



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, April 19, 2018 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 April 19, 2018 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. by Dr. John Owings, Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

2. *Roll Call*

The roll call was taken by Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator, with the following members present when the roll was called:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Billy Conerly
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Craig C. Greene, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Danita LeBlanc
William Lunn, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
John Owings, MD

Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
Tracy Wold
Karen O. Wyble, RN, BSN, MBA
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

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

Members Absent:

Cynthia Baker, OD
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Chris Gilbeaux
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
John Hunt, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
Dustin Miller, State Representative
John P. Reilly, MD
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Staff Present:

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

Contractors Present:

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

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2018*

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Conerly to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 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 Dr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Wold to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Jeffrey Carter, MD, to Region 1 Commission (nomination of Burn Center Representative);
- Resignation of Marilyn Reynaud, MD, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Office of Public Health);
- Resignation of Stephanie Sea, MD, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center);
- Resignation of Owen Grossman, MD, from Region 3 Commission (nominee of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Appointment of Steve Lim, MD, to Region 3 Commission (nominee of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Appointment of Melvin “Jay” Marque, MD, to Region 5 Commission (nominee of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Appointment of Leif Vestermark, CPT, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of military representative);
- Appointment of Robert Jump to Region 7 Commission (nomination of Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness); and
- Resignation of Patrick King from Region 8 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Hospital Association).

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

b. Executive Director

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented Executive Director Update, attached as Attachment 5b. No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. Legislative Update

Dr. Jimmy Guidry gave the Board an update on proposed legislative action. A discussion was held on the current budget proposal and challenges to healthcare. No formal action was taken by the Board.

d. Trauma System Update
• *Lafayette General Medical Center*

Dr. Sutherland updated the Board of the level 1 criteria deficiency at Lafayette General Medical Center which was only realized during Dr. Sutherland's March consultation visit. A level 1 deficiency would prohibit verification by the ACS. After discussion with the LERN Executive Committee, it was recommended that Lafayette General Medical Center postpone their April ACS site survey to December in order to rectify the deficiency. Concern was expressed regarding trauma system impact should Lafayette General fail the survey. Dr. Sutherland provided the Board with information regarding the changes made at Lafayette General to remedy the deficiency.

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Wold to extend Lafayette General Medical Center's trauma program status through the end of 2018 to complete the ACS survey re-scheduled for December 6-7, 2018. The motion passed with only Dr. Lunn voting against the motion.

The Board directed the Executive Director to send a letter to Lafayette General Medical Center approving the extension and advising the limited basis on which exception was made.

The Board also directed the Executive Committee to develop a recommendation that establishes a timeframe that must span prior to allowing "re-attestation" for trauma programs that fail their ACS survey or lose their Trauma Program status.

• *EMS/OLOL Trauma Band Pilot*

Dr. Sutherland advised the Board that the EMS/OLOL Trauma Band Pilot project is operational. If successful, the project will extend throughout the state. Expect another update in 6 months. No formal action was taken by the Board.

e. Stroke Update
• *Sub-Committee Report*

Karen Wyble, stroke sub-committee chair provided the sub-committee report. Recommendations were reviewed. A motion to approve sub-committee findings was made by Ms. LeBlanc and second by Dr. Lunn. The motion was unanimously approved by the board. The report is attached as Attachment 5e (1).

Dr. Martin-Schild advised the Board regarding matters covered at the State Stroke Workgroup March 2018 meeting. Aggregate Level II Quarterly Stroke Data - April, 2018, attached as Attachment 5e (2) was reviewed and discussed. No formal action was taken by the Board.

f. Legal Update

Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney, provided a summary of lawsuits against LERN. No formal action was taken by the Board.

g. Regional Update (R 6, 7 and 8)

Tri-Regional Coordinator Deborah Spann provided the Board with an overview of developments in Regions 6, 7 and 8, listing the strengths and weaknesses of each region. No formal action was taken by the Board.

h. Budget

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY18 Fiscal Overview as of February 16, 2018, attached as Attachment 5h. No formal action was taken by the board.

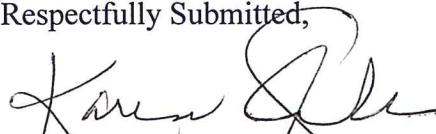
6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

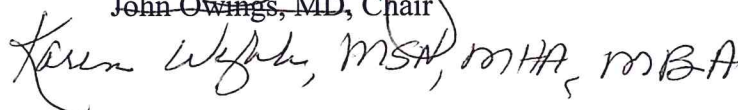
7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Owings, MD, Chair



Karen Wight, MSN, MHA, MBA