

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, January 19, 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 January 19, 2017 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on January 19, 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*

Roll Call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, attorney. The following members were present:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Danita LeBlanc
William Lunn, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy Wold
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

There were 12 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

Cynthia Baker, OD, arrived at 1:05 p.m.

John P. Reilly, MD, arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Tomas Jacome, MD, arrived at 1:06 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Craig C. Greene, MD, arrived at 1:57 p.m.

Members Absent:

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Katherine Hebert
Frank Hoffman, Louisiana State Representative
Dustin Miller, Louisiana State Representative
John Owings, MD
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
Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Contractors Present:

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

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Dr. Lunn to add an item to the agenda to discuss adding law enforcement to regional commissions. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2016*

A motion was made by Dr. Zweifler and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 Board meeting as written. See Attachment 4. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. LERN Business

a. Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members

A motion was made by Dr. Lunn and seconded by Mr. Wold to accept the following resignations and to approve the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Sergio Morales, to Region 3 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Resignation of Melissa Wold, RN, from Region 6 Commission (nominee of Hospitals with Less Than 60 Beds);
- Appointment of Marquinn Duke, MD, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative); and
- Appointment of Ken Salzer to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Association of National Registered Emergency Medical Technician).

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

a.1. Adding Law Enforcement to Regional Commissions

Board member Jack Varnado discussed the benefits of adding law enforcement membership to regional commissions. Pursuant to Board rules, requests for additional membership to a regional commission must originate from a regional commission. The regional coordinators were authorized to discuss with the regional commissions the possibility of adding law enforcement membership to the regional commissions. No formal action was taken by the Board.

b. Executive Director

• Operations Overview

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

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the 2016-2018 Strategic Priorities, attached as Attachment 5b2. A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to approve the strategic priorities as presented. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

• Funding

Paige Hargrove advised the Board about steps taken to secure permanent funding for

LERN, without relying on the general fund, including meetings with Dr. Gee (Attachment 5b3) of the Department of Health, meeting with the Louisiana Hospital Association and with DOTD secretary, Shawn Wilson. Dr. Gee supports LERN's efforts to secure alternative funding. Sec. Wilson understands the connection between the trauma system and transportation. DOTD has no plans to pursue increasing fees and fines as listed in the funding research, but they will investigate any potential highway safety funds that may be available. The Board discussed legislative options and education. See Attachment 5b4. No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. LERN Call Center
• **2016 Data**

Chris Hector presented Call Center Data for 2016 powerpoint to the Board, attached as Attachment 5c. No formal action was taken by the Board.

d. Regional Update (R 1, 3, and 9)

Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator, presented an update on activities occurring in Regions 1, 3 and 9, Attachment 5d. No formal action was taken by the Board.

e. Stroke Update

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented Stroke Update, attached as Attachment 5e, on behalf of Dr. Martin-Schild. A number of items related to the report were discussed by the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board.

f. STEMI Update
• **Regional Report**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, gave the Board a brief overview of STEMI efforts, including work on a Regional Report with the Astra Zenica grant and continuing EKG classes. No formal action was taken by the board.

g. Trauma System Update
• **Medical Director Update**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the attached map in response to the Board question, "what percent of the population will have access to a trauma center within a 60 minute drive time when there is a trauma center in every region?" Map indicates approximately 83%. Key stakeholders were interviewed to determine the needs/priorities for the next trauma medical director. Responses were used to develop the Priority Roles and Responsibilities, Attachment 5g, to the Board related to Trauma Medical Director. A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Zweifler for Paige Hargrove to hire a medical director with a three year contract, not to exceed \$125,000.00 a year at a rate of \$125.00 an hour. The motion was

approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

h. Budget/Finance

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the Budget/Finance Report on behalf of Tracy Wold, attached as Attachment 5h. No formal action was taken by the Board.

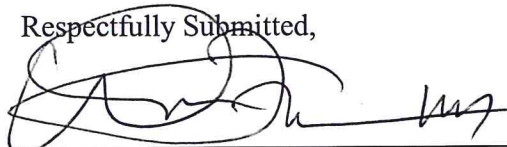
6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

William Freeman, MD, Chair