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Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Friday, August 17, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

held at:

Hyatt Hotel
800 Iberville
New Orleans, LA

Welcome/Introductions

The August 17-18, 2012, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair, at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Members Present:

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., Chair
Coletta Cooper Barrett
Patrick Breaux
Billy Conerly
John Dailey
William Freeman
Kenneth J. Gaines

Jimmy Guidry
John Hunt
Kevin Sittig
Peter Sullivan
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator
Kristin K. Whitty

Members Absent:

Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator
Kevin Davis
Joel Eldridge
Michael Hulefeld
Danita Leblanc
Fred Martinez
John Noble, Jr.
Gary Peters
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.
Chris Wroten
Michele Zembo

Thirteen members were present constituting a quorum.

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative, arrived at 2:40 p.m.

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Barr, Financial Manager
Ted Colligan, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:

Jason Allemand, LCC Supervisor
Dr. Christel Slaughter
Rudy Gomez
Dr. Robert Coscia, Medical Director

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Trauma Update

Christel Slaughter of SSA Consultants made a presentation on Trauma in Louisiana. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

STEMI Update

Dr. Murtuza "Zee" Ali, presented an overview to the Board on STEMI Workgroup and recommendations. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Stroke Update

A Stroke Update was presented by Dr. Kenneth Gaines. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Panel Discussion LERN: Past, Present and Future

A panel discussion was held. The panel consisted of Dr. Kenneth Gaines, Dr. Murtuza "Zee" Ali, Dr. Robert L. Coscia, Dr. Jimmy Guidry, and Dr. Norman E. McSwain, Jr.. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Panel Discussion on Funding Priorities

A panel discussion was held on funding priorities for LERN. The panel consisted of Dr. Jimmy Guidry, Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., and Representative Regina Ashford Barrow. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Adjournment

A motion was made at 5:26 p.m. by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to recess the Board meeting until August 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Continuation of Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

held at:

Hyatt Hotel
800 Iberville
New Orleans, LA

Call to Order

The continuation of the August 18, 2012, regular meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Dr. Norman E. McSwain, Jr., at 8:00 a.m. on August 18, 2012.

Roll Call

Celia R. Cangelosi, Board Attorney, called the roll.

Members Present:

Norman E. McSwain, Jr.
Coletta Cooper Barrett
Patrick Breaux
John Dailey
William Freeman
Kenneth J. Gaines
Jimmy Guidry
Michael Hulefeld
John Hunt
Kevin Sittig
Peter Sullivan
Kristin K. Whitty

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator

Billy Conerly
Kevin Davis
Joel Eldridge
Danita Leblanc
Fred Martinez
John Noble, Jr.
Gary Peters
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator
Chris Wroten
Michele Zembo

Twelve members were present constituting a quorum when the roll was called.

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Barr, Financial Manager
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Ted Colligan, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Deb Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:

Dr. Robert Coscia, Medical Director
Dr. Christel Slaughter
Rudy Gomez
Jason Allemand

Board Meeting

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to amend the agenda to add "Approval of the Minutes from Last Board Meeting" and "Changes to Regional Commissions" to the agenda. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting

A draft of Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Peter Sullivan to approve the minutes of the last board meeting as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Changes to Regional Commissions

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to make the following changes to the following to the regional commissions:

Mary Martin-Schild, MD, PhD, to the Region 1 Commission as the nominee representing American Heart Association/American Stroke Association;

Mary Dupuis, resigned from Region 2 Commission as the nominee representing hospitals with >100 beds;

Sayde Batts, RN, MSN, to the Region 2 Commission as the nominee representing Hospitals with > 100 beds;

David Joseph "Joey" Barios, III, MD, FACS, to the Region 4 Commission as the nominee representing the Burn Center; and

David Marcus, to the Region 9 Commission as the nominee representing the Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance.

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

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to add an agenda item entitled "Budget Review". The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Budget Review

Peter Sullivan gave a review of the budget. A motion was made by Dr. William Freeman and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to approve the budget as presented. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Board Retreat

Board retreat discussions were continued from yesterday, with a review of the matters discussed Friday.

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. Patrick Breaux to add "DTSWG Work with EMS" to the agenda. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to authorize the Design the System Work Group to work with EMS to coordinate responsibilities and activities. Dr. McSwain offered an amendment to the motion to include Dr. Will Freeman in this activity. Dr. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion, as amended, was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Robert Winchell, MD, Lead Evaluator for the 2009 American College of Surgeons Site Visit to Louisiana, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board.

Christel Slaughter of SSA Consultants led a discussion on SWOT Analysis. The Board broke into small groups to outline strategic priorities. The groups made recommendations for prioritizing activities. LERN staff will utilize the discussion in developing a three year Strategic Plan.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, Chair