

Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

Held at:

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

**With Board participating via teleconference due to the
declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.**

Welcome/Introductions

The April 15, 2021 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:03 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

Board members participated in the Board meeting via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

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

Members Present:

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair
Jeffrey E. Carter, M.D.
Schaun Chevis, MSW
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
William Freeman, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Paul Gladden, MD
Chris Guilbeaux
John Hunt, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
John D. Jones, MD

Charles Nassauer, OD
Monica S. Nijoka, RN
Gregory K. Stock
Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy B. Wold, Treasurer
Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 17 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Janet D. Clark
David Daly, Jr., MD
Representative Jonathan Goudeau
Joseph Kanter, MD
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Buddy Mincey, Jr., State Representative
Mack A. “Bodi” White, State Senator
Robert K. White, MD

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Donicia Jackson, Administrative Assistant
Deb Spann, Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, Regional Coordinator
Xiaoping Nie, Data Assistant

Contractors Present:

Michael J. Sutherland, MD, Trauma Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Christopher J. White, MD, STEMI Medical Director
Celia Cangelosi, Legal Counsel
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Dr. Freeman to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Board meeting as written. See Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ratification of Commission Members and Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Guilbeaux and seconded by Dr. Jones to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the following regional commissions:

Resignations

- Chad Davis, NRP – from Region 3 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response); and
- Jeff Atkins, RN - from Region 7 Commission (nomination of Registered Nurse Practicing in Emergency Care).

Appointments

- Candace Robinson, MD - nomination to Region 1 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association representing Service District Hospitals);
- Teddy Crochet, NRP - nomination to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response); and
- Renata Schexnaydre, MHA, BSN, RN, NRP - nomination to Region 3 Commission (nomination representing hospitals with more than 100 beds).

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

Introduce New Board Member

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that Dr. Joseph Kanter was the new state health officer and a new member of the LERN Board. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Review 7/1/2021 Board Terms

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the Board with a list of those Board members whose terms expires on July 1, 2021. See page 4 of Exhibit B, LERN Board Meeting, April 15, 2021, power point presentation, attached hereto. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Executive Director Report
Operations Update***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that the annual report has been completed and is posted on the LERN website.

Executive Director Hargrove advised that new board member Joseph Kanter, MD, will serve as LDH representative on the LERN Executive Committee.

Executive Director Hargrove reminded the Board that financial disclosures are due May 15, 2021.

Executive Director Hargrove was advised the Board that 112 paramedics have completed the Burn Basics Course to date.

Executive Director Hargrove advised that Stroke/STEMI attestations were distributed to CEO's on April 5, 2021; and that 45 of the 111 attestations have been returned to date.

The LERN Call Center is doing well and volume is up in 2021. Executive Director Hargrove shared a power point on LERN Call Center Volume for the first quarter of 2021, showing a significant increase over the first quarter in previous years. See Exhibit B, page 6.

No formal action was taken by the board.

Trauma System Update

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Trauma Medical Director, advised the board of his substantial efforts and the results thereof, in working toward development of a more complete trauma system in the state of Louisiana. See pp. 7-8 of Attachment B.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Stroke System Update

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, reported recent success in obtaining data from all stroke hospitals (ASRH, PSC, PSC-E, TSC, and CSC) and advised the Board of the continuing efforts of herself, the State Stroke Workgroup committee, LERN and the Stroke Education Workgroup. See p. 9 of Attachment B. No formal action was taken by the Board.

STEMI Update

Dr. Christopher White, LERN STEMI Medical Director, updated the board on STEMI system in Louisiana. Dr. White advised that the LERN Regional Coordinators are meeting with every STEMI Referral Center in the state to provide materials and review the system. See pp. 10-

11 of Attachment B. No formal action was taken by the board.

Regional Commission Update
Regions 1, 3 and 9

Yvette Legendre, RN, LERN Regional Coordinator for Regions 1, 3 and 9, updated the Board regarding recent developments and the state of affairs in Regions 1, 3 and 9. See pages 12-22 of Attachment B. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Legislation Action

LERN Executive Director Hargrove advised that the legislative session began April 12, 2021 and is a fiscal only session. Executive Director Hargrove was present at the House Appropriations Committee meeting on April 13, 2021, where LERN's budget was not questioned. See page 23 of Attachment B.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Budget
Budget Recap

Tracy Wold presented a FY 21 Fiscal Overview as of April 6, 2021. See p. 24 of Attachment B. We expect unexpended funds due to the decrease in travel during COVID-19.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment

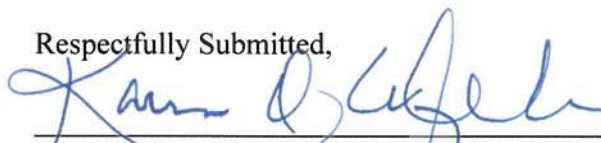
There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced that the next LERN meeting will be a strategic planning meeting held in person in August of 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Varnado to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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