

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, May 16, 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 May 16, 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 with the following results:

Members Present:

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair
Janet D. Clark
David D. Daily, Jr., MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
John Hunt, MD
Lester W. Johnson, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
Charles Nassauer, OD
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy Wold
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Gerald Cvitanovich, MD, arrived at 1:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
William Freeman, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Paul Gladden, MD
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
Tomas Jacome, MD
Danita LeBlanc
Dustin Miller, State Representative
Gregory K. Stock
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

Staff Present:

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

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Michael Sutherland, M.D, Trauma Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Murtuza (Zee) Ali, MD, STEMI Medical Director
Anita Byrne, SSA Consultants

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt 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 January 17, 2019

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the January 17, 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 Mr. Varnado and seconded by Dr. Hunt to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

Resignations

- Mike Guillot, NRP, from Region 1 Commission (nomination of Local Ambulance Service);
- Connie DeLeo, from Region 2 Commission (nomination of Health & Human Services);
- Jessica Adams, RN, from Region 3 Commission (nomination of Emergency Nurses Association);
- Sergio Morales, NRP, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Digvijaya Navalkele, MD, MPH, from Region 3 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association);
- John Simar, RN, from Region 4 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association Less Than 60 Beds);
- John L. Witt, III, NRP, CCP, from Region 4 Commission (nomination of Local Ambulance Service); and
- Jeffrey Harris, MD, from Region 8 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association).

Appointments

- Huey Marcel, III, NREMT-P, to Region 1 Commission (nomination of Local Ambulance Service);
- Jeffrey Gruner, MD, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Trauma Center representative);
- Alyson Hughes, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Health & Human Services);
- Dawn R. Marcelle, MD, MPH, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Office of Public Health);
- Mike Guillot, NRP, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Michael Burley, NRP, CCP, to Region 4 Commission (nomination of Local Ambulance Service);
- Jacqueline Venable, RN, to Region 4 Commission (nomination of Trauma Center Representative);
- Lacey Cavanaugh, MD, to Region 5 Commission (nomination of Office of Public Health);
- Daniel Scott Moreaux, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of Law Enforcement); and
- Hugo H. Cuellar-Saenz, MD, PhD, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association).

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

Executive Committee Opening

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced there was an open seat on the Executive Committee due to the departure of Dr. Owings. Interested Board members were asked to contact Ms. Hargrove. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Financial Disclosure Due May 15, 2019

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reminded Board members that their financial disclosure documents were due to the Ethics Board by May 15, 2019 and that ethics training must be finished by year end. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Legal Contract

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Cvitanovich to enter into a new contract for professional services with Celia Cangelosi for the same terms as the current contract in the amount of \$20,000 per year. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

HB 380 LERN Funding Bill

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on the status of House Bill 380. See Attachment B. A discussion followed. No formal action was taken on the matter.

STEMI Update

Dr. Murtuza Ali, LERN STEMI Medical Director, reported regarding development of the STEMI system in Louisiana. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Dr. Ali advised the LERN Board that he was resigning as LERN STEMI Medical Director to pursue an educational opportunity. Dr. Ali outlined the progress made over the last eight years while he served as STEMI Medical Director. Dr. Ali expressed his thanks to the LERN Board, the Executive Director, and the tri-regional coordinators for their work in developing a STEMI network in the state. Ms. Wyble thanked Dr. Ali for his service to LERN.

Executive Director Paige Hargrove will meet with the STEMI Work Group to determine further efforts to be undertaken.

Stroke Update

Dr. Martin-Schild updated the Board on the progress of Stroke system development in

the state. She reported on the state stroke sub-committee recommendation to demote Hospital (X) based on the performance outlined on page 1 of Attachment C. The sub-committee also recommended if Q1, 2019 data was submitted to LERN by April 8, 2019, the Q1 data would be presented to the LERN Board for consideration prior to the Board's vote on the Sub-Committee's recommendation for demotion. Q1 data was presented to the LERN Board along with the data in Attachment C.

After review of Hospital (X) performance, a motion was made by Dr. Guidry and seconded by Dr. Hunt to recommend continuance as a Level III Stroke Center with the stipulation that Dr. Martin-Schild meet, before July, with the hospital failing to reach Stroke benchmarks to determine the basis of those inadequacies and continue remediation efforts. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Martin-Schild informed the board on the emergence of Thrombectomy Stroke Capable Certified hospitals in Louisiana. Due to this, the old nomenclature of Level 1-4 is no longer adequate. After collaborating with the state stroke workgroup, the recommendation was made to transition from the Level 1 – 4 labels to the certification language. A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Dr. Hunt to transition to the following nomenclature for stroke related centers:

- (i) CSC (formerly Level I);
- (ii) TSC (did not exist);
- (iii) PSC-E (means Primary Stroke Center with endovascular resource and complies with data collection with data collection - formerly Level II);
- (iv) PSC (formerly Level II);
- (v) Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (formerly Level III); and
- (vi) Stroke Bypass Hospital (formerly Level IV).

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wold and seconded by Dr. Garrett to require PSC with Endovascular (PSC-E) to collect the same data the Joint Commission requires the TSC centers to collect and submit it to LERN on a quarterly basis; and to add compliance with this new requirement to the PSC-E attestation. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Hunt to make Pilot Data Collection mandatory for Level III Stroke Centers, all as more fully represented in Item No. 3 on Attachment D to these minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Martin-Schild presented a proposed Stroke Destination Protocol. The protocol has been vetted by the State Stroke Workgroup, the 9 Regional Commissions and Executive Committee. After consideration of some hospital concerns regarding the accuracy of the use of the VAN by paramedics, it was determined to wait for the results of the NOLA/VAN study before asking the Board to consider for approval. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Trauma Update

Dr. Sutherland presented an update on the development of a Trauma System in the state. See Attachment E. No formal action was taken by the board.

Informed the Board that Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport submitted the Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Attestation. We will meet with them at the end of June review and sign off on their program.

Budget Review

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY18 Fiscal Overview as of May 10, 2019, attached as Attachment F. No formal action was taken by the board.

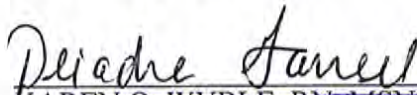
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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