

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, August 17, 2017 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 August 17, 2017 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on August 17, 2017 at approximately 1 p.m. by Dr. Will Freeman, LERN Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

2. *Roll Call*

Michael J. Sutherland, MD, FACS, Medical Director – Trauma, the new Trauma Medical Director, was introduced to the Board. As a substitute for roll call, Dr. Freeman asked each member present to introduce him/her self to Dr. Sutherland.

The following members were present:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Cynthia Baker, OD
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
William Lunn, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
John Owings, MD
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS

John P. Reilly, MD
Tracy Wold
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

There were 16 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Danita LeBlanc arrived at 1:10 p.m.

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

Karen O. Wyble arrived at 1:25 p.m.

Craig C. Greene, MD, arrived at 1:26 p.m.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Billy Conerly
Frank Hoffman, Louisiana State Representative
Dustin Miller, Louisiana State Representative
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator

Staff Present:

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

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. McKeown to add an item to the agenda to ratify the Medical Director contract. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. McKeown to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2017*

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Owings to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017 Board meeting as written. See Attachment 4. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *LERN Business*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Guidry to ratify the contract entered with Michael J. Sutherland, MD, FACS, as Trauma Medical Director, as added to the agenda. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

a. *Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members*

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Ms. McKeown to accept the following resignations and to approve the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Valerie Jarreau, RN, MSN, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition);
- Resignation of Ernest Mencer, MD, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Burn Center Representative);
- Resignation of Chad Olinde, CPA, MBA, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Rural Hospital Coalition);
- Appointment of Tracee Short, MD, to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Burn Center Representative);
- Appointment of Owen Grossman, MD, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP));
- Resignation of Damien Bellard, EMT-P, from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Emergency Medical Response);
- Appointment of George Grice, to Region 4 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response);
- Resignation of Robert Daughdrill, NREMT-P, from Region 5 Commission (nominee of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP));
- Appointment of Paul B. DeStout, to Region 5 Commission (nomination of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP));
- Resignation of Ellis Boothe, from Region 6 Commission (nominee of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP));
- Appointment of James Hebert, MD, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP));
- Appointment of Kenneth Moore, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP));
- Appointment of Jeremy Timmer, MD, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of American College of Surgeons);
- Appointment of Avery Callahan, DO, to Region 7 Commission (nomination of

American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP));

- Appointment of Navdeep Samra, MD, to Region 7 Commission (nomination of American College of Surgeons);
- Resignation of Thomas Causey, MD, from Region 8 Commission (nominee of American College of Cardiology);
- Resignation of Eric Daniel, RN, from Region 8 Commission (nominee of Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)); and
- Resignation of Vasanth Bethala, MD, from Region 9 Commission (nominee of American College of Cardiology).

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

b. Executive Director

- ***Strategic Priority Update***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented a powerpoint presentation, attached as Attachment 5b1. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Vision Statement***

Dr. Freeman presented a Vision Statement to the Board, attached as Attachment 5b2. Dr. Freeman suggested that disaster preparedness should be added to the Vision Statement. The matter was deferred to allow for consideration of adding disaster preparedness to the new Vision Statement. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Legal Contract/Celia Cangelosi***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reported on the status of the legal contract with Celia Cangelosi. No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. Stroke Update

- ***Launch of New Protocol 7/1/17***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented an update on the new stroke protocol which launched 7/1/2017. LERN Call Center (LCC) indicates a little over 50% compliance rate by EMS in performance of the Vision, Aphasia, Neglect (VAN) Assessment for those patients exhibiting signs or symptoms within a 6 hours of EMS contact. The LCC Supervisor and the LERN Administrative director are following up with the operations managers of the individual EMS Agencies to provide this feedback and discuss education opportunities. This will continue to be monitored monthly and reported to providers and the Stroke medical director. Overall we are pleased with the initial launch. Data related to the first month of the launch was provided to the board, attached as Attachment 5c.

