



Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

Held at:

**Louisiana Emergency Response Network
14141 Airline Hwy., Building 1, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70817**

**Via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public
Health Emergency.**

Welcome/Introductions

The August 19, 2021 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order via Zoom 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

Board members participated in the Board meeting via teleconference due to the declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Roll call was taken by Board Attorney, Celia Cangelosi, with the following results:

Members Present:

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair
Schaun Chevis, MSW
Janet D. Clark
David Daly, Jr., MD
William Freeman, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Scott Guidry
Paul Gladden, MD
Chris Guilbeaux
Joseph Kanter, MD
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD
Buddy Mincey, Jr., State Representative

Monica S. Nijoka, RN
Robert K. White, MD
Richard Zweifler, MD

There were 15 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:05 p.m.

John D. Jones, MD, arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Charles Nassauer, OD, arrived at 1:18 p.m.

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State
Senator
Jeffrey E. Carter, M.D.
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD
Honorable Jonathan Goudeau, State Representative
Tomas Jacome, MD
Gregory K. Stock
Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Honorable Mack A. “Bodi” White, State Senator

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Donicia Jackson, Administrative Assistant
Deb Spann, Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, Regional Coordinator
Xiaoping Nie, Data Assistant

Contractors Present:

Michael J. Sutherland, MD, Trauma Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Christopher J. White, MD, STEMI Medical Director
Celia Cangelosi, Legal Counsel
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants
Anita Byrne, SSA Consultants

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Daly and seconded by Dr. Freeman to accept the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Guidry to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Board meeting as written. See Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ratification of Commission Members and Resignations

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Kanter to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the following regional commissions:

Resignations

- Frederick Dent – from Region 5 Commission (nomination of Emergency Medical Response); and
- Derek Rousseau, BSN, EMP-P - from Region 9 Commission (nomination of Emergency Nurse Association).

Appointments

- Nicole Streiff McCoin, MD - nomination to Region 1 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association > 100 Beds);
- L. Mark Laperouse, MD - nomination to Region 2 Commission (nomination of Louisiana State Medical Society); and
- Dustin Benoit - nomination to Region 6 Commission (nomination representing Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Paula Duck, MSN, RN, CPHQ, HACP – nomination to Region 7 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition of Hospitals < 60 beds);
- Sarah LaCour, RN, MSN, CPHQ-LHA -nomination to Region 7 Commission (representing LHA Services District Hospitals);
- David Pearson, RN-LHA – nomination to Region 7 Commission (representing Hospitals > 100 beds);
- Kim Tolliver – nomination to Region 7 Commission (representing National Emergency Number Association);
- Jo Ann Alley, MD – nomination to Region 8 Commission (representing American College of Surgeons);
- Jacquelyn K. White, MD, FACEP – nomination to Region 8 Commission (representing Public Health Medical Director); and
- David Well, NRP – nomination to Region 8 Commission representing Louisiana Rural Ambulance Service.

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

Introduce New Board Member

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, welcomed both a new and a returning member to the LERN Board. New member Scott Guidry, general counsel for Acadian Ambulance, was appointed to represent Louisiana Ambulance Alliance; and Dr. Gerald Cvitanovich, a returning Board member, was reappointed to the Board, representing the Louisiana State Coroner Association. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Board Treasury – Vacancy/Executive Committee

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that the Treasurer position was now vacant with the end of Tracy Wold's term on the Board. Director Hargrove asked anyone interested in serving as Treasurer (or any other officer position) to please contact her. The new Treasurer will be elected at the November 2021 Board meeting. Executive Director Hargrove advised that new Board Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) will be elected at the first meeting in 2022; and asked those interested to please contact Ms. Hargrove. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***Executive Director Report
Operations Update***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board regarding Summary of Progress by LERN. See Attachment B, pp. 10-22. No formal action was taken by the board.

Brief Overview of Interviews

Rudy Gomez of SSA Consultants advised the Board what was learned from interviews with stakeholders. See pp. 23-46 of Attachment B. No formal action was taken by the Board.

10 Minute Breakout Sessions

The Board members were assigned to separate rooms to discuss the following topics to be included in the Strategic Plan to be developed by the Board:

1. Expand Education Services;
2. Elevate EMS Engagement & Participation;
3. -Expand PI & Data Function; and
4. Expand MCI/Disaster Preparedness Function.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Rudy Gomez of SSA Consultants reported to the Board regarding the next steps to be taken in developing a Strategic Plan. See Attachment B, p. 54. The goal is to present a draft plan to the Executive Committee in October of 2021 and to the LERN Board at the November, 2021 board

meeting.

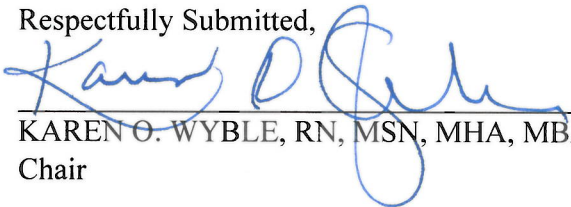
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Hunt to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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