



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response
Network
7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 207
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Welcome/Introductions

The November 7, 2024 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by John D. Jones, MD, 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 attorney, with the following results:

Members Present:

John D. Jones, MD, Chair
Vanessa de la Cruz, MD
Neal Fudge
Dan Godbee, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
Eva Lamendola, OD
David Marcus, NRP
Keith Van Meter, MD
Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
Porter Taylor, IV
Honorable Christopher Turner, State Representative
Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 12 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Peter Croughan, MD, arrived at 1:10 p.m.

John P. Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Members Absent:

Deiandra J. Garrett, MD, Immediate Past Chair

Honorable Katrina Jackson-Andrews, State Senator

Jeffrey E. Carter, M.D.

Honorable Heather Cloud, State Senator

Venkata S. Gadi, MD

Paul Gladden, MD

Brandon J. Mauldin, MD

Granville A. Morse, II, MD, Vice Chair

Honorable Brach Myers, State Representative

Monica S. Nijoka, MHA, BSN, RN

J. Patrick Smith, Jr., MD

Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP

Robert K. White, MD

Karen O. Wyble, DNP, MSN, MHA, MBA, RN

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director

Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Ana DePuy, LERN Regional Coordinator

Yvette Legendre, LERN Regional Coordinator

Reed Douglas, LRN Regional Coordinator

Deborah Spann, LERN Education Coordinator

Justin Schleis, LERN Data Manager

Cassandra Woods, LERN Finance Manager

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Legal Counsel

Michael Sutherland, MD (Trauma Medical Director)

Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD (Stroke Medical Director)

Kanna Posina, MD (STEMI Medical Director)

Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

Jason Allemand, Communication Center Supervisor

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Sutton and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Sutton to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024 Board meeting. See Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, welcomed new Board member, Vanessa de la Cruz, MD.

Ratification of Commission Members and Resignations

A motion was made by Ms. Sutton and seconded by Dr. Zweifler, to accept the following resignations from and to approve the following appointments to the following regional commissions:

Resignations

- Toni Gross, MD, FAAP, FAEMS – from Region 1 Commission; and
- Cathy Patton, RN, BSN - from Region 8 Commission.

Appointments

- Matt Landry - to Region 4 Commission (nominee of American College of Cardiology);
- Christopher J. Matt, MD – to Region 4 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Hospital Association Over 100 Beds);
- Sandy Morein, BSN, MHA, CPPS, FACHE - to Region 4 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Hospital Association Service District Hospital);
- Kalgi Modi, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FASE – to Region 7 Commission (nominee of American College of Cardiology); and
- Jennifer Prime, MD – To Region 7 Commission (nominee of Louisiana State Medical Society).

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

2025 Board Meeting Dates

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented a list of dates for Board meetings for 2025. See Attachment B. A motion was made by Dr. Marcus and seconded by Mr. Taylor to accept the following dates for LERN meetings in 2025: January 30, 2025; April 10, 2025; August 21, 2025; and November 20, 2025. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ms. Hargrove also reminded the Board members about Ethics training required by the State. No formal action was taken by the board.

Executive Director Report

Jack Varnado Resignation

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised that Board member Jack Varnado has submitted his resignation effective January 1, 2025. No formal action was taken by the Board.

2024 Strategic Goals Update

Executive Director Hargrove presented and discussed the “LERN 2022-2024 Strategic Priorities.” See Attachment C. The Executive Director noted that LERN is on track to meet all goals. No formal action was taken by the board.

SSA Consultants Update related to Strategic Plan Process

Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants, discussed the 2024 Strategic Plan Process and summarized the Strengths, Weaknesses and Threats, and Strategic Opportunity, revealed in the interviews conducted. See Attachment D, pp. 1-7. No formal action was taken by the board.

Trauma System

Strategic Plan Recommendation

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Trauma Medical Director, discussed the system Consultation Strategic Plan including a Summary Recommendation made by the consultation team resulting in three Strategic Plan recommendations for LERN to consider. See Attachment D, pp. 8-17. No formal action was taken by the board.

Stroke/STEMI

Strategic Plan Recommendation/Stroke

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, presented Stroke Data resulting in two recommendations: (1) Change Door to Needle Goal to 45 minutes only; and (2) Action Plans/remediation process would only be required for hospitals exceeding 60 minutes. See Attachment D, pp. 18-28. A motion was made by Dr. Zweifler and seconded by Dr. Hunt, to accept the recommendations from Dr. Martin-Schild, Stroke Medical Director. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Martin-Schild presented four Performance Goals (see Attachment D, p. 24):

- (1) 50% acute stroke ready hospitals (ASRH) with Door to Need (TDN) \leq 45 minutes by end of CY 2025 *(Baseline = 30%);
- (2) 30% ASRH with Door In-Door-Out (DIDO) \leq 90 minutes by end of CY 2025 *(Baseline 19%);
- (3) 75% of Primary Stroke Centers (PSC with DTN \leq 45 minutes by end of CY 2025 *(Baseline 56%); and

(4) 50% PSC with DIDO \leq 90 minutes by the end of CY 2025 *(Baseline 31%).

A motion was made by Dr. Zweifler and seconded by Dr. Hunt to accept the Performance Goals as presented. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Strategic Plan Recommendation/STEMI

Dr. Kanna Posina presented the results of the STEMI-Cardiogenic Shock Survey and outlined Next Steps to be taken. The STEMI Work Group will consider Next Steps and bring back a recommendation to the LERN in how to proceed. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Budget

Review Budget Status and budget planning going forward

Executive Director Hargrove presented the 'FY25 Fiscal Overview of 11/1/24". See Attachment E. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Croughan and seconded by Dr. Zweifler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John D. Jones, MD, Chair
Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Granville Morse, MD
Board Vice-Chair

Date: 1/30/2025