- ***LaHidd Data Review***

This matter was tabled for the next Board meeting to allow the Board to review complete data. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- d. STEMI Update***

Dr. Ali updated the board on the latest on STEMI. Through our partnership with AHA we have made significant progress in getting hospitals to sign up with the ACTION Registry and to participate in the Region Report. We were up to 25 hospitals when the AHA and the American College of Cardiology/National Cardiology Data Registry (ACA/NCDR) parted ways. This effectively ended the regional report efforts as the AHA used ACA/NCDR ACTION Registry data to develop the regional report. The LERN Executive Director and I have done the research to determine the best path forward that would allow us to meet the overall goal of building a regional report. Such a report provides information of STEMI System performance. After comparing the AHA proposed registry to the ACTION Registry we recommend continuing promoting use of the ACTION Registry. We have worked with ACA/NCDR to provide a Regional Report and have negotiated a rate of \$1200/year. This will provide 4 reports/year. The ACA has presented LERN with a contract to this effect. A list of hospitals currently subscribed to the ACTION Registry was provided, attached as Attachment 5d.

A motion was made by Dr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Barrett to accept the recommendations of Dr. Ali. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Hunt to approve the contract between LERN and The American College of Cardiology Foundation for \$1200. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- e. Trauma System Update***
 - ***State Trauma Plan***

Dr. Sutherland presented the Statewide Trauma Plan, attached as Attachment 5e1, which was started before he became medical director but never adopted by the LERN Board. The plan has been updated since Dr. Sutherland's hiring and was sent to the Board for review prior to the meeting. The update on the plan included in the presentation was an overview of where LERN is now and where Dr. Sutherland sees opportunities for growth. The matter will be discussed at the next Board meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Trauma Program Rule Change***

Dr. Sutherland advised the Board that the current Trauma Program Rule , Rule §19707, was causing problems for hospitals attempting to get certified due to ACS's inability to schedule a site visit within 12 months. Dr. Sutherland presented the Board the attached revised Rule §19707, attached as Attachment 5e2, to allow for flexibility in the scheduled visit and to require hospitals to request the visit timely as indicated in Attachment 5e2. A motion was made by Dr.

Owings and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the rule as changed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- ***Trauma Quality Improvement Program***

Dr. Sutherland presented an update from the ACS, COT meeting in May. Three main topics were discussed:

(1) TQIP - college created mechanism - form collaboratives and share data with each other. Dr. Sutherland recommends the development of a TQIP Collaborative in Louisiana and has obtained commitment from the Level I and Level II trauma centers. The board was in agreement with the formation of such a collaborative

(2) The LA COT is promoting statewide PI. They would like a more granular and effective way to identify problems that are systemic and occurring in other parts of the state. The trauma surgeons on the LERN Board think forming a state TQIP Collaborative will facilitate this. In addition to TQIP the trauma surgeons at the Level I and Level II Centers plan to initiate a case review process using cases from their centers.

(3) Digging into data in LERN registry to leverage to make system decisions. We also need to continue the work in progress to fill in hole in Region 4, 8 and 3.

Dr. Owings indicated that a robust statewide PI process would help provide data needed to push for LERN funding.

Arkansas published a study regarding preventability of death before/after system. We don't currently have a comprehensive data registry for such a study, but it is our goal to figure a way to provide this evidence.

No formal action was taken by the board.

f. Budget/Finance

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented FY17 Fiscal Overview as of 8/10/17, attached as Attachment 5f, to the Board. No formal action was taken by the board.

6. *Public Comments*

Colletta Barrett, RN, FACHE, questioned free standing emergency departments and LERN's role in directing care to these facilities. The LERN Executive Director explained that the LERN Stroke Protocol indicates when Off Site Emergency Departments would be used, and for trauma or STEMI they would not be considered unless there were no other options.

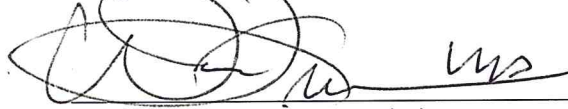
Dr. Hunt stated that the paper, "Association Between Compliance with Triage Directions from an Organized State Trauma System and Trauma Outcomes" was accepted and will appear in the October journal of American College of Surgeon

There were no other public comments.

7. *Adjournment*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Freeman', written over a horizontal line.

William Freeman, MD, Chair