

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, December 10, 2015 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 December 10, 2015 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on December 10, 2015 by Dr. John Hunt, Chair, presiding, at approximately 1:25 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

2. *Roll Call*

Roll Call was taken by Deb Spann, LERN Tri-Regional Coordinator. The following members were present:

Members Present:

John Hunt, MD, Chair, presiding
Billy Conerly
William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Katherine Hebert
Danita LeBlanc
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN
Chris Wroten, OD

There were 10 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

John Owings, MD, arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP, arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Peter Sullivan arrived at 1:42 p.m.

Members Absent:

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative
Patrick Breaux, MD
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator
Joel Eldridge, DO
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Craig C. Greene, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
Cindy Nuesslein, RN, MBA, FACHE
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative
Tracy Wold

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Contractors Present:

Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, LERN Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Murtuza Ali, MD, STEMI Medical Director
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015*

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Senator White to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 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 Senator White and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the following nominations and resignations to or from the regional commissions:

- Appointment of John Brazzel to Region 2 Commission (nominee of LA National Registry of EMS);
- Appointment of Jared Jenkins to Region 3 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance (St. Charles Parish EMS);
- Appointment of Digvijaya D. Navalkele, MD, MPH to Region 3 Commission (nominee of American Stroke Association);
- Appointment of Gary Peters to Region 6 Commission (nominated by Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance); and
- Appointment of Melissa Wold, RN, to Region 6 Commission (nominated by Rural Hospital Coalition).

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

b. *Executive Director*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Freeman to accept the proposed Meeting Dates for 2016. See Attachment 5b1. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced that Board Officer Elections for the coming year would be held at the February, 2016 meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

LERN Executive Director Paige Hargrove discussed utilizing the statutory dedicated funds from the 2015 legislative session to support trauma center development in regions without a verified trauma center. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Owings to authorize the LERN Executive Director, Paige Hargrove, to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements to fund trauma programs in areas without verified trauma centers to use funding contained in the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reminded the Board of the requirement to take ethics training by the end of the year. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Paige Hargrove reviewed information provided by the Legislative Fiscal Office. (Attached hereto as Attachment 5b2). Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Mr. Sullivan to establish a sub-committee to explore funding opportunities for

LERN and make recommendations to the Board. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

c. LERN Trauma Destination Protocol

Dr. Freeman presented proposed changes to the Destination Protocol: Trauma. The recommended changes align more closely to the CDC Field Triage Guidelines. Dr. Owings made a motion and Dr. Guidry seconded that the Board approve the LERN Trauma Destination Protocol, attached hereto as Attachment 5c, replacing the previous protocol. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

d. Level IV Trauma Centers

Dr. Freeman provided an update on legislative changes needed in order to add level 4 centers to the trauma system. Discussion ensued and recommendation made to concentrate all efforts on passing legislation for funding during the next fiscal session. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. Hebert to put Level IV trauma centers on hold at this time. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*e. Stroke System Update
- DNV accreditation*

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, provided an update on the stroke system (attached hereto as Attachment 5e). The LERN Board received a request from Glenwood Medical Center to approve DNV as an acceptable certifying body for Primary Stroke Centers or LERN Level II Centers in Louisiana. Dr. Martin-Schild compared DNV to the Joint Commission and recommended the Board approve the request. A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Varnado to allow DNV to serve as a verifying organization for LERN Level II stroke centers. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

f. STEMI System Update

Dr. Murtuza Ali, LERN STEMI Medical Director, provided a STEMI system update. He expects the regional STEMI report to be available by the end of 1st quarter 2016 and will report back to the Board once obtained. No formal action was taken by the Board.

g. Trauma System Update

Dr. Coscia, LERN Trauma Medical Director, provided a trauma system update. North Oaks Medical Center will be reviewed by the ACS in February 2016. No formal action was taken by the Board.

• *State Trauma System Research*

In August, the LERN Board requested research on how other states regulate expansion of their trauma system. Report provided. (See Attachment 5g1.) Rudy Gomez discussed key findings and discussion ensued. Dr. Hunt recommended tabling any action until the ACS systems committee publishes recommendations regarding needs based expansion. No formal action taken by the board.

• *EMS Registry*

Update provided regarding EMS registry. 24 EMS providers submitted data to State EMS Registry. Louisiana submitted state data to the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) for the first time. See map attached as Attachment 5g2. No formal action was taken by the Board.

h. SCR 42 Workgroup

Dr. Owings provided an update regarding SCR 42 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Three meetings have been held and University Health Conway has committed to pursuing Level III trauma center status. The final report to the legislature is due by the end of the year. It will be shared with the Board once complete. No formal action was taken by the Board.

i. Budget/Finance

Paige Hargrove presented the Board with the Fiscal Overview attached as Attachment 5i. No formal action was taken by the Board.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Varnado to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair