



# Minutes

## Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 1:00

p.m. held at:

9331 Bluebonnet Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

### *Welcome/Introductions*

The August 15, 2019 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. by Dieadra Garrett, MD, Vice-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 Deborah Spann with the following results:

#### **Members Present:**

Schaun Chevis, MSW  
Janet D. Clark  
Gerald Cvitanovich, MD  
David D. Daily, Jr., MD  
William Freeman, MD  
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD  
Paul Gladden, MD  
Jimmy Guidry, MD  
Chris Gilbeaux  
John Jones, MD  
Dawn McKeown, RN  
Charles Nassauer, OD  
Tracy Wold  
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA  
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

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

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

**Members Absent:**

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator  
Frank Hoffman, State Representative  
Tomas Jacome, MD  
Lester W. Johnson, MD  
Dustin Miller, State Representative  
Gregory K. Stock  
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP  
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator  
Karen O. Wyble, RN,MSN, MHA, MBA  
Board Chair

**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  
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN Tri Regional Coordinator

**Contractors Present:**

Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor  
Michael Sutherland, M.D, Trauma Medical Director  
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director  
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

***Approval of Agenda***

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

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***Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019***

A motion was made by Mr. Wold and seconded by Ms. McKeown to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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 Dr. Freeman and seconded by Ms. McKeown to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

**Resignations**

- Joseph Acosta, MD, from Region 2 Commission (representative of American Stroke Association);
- John Jones, MD, from Region 2 Commission (representative of Louisiana Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians).

**Appointments**

- Tracy G. Hilburn to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness);
- Marc Todd, RN, EMT-P, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association to represent Service District Hospitals).

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

***2020 Board Meeting Dates***

Deiadra Garrett, MD, LERN Vice-Chairman, reviewed the proposed 2020 LERN Board Meeting dates (Attachment B). A motion was made by T. Wold and seconded by D. McKewon, RN to approve the 2020 Board Meeting dates, as proposed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***Executive Committee Proposal***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, proposed a formal process to seat the LERN Executive Committee (Attachment C) and proposed beginning this process in January 2020 to coincide with board officer elections. Dawn McKewon, RN moved and Dr. Freeman seconded a motion, to accept the Executive Committee proposal as presented. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***Executive Director Report***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the board on progress related to strategic priorities (Attachment D) and other initiatives (Attachment E). Ms. Hargrove reminded the board that per rule every hospital must update their stroke and STEMI attestations every two years. The board was provided with a copy of regional Stroke/STEMI attestation updates (Attachment F). No formal action was taken by the board.



Paige Hargrove informed the Board that she had not reconvened the state stroke workgroup as directed in the May, 2019 board meeting. Ms. Hargrove explained that she did not feel comfortable leading the group or setting the agenda for a meeting without a STEMI physician lead. Dr. David Daly, LERN Board member representing the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, suggested the board consider a search for a new STEMI Medical Director. Paige Hargrove presented a draft of STEMI Medical Director job duties (Attachment G). A motion was made by Dr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Gladden to authorize Ms. Hargrove to begin a search for a STEMI Medical Director. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

### *Trauma Registry Report*

Chris Hector, LERN Administrative Director, presented the 2018 LERN State Trauma Registry report, Attachment H. A discussion followed. No formal action was taken on the matter.

### *Burn System Update*

Paige Hargrove advised the board that the new American Burn Association (ABA) Verified Burn Center position on the LERN Board is being filled by Dr. John "Johnny" Jones.

Ms. Hargrove informed the Board that the burn destination protocol the board previously adopted has been promulgated in rule, see Attachment I.

Ms. Hargrove shared Burn Data, Attachment J, and related events occurring at the June 25, 2019 state burn meeting held at UMC-New Orleans.

No formal action was taken by the board.

### *Stroke Update*

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

Dr. Martin-Schild informed the board of a question brought fourth regarding Primary Stroke Centers with Endovascular resources (PSC-E). Specifically, does LERN require 24/7/365 coverage by a physician credentialed to provide mechanical thrombectomy in order to attest to PSC-E? The attestation document sent every 2 years to hospital CEO's, states,

"The undersigned hereby attests that the facility meets all of the standards identified in the associated level checked by the CEO/COO and ensures 24-hour availability 365 days a year of the resources indicated in the level. The undersigned also attests that the hospital can provide verification of the accuracy of the responses".

Dr. Martin-Schild recommended the board not mandate 24/7/365 endovascular coverage for a PSC-E.

A long discussion ensued and, after consideration of all concerns, Dr. Guidry made a motion and Dr. Freeman seconded a motion (1), to allow all hospitals to attest as PSC-E without 24/7/365 coverage and to modify the attestation as follows:

“The undersigned hereby attests that the facility meets all of the standards identified in the associated level checked by the CEO/COO and ensures 24-hour availability 365 days a year of the resources indicated in the level, except for 24/7/365 endovascular coverage at a PSC-E. The undersigned also attests that the hospital can provide verification of the accuracy of the responses”; and

and (2) to change the PSC-E requirements to:

**\*PSC-E must also meet the following additional requirements:**

- Personnel: Physician credentialed to perform mechanical thrombectomy
- PSC-E must update Resource Management portal at all times.
- In addition to updating the portal, PSC-E must notify all EMS providers in the region when endovascular resources are not available.
- Collect and submit quarterly to LERN the same data Joint Commission requires the Thrombectomy Stroke Capable centers to collect.

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

***Legislative Action***

Paige Hargrove informed the Board, that the Executive Committee voted to keep Legislative Action as a standing board agenda item. The Executive Committee formed a small sub-committee to prepare for the next legislative session. There will be a large turnover in the legislature this election season and the focus will be on meeting with new and old legislators to educate on LERN’s mission and accomplishments. Ms. Hargrove requested to present at the next joint meeting of the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees.

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***Stop the Bled***

Deborah Spann and Dawn McKeown stated the Louisiana Chapter of Emergency Nurses Association is considering legislation to require Stop the Bleed education and wall mount kits in schools. Dr. Freeman stated that the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians may consider this as well. No formal action was taken by the board.

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***Budget Review***

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY18/FY19 Fiscal Overview, attached as Attachment K. No formal action was taken by the board.

***Public Comment***

There were no public comments.

***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Deidra Garrett, MD Vice-Chair

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