

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network
14141 Airline Hwy., Building 1, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Welcome/Introductions

The November 21, 2019 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

Roll call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, LERN Board attorney, with the following results:

Members Present:

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair
Schaun Chevis, MSW
Janet D. Clark
David D. Daily, Jr., MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD, leaves at 2:00 p.m.
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Lester W. Johnson, MD
John D. Jones, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
Charles Nassauer, OD
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Tracy Wold
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

There were 14 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Gregory K. Stock arrived at 1:05 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
William Freeman, MD
Paul Gladden, MD
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
Tomas Jacome, MD
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Dustin Miller, State Representative
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Yvette Legendre, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Michael Sutherland, M.D, Trauma Medical Director
Cheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. McKeown to accept the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 Board meeting as written, Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ratification of Commission Members

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Gilbeaux to accept the following resignation and to approve the following appointment to the regional commissions:

Resignation

•Euclide D. Gaines, RN, from Region 1 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition); and

Appointment

•Gregory A. Fernandez, MD, to Region 1 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition). Dr. Fernandez is the Emergency Department Medical Director at St. Bernard Parish Hospital.

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

Consulting Services Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Gilbeaux and seconded by Dr. Garrett, to extend the contract with SSA through June 30, 2020, to extend the term through the end of the fiscal year. (Attachment B) The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove reminded the Board, that the board previously approved an RFP for consulting services. Two proposals were received and SSA Consultants was awarded the RFP. A motion was made by Mr. Wold and seconded by Dr. Jones, to enter into a 3 year contract with SSA Consultants not to exceed the amount of \$236,241.00 beginning July 1, 2020. Terms and Conditions will be based on the requirements indicated in the RFP. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Trauma Medical Director Contract

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that the contract with Dr. Sutherland goes through May 31, 2020. She requested the term of the contract be extended until June 30, 2020, under the same terms and conditions, so that it aligns with the fiscal year. A motion was made by Ms. McKeown, and seconded by Dr. Garrett that the Trauma Medical Director contract with Dr. Sutherland be extended through June 30, 2020, to terminate at the end of the fiscal year. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Stock to enter into a three year contract with Dr. Sutherland to serve as Trauma Medical Director beginning July 1, 2020, under the same terms and conditions as the previous contract except not to exceed the amount of

\$364,000.00. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Hurricane Barry Overtime

Paige Hargrove explained that she was contacted by Marcella Jones, LDH Human Resources Manager, regarding receiving compensation for hours worked during Hurricane Barry. Paige explained to Ms. Jones that as an unclassified employee, she was not able to compensated. HR informed Paige that the LERN Board could approve the compensation. She also communicated that other unclassified employees with in LDH were being compensated. Seventy-five percent of the payment is covered by FEMA. A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Dr. Zweifler authorizing the LERN Executive Director, Paige Hargrove, to receive overtime pay for hours worked in extenuating circumstances and in the event of a state of emergency, and specifically to receive overtime pay for hours worked during Hurricane Barry, including but not limited to the work performed coordinating the tactical operation center during Hurricane Barry. See Attachment C. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

EMS BAA & Data Use/Participation Agreement

No discussion was held or action taken.

Ethics Reminder

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reminded the Board members that the mandatory ethics training must be completed online by December 31, 2019. See Attachment D.

Executive Director Report

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, introduced the new data manager, Xiaoping Nie.

STEMI Medical Director

Paige Hargrove reported that Dr. Freeman, Ms. Wyble and Ms. Hargrove interviewed Dr. Amand Irimpen (Attachment E) and Dr. Christopher White (Attachment F), two candidates for STEMI Medical Director. The interview committee is recommending Dr. Christopher White for the position of STEMI Medical Director. A motion was made by Dr. Guidry and seconded by Dr. Daly to offer Dr. White a contract to serve as LERN STEMI medical director to start January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for a maximum amount of \$22,800.00; and a two year contract from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, for a maximum amount of \$45,600.00. Greg Stock abstained from the vote and the remaining members voted affirmatively, and the motion was approved.

Trauma System Update

Dr. Sutherland updated the Board on the status of the trauma system in Louisiana. The update included the fact that Lake Charles Memorial Hospital did not have any deficiencies on their ACS Level 3 trauma center survey. The ACS written report is expected soon regarding successful verification. Verification will make Lake Charles Memorial Hospital the ninth verified trauma center in the Louisiana Trauma System. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Maternity Request from Dr. Gee

Dr. Guidry reported that Louisiana has the highest maternal death rate in the nation. A request from Dr. Gee, Department of Health Secretary, to leverage LERN best practice structures to improve outcomes of our mother's in Louisiana was discussed. It was questioned regarding whether or not pregnancy related maternity deaths are considered a time sensitive illness. Key findings from the Louisiana Maternal Mortality Review Report 2011-2016 were shared with the Board. See Attachment G. In order to be supportive of the effort, the Executive Committee will continue to monitor the matter, assist the Maternal Healthcare Quality Consortium as requested and inform the Board of any recommendations. No formal action was taken by the Board on this matter.

Stroke System

Stroke Update/Share Data

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, reported to the Board on Stroke system in Louisiana. See Attachment H.

Dr. Martin-Schild shared aggregate data for CY 2014 - Q2 2019 from the Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals (ASRH). She was proud to report that 75% of patients in ASRH are being treated with tPA within 60 minutes, a huge improvement from 2014/2015 when it took 90 minutes. Dr. Martin-Schild presented the LaHIDD data set through CY 2018, showing a 0.7% decrease in the percent of patients receiving any form on recanalization from 2017 to 2018. Overall gains were held. Dr. Zweifler is to compare the Ochsner LaHIDD data with the internal data in an attempt to validate the data set. The Board applauded Dr. Martin-Schild for her work and for the improvements in the State Stroke System.

New updated stroke maps were shared. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Stroke Rule

The proposed amendments to LERN rules for Stroke Center Recognition, Attachment I, were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Zweifler and seconded by Mr. Stock to adopt the rule amendments. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the

affirmative.

Budget Review

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY20 Fiscal Overview as of November 14, 2019, attached as Attachment J. No formal action was taken by the board.

Public Comment

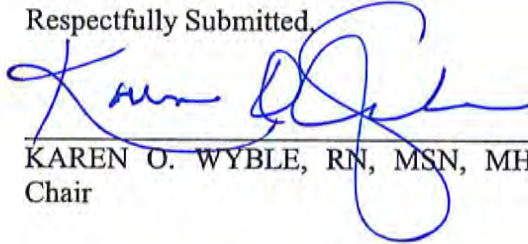
There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made Mr. Stock and seconded by Mr. Wold to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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