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Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, August 20, 2015 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 20, 2015 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on August 20, 2015 by Dr. William Freeman, Vice Chair, presiding, at approximately 1:04 p.m. 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, Board attorney. The following members were present:

Members Present:
William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair, presiding
Patrick Breaux, MD
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Katherine Hebert
Tomas Jacome, MD
John Owings, MD
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN
Tracy Wold

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

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, arrived at 1:25 p.m.; leaves at 2:40 p.m.

Danita LeBlanc, arrived at 1:55 p.m.

Patrick Breaux, MD, left at 2:40 p.m.

Members Absent:
John Hunt, MD, Chair
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator
Joel Eldridge, DO
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Craig C. Greene, MD
Cindy Nuesslein, RN, MBA, FACHE
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative
Peter Sullivan, MBA
Chris Wroten, OD

Staff Present:
Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:
Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, LERN Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Jason Allemand, Communications Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

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

The Board observed a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Norman McSwain, recently deceased, and recognized the contributions Dr. McSwain made not only to LERN, but to the state of Louisiana, the trauma system for Louisiana, New Orleans, to the patients he treated and the young doctors he trained.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Dr. Owings to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 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. Wold and seconded by Dr. Owings to approve the following nominations and resignations to or from the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Carl Flores to Region 1 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered Paramedics);
- Appointment of Ken Rousseau to Region 1 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Appointment of Euclide Gaines to Region 1 Commission (nominee of ED Director St. Bernard Parish Hospital);
- Appointment of Michael Fahr, MD, to Region 2 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative);
- Appointment of Stephen Zachary to Region 3 Commission (nominee of Rural Hospital Coalition);
- Appointment of Scott Kyle to Region 5 Commission (nominee of Hospital >100 Beds);
- Appointment of Juan Ramirez, MD, to Region 5 Commission (nominee of America College of Emergency Physicians);
- Resignation of Annette Belcher from Region 5 Commission (nominee of Service District Hospital);
- Resignation of Alan Chandler from Region 6 Commission (nominee of Rural Hospital Coalition);
- Appointment of Sandy Roberts, MBA, RN, to Region 6 Commission (nominee of Air Medical Representative);
- Resignation of Patrick King, RN, from Region 8 (nominee of Emergency Nurses Association);
- Appointment of Eric Daniel, RN, to Region 8 (nominee of Emergency Nurses Association);
- Appointment of Patrick King, RN, to Region 8 (nominee of Louisiana Hospital Association - Hospital >100 Beds); and
- Appointment of Patrick Taylor, MD, to Region 8 (nominee of American College of Emergency Physicians).

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

b. Executive Director Report

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented and discussed the powerpoint

presentation, attached as Attachment 5b. No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. ***LEVEL IV Trauma Centers***
Region 1 and 9 feedback

Executive Director Paige Hargrove reported on work of the Level IV Trauma Group.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux to take federal zip code data based definitions of rural areas and super rural areas, and superimpose those areas on the map of existing and proposed trauma centers in Louisiana to help consider how to move forward with Level 4 trauma centers in the state.

A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Dr. Breaux to amend the motion to include overlaying with a map of state emergency rooms and evaluate that as well. The motion to amend passed by unanimous vote in the affirmative. The amended motion passed by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

d. ***Stroke System Update***
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Dr. Martin-Schild reported on activities of the Stroke Work Group since the last Board meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

e. ***STEMI System Update***

Ms. Hargrove updated the Board on the state STEMI status. See report attached as Attachment 5e. No formal action was taken by the Board.

f. ***Trauma System Update***

Dr. Coscia, LERN Medical Director, reported on his work as LERN Trauma Medical Director since the last Board meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux to have the LERN Executive Director and staff review other state's regulated trauma systems and report to Board regarding other state systems. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g. ***SCR 42 Workgroup***

Dr. Owings reported on the work of the SCR 42 Workgroup. No formal action was taken by the Board.

h. Regional Commission Update (1, 3 & 9)

Yvette Legendre updated the Board on Regions 1, 3 and 9. She also presented the Board a letter from Dr. Uddo, attached as Attachment 5h. The Board discussed the issue presented.

A motion was made by Kristen Whitty and seconded by Dr. Owings to charge regional commissions to determine the maximum weight capabilities of each hospital for the hospital's computer tomography tables, magnetic resonance imagining tables and flouroscopic tables (heart catheterization procedures) certain types of imaging. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

i. Budget/Finance

Paige Hargrove presented the Board with the Fiscal Overview as of 8/18/15. See Attachment 5i. No formal action was taken by the Board.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. Hebert to dismiss the meeting at 2:55 p.m. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair