the teleconference at 2:45 p.m.

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Honorable Jonathan Goudeau, State Representative
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Buddy Mincey, Jr., State Representative
Michele Sutton
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, State Senator
Robert K. White, MD
Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA
Richard Zweifler, MD

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Contractors Present:

Michael J. Sutherland, MD, Trauma Medical Director
Celia Cangelosi, Legal Counsel

Proposed Changes to LERN Statute

LERN Executive Director Paige Hargrove explained the proposed changes to the LERN statute. See Attachment A. Attachment B is a draft of proposed legislative changes presented by the Executive Director.

Regarding Question 1 on Attachment A, regarding adding "Stroke" and "STEMI" throughout the legislation as shown on Attachment B, a motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Dr. Carter to support legislation to add the words "Stroke" and "STEMI" all throughout LERN's legislation as on Attachment B. A discussion was held. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Regarding Question 2 on Attachment A, to remove the 211 member because the Louisiana Alliance of Information and Referral Systems, the nominating entity, no longer exists, a motion was made by Scott Guidry and seconded by Dr. Hunt, to support legislation to remove the 211 member from the LERN Board membership. Discussion was held. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Regarding Question 3 on Attachment A, a motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Kanter to support legislation to replace the nominating entity of the Louisiana Association of EMS Physicians, which is dissolved, and replace it with Louisiana Chapter of National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). Discussion was held. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Regarding Question 4, a motion was made by Ms. Chevis, and seconded by Dr. Freeman, to increase to four the number of EMS practitioners on the LERN Board, to be nominated by the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Nationally Registered EMT's. Discussion was held.

A substitute motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Hunt to modify the motion from four EMS members for the LERN Board to three EMS members for the LERN Board with no nominee specified. The matter was discussed. The motion as modified was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Jones that the nominating entity for the EMS member be the EMS Task Force and that the word "practioner" be used instead of "professional" for the EMS member. Discussion was held. A substitute motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Jones to leave the decisions regarding the nominating entity for decision by the executive committee. The substitute motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

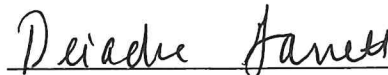
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deidra J. Garrett, MD
Chair