



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network Office
14141 Airline Hwy., Suite One, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Welcome/Introductions

The October 24, 2012, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Members Present:

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., Chair
Patrick Breaux
Billy Conerly
John Dailey
William Freeman

Jimmy Guidry
Michael Hulefeld
John Hunt
Danita Leblanc
Peter Sullivan
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator
Kristin K. Whitty

Members Absent:

Coletta Cooper Barrett
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator
Kevin Davis
Kenneth J. Gaines
Fred Martinez
John Noble, Jr.
Gary Peters
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative
Kevin Sittig
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.
Chris Wroten
Michele Zembo

Twelve members were present when the roll was called, constituting a quorum. A quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative, arrived at 2:20 p.m. and left at 3:30 p.m.

Joel Eldridge arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator, left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Barr, Financial Manager
Ted Colligan, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:

Dr. Robert Coscia, Medical Director

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. William Freeman and seconded by Danita Leblanc to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Minutes of August 17-18, 2012 Board Meeting*

Approval of the minutes of the August 17-18, 2012 Board meeting was deferred.

5a. *Executive Director Report*

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, reported to the Board on activities since the last Board meeting. Written report attached. No formal action was taken by the Board.

5b. *Ratification of Commission Members*

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Billy Conerly to approve the following appointments of the following individuals to membership on the regional commissions:

John "Johnny" Jones, MD, to the Region 2 Commission as the nominee representing American College of Emergency Physicians (LaACEP);

Mark Gaudet, RN, to the Region 2 Commission as the nominee representing the Emergency Medical Response (LANREMT);

Kevin Courville, MD, to the Region 4 Commission as the nominee representing American College of Cardiology (LA Chapter - American College of Cardiology - AHA); and

Ruth Carnes, to the Region 5 Commission as the nominee representing Hospitals < 60 Beds (Louisiana Rural Hospital Coalition).

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

5c1. Motion To Proceed with STEMI & Stroke Workgroup Recommendations

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Dr. Jimmy Guidry, to adopt the attached Stroke Workgroup Recommendations and STEMI Workgroup Recommendations. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5c2. Professional Services Contract support for STEMI/Stroke physician lead

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Kristin K. Whitty to enter into a contract with the LSU Health Science Center for the services of Murtuza J. Ali, MD, to serve as STEMI medical director for LERN, at the hourly rate of \$125, for 7-10 hours a week, for a maximum of \$65,000/year. Dr. John Hunt was recused from the discussion and vote. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote of unrecused members in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Kristin K. Whitty to create a position for Stroke Medical Director for LERN. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5d. Financial Report

Peter Sullivan reported to the Board. A motion was made by Danita Leblanc and seconded by Dr. Patrick Breaux to approve the attached financial report. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5e1. Reports

A report on the State Trauma Registry for 2011 was made by Chris Hector. No formal action was taken by the Board.

5e2. EMS BAA & Participation Agreements

Paige Hargrove updated the Board on the current status of EMS BAA and Participation Agreements. Discussion was held.

Board Chair Norman McSwain, MD, referred the matters discussed to the LERN Executive Committee to develop a process for third parties to be able to utilize LERN data for research purposes.

5f1. Strategic FY 2012-2013 Priorities

Paige Hargrove presented the Board with the attached 2012-2015 Strategic Priorities. A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to accept the strategic plan as presented. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5f2. North Communication Center

The attached Shreveport Communication Center Equipment Relocation Options were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Dr. William Freeman and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to proceed with Option 1. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5g. LERN Medical Director Report

Dr. Coscia reported his activities as LERN medical director since the last meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

5h1. Board Meeting Dates 2013

LERN Board Meeting Dates for 2013 are scheduled as follows:

January 24, 2013;
March 21, 2013;
May 15, 2013;
July 19-20, 2013 (Retreat);
September 19, 2013; and
November 21, 2013.

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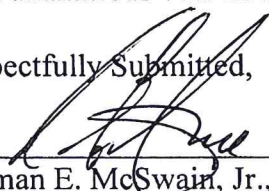
7. *Public Comments*

None.

8. *Adjournment*

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Joel Eldridge to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair