



# Minutes

## Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board  
14141 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA

### *Welcome/Introductions*

The May 15, 2014, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Dr. William Freeman, Vice Chair, at approximately 1:05 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

### *Roll Call*

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

#### **Members Present:**

William Freeman, MD, Vice-Chair  
Billy Conerly  
John Dailey  
Jimmy Guidry, MD  
Tomas Jacome, MD  
Danita LeBlanc  
Peter Sullivan  
Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN  
Tracy Wold  
Michele Zembo, MD

**Members Absent:**

Coletta Cooper Barrett  
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, La State Representative  
Patrick Breaux, MD  
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator  
Kevin Davis  
Joel Eldridge, DO  
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD  
Craig C. Greene, MD  
Fred Martinez  
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative  
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.  
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., La. State Senator  
Chris Wroten, OD

Michael Hulefeld, arrived at 1:10 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, Chair, arrived at 1:20 p.m. and assumed the position as Chair of the meeting, relieving the Vice Chair, Dr. Freeman.

Norman McSwain, Jr., MD, arrived at 1:40 p.m.

**Staff Present:**

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director  
Carolyn Barr, Financial Manager  
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Hector, Administrative Director  
Deborah Spann, Tri Regional Coordinator  
Ted Colligan, Tri Regional Coordinator  
Yvette Legendre, Tri Regional Coordinator

**Contractors Present:**

Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, LERN Medical Director  
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, PhD, FANA, Stroke Medical Director  
Christel Slaughter, Management Consultant  
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Tracy Wold to reorder the agenda to move the executive session to the end of the meeting and to otherwise accept the agenda as revised. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2013 Board Meetings*

A draft of Minutes of the January 16, 2014, Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached as Attachment 4, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Danita LeBlanc and seconded by Peter Sullivan to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 board meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *LERN Business:*

a. *Executive Director Report*

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, provided the written Executive Director's Report attached as Attachment 5a, and reported to the Board on activities since the last Board meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

b. *Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members*

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to approve the following nominations and/or resignations to the regional commissions:

- Beverly Grimes, RN - Region 2, nominee of MSN/TCR;
- Connie DeLeo, Region 2, nominee of Hospital/DRC;
- Allyn Whaley-Martin, Region 2, resignation of DRC;
- Kathleen Ford, Region 2, resignation on behalf of Hospitals with less than 60 beds;
- Alycia Rodgers, MD, Region 5, resignation on behalf of LSMS;
- Robert Anderson, MD, Region 5, resignation on behalf of ACEP; and
- Juan Duchesne, MD, Region 9, nomination on behalf of LHA.

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

*c. Stroke Update  
- HFAP*

Dr. Sheryl Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, presented the report attached hereto as Attachment 5c, "Strokes". Dr. Martin-Schild, recommended that the Board adopt Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) as an accrediting body for stroke Level 2 and 3 hospitals.

Dr. Hunt arrives at 1:20 p.m. and assumes the Chair.

A motion was made by Michael Hulefeld and seconded by Tracy Wold to adopt Dr. Martin-Schild's recommendation. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Billy Conerly and seconded by Danita LeBlanc that hospitals obtaining HFAP Acute Stroke Ready Certification be accepted by LERN as Level 3 "confirmed" stroke center. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Sheryl Martin-Schild recommended the Board adopt the "Acute Ischemic Stroke/Post-Thrombolysis For EMS Inter-Hospital Transfer", contained within Attachment 5c, as a LERN document. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

*d. STEMI/Update*

No action was taken on this matter.

*e. Stroke/STEMI Rules and Regulations*

The Board considered adopting the Stroke/STEMI Rules and Regulations, a copy is attached as Attachment 5e. A motion was made by Will Freeman and seconded by Peter Sullivan to adopt the rules, as drafted, adding HFAP as an accrediting body for stroke and recognizing HFAP Stroke Ready certification to confirm Level 3 stroke centers. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*f. Trauma System Update*

Dr. Robert Coscia, LERN Medical Director, presented documentation attached as Attachment 5f, and reported on recent activities. LERN Proposed Guideline For Routing Patients, contained within Attachment 5f, was discussed; however, no Board action was taken.

Dr. John Owings, Trauma Medical Director at University Health Shreveport, was introduced to the Board.

*g. Region 2, 4 and 5 Report*

Ted Colligan, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator, provided a written chart, attached as Attachment 5g, and reported to the Board on activities occurring within his tri-region, Regions 2, 4 and 5.

*h. Budget/Finance*

Peter Sullivan, LERN Secretary-Treasurer, presented the 2013/2014 Financial Report, attached hereto as Attachment 5h.

*i. Research Review Committee*

John Hunt, MD, presented a revised Louisiana Emergency Response Network Registry Data Request Policy, copy attached as Attachment 5i, as proposed by the LERN Research Review Committee. Motion was made by Norman McSwain, MD, and seconded by Peter Sullivan to adopt the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Registry Data Request Policy. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*j. Litigation Report - Executive Session*

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to go into executive session and discuss the pending litigation listed on the agenda. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Those present and voting in favor of the motion were: Dr. John Hunt; Billy Conerly; John Dailey; Dr. Will Freeman; Dr. Jimmy Guidry; Michael Hulefeld; Dr. Tomas Jacome; Danita LeBlanc; Peter Sullivan; Kristin Whitty; Tracy Wold; and Dr. Michele Zembo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:30 p.m., a motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to return to open session. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*k. Dr. Hunt Report/Closing Remarks*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, discussed plans needed for the next Board meeting.


6. Public Comments

None.

7. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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John Hunt, MD, Chair