



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

held at:

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

1. *Welcome/Introductions*

The April 19, 2012 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by John Hunt, MD, Vice Chair, at 2:10 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

New Board members were welcomed and introduced, including Billy Conerly, Mike Hulefeld, Kevin Davis (not present), and State Representative Karen St. Germain (not present).

2. *Roll Call*

Celia R. Cangelosi, Board Attorney, called the roll.

Members Present:

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Patrick Breaux, MD

Billy Conerly, RN
Joel Eldridge, DO
William Freeman, M.D.
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Michael Hulefeld
John Hunt, MD
Fred Martinez
Peter Sullivan, MBA
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Kristin K. Whitty, Ph.D., APRN
Christ Wroten, OD

Members Absent:

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator
Kevin Davis
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD, MBA, FAHA
Danita Leblanc
John Noble, Jr., MD
Gary Peters
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Michael Zembo, MD

Thirteen members were present constituting a quorum when the roll was called.

John Dailey arrived at 2:18 p.m.

Kevin Sittig arrived at 2:18 p.m.

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, Medical Consultant
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Barr, Financial Manager
Ted Colligan, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Deborah Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Jimmy Guidry, MD, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2012 Meeting*

A draft of Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Chris Wroten, OD, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to approve the January 26, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *Rapides Regional Medical Center*

Congratulations were offered to Rapides Regional Medical Center for passing pass verification as a Level II Trauma Center by ACS. No formal action was taken by the Board.

6. *LERN Business:*

a. *Executive Director Report/Legislative Update*

A report was given by Paige Hargrove, Executive Director. See attached.

b. *Ratification of Commission Members*

A motion was made by Patrick Breaux, MD, and seconded by Jimmy Guidry, MD, to appoint Brinnette Thompson, to the Region 9 Commission as the nominee representing the Louisiana Council of Emergency Nurses Association for Region 9; and to accept the resignations of the following from regional commissions: Corey Magill and Billy Conerly, both from the Region 2 Commission; and David Marcus from the Region 9 Commission. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

c. Region 1 Hospital Agreement

Paolo Zambito, Region 1 Commission member, asked the Board to approve the attached agreement as proposed by Region 1 Commission. A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Peter Sullivan, MBA, to approve agreement as proposed by the Region 1 Commission. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

d. Communication Center Work Group

A report was presented by Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP, of the Communication Center Work Group. A motion was made by Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to authorize the Executive Director to pursue the transfer functions of LERN Call Center North (Shreveport), to make provisions for long term redundancy function, and to issue an RFP for long term functionality. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

e. Stroke Update

This matter was deferred to the next Board meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

f. Ratify: EMS Registry BAA & Participation Agreement

A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Chris Wroten, OD, to ratify the attached Emergency Medical Services Provider Associate Agreement approved by the Executive Committee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Chris Wroten, OD, to ratify the attached Emergency Medical Services Provider Participation and Data Use Agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g. Ratify Destination Protocol & Hospital Agreement

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to amend the LERN Destination Protocol as approved by the LERN

Executive Committee and as attached to the proposed Hospital Participation Agreement. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to ratify the attached Hospital Participation Agreement as approved by the LERN Executive Committee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

h. EMS Agreements

A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Chris Wroten, OD, to approve the attached EMS Pre-Hospital Agreement approved by the Executive Committee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

i. EMS Data Dictionary

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, announced that the Executive Committee would review EMS data dictionary and then present to the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board.

j. Financial Update

Board member Peter Sullivan, MBA, reported on the current budget. No formal action was taken by the Board.

k. Medical Director/DTSWG

Robert L. Coscia, MD, Medical Director, presented the attached powerpoint presentation. A motion was made by Fred Martinez and seconded by Patrick Breaux, MD, to authorize Dr. Coscia to include at least one trauma center in every region in the white paper he is preparing which will include the concepts presented by his powerpoint presentation. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

m. Code of Government Ethics Training

Celia Cangelosi reported on the need for all board members to take ethics training. No formal action was taken by the Board.

n. Vice-Chairman's Closing Remarks

No remarks were made. No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, and seconded at 3:25 p.m. to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair