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Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network Office
14141 Airline Hwy., Bldg. One, Suite B

Welcome/Introductions

The May 16, 2013, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Coletta Barrett, Past-Chair, at approximately 2:13 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Dr. John Hunt arrived at 2:15 pm and assumed chair of the meeting.

Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Coletta Cooper Barrett
Patrick Breaux, MD
Billy Conerly
John Dailey
Joel Eldridge, DO
William Freeman, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Michael Hulefeld (left the meeting at 3:58 pm)

John Hunt, MD
Fred Martinez
Kevin Sittig, MD
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.
Kristin Whitty

Norman McSwain, Jr., MD arrived at 2:30 PM
Craig Green, MD arrived at 3:00 PM

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator
Kevin Davis
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Danita LeBlanc
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative
Peter Sullivan
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator
Tracy Wold
Chris Wroten, OD
Michele Zembo, MD

Thirteen members were present at roll call, constituting a quorum.

Staff Present:

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

Contractors Present:

Jason Allemand, LCC Supervisor
Dr. Robert Coscia, LERN Medical Director
Annie Heaton, Management Consultant
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Coletta Barrett to move Agenda Item C (*Communication Center*) to the end of the meeting to allow for a better flow for public comments. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a

unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Kevin Sittig motioned to accept the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Dr. Kevin Sittig moved for a voluntary introduction of public guests attending the meeting. The motion was seconded by Coletta Barrett. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Introductions were made by the following:

Edgardo Tenreiro, EVP/COO Baton Rouge General
Jeff LeDuff, Chief of Security, Baton Rouge General
Chuck Burnell, MD, Medical Director, Acadian Ambulance
Thomas Bickham, Undersecretary, Department of Corrections

Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2013 Board Meetings

A draft of Minutes of the March 21, 2013, Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached, was presented for approval. Staff Attorney, Celia Cangelosi requested a technical change to the minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux and seconded by Coletta Barrett to approve the minutes of the past board meeting as amended. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Executive Director Report

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, reported to the Board on activities since the last Board Meeting. Also presented was the new State 5-year plan (copy attached). No formal action was taken by the Board.

Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members

Paige Hargrove announced the following resignations from Commissions:

- Karen Davis – Region 1, Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
- Joy Griggs – Region 5, Office of Public Health Hospital Coordinator
- Karen Mixon – Region 7, Hospitals < 60 Representatives

- SMSgt Brian Ritchie - Region 7, Military Representative

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux to approve the resignations of the above commission members. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove announced the following nominations to Commissions:

- Charles Hudson – Region 1, Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
- Cindy Magg – Region 1, Rural Hospital Coalition
- Lance C. LaMotte, MD – Region 2, American College of Cardiology
- Kevin A. Courville, MD – Region 4, American College of Cardiology
- Thomas J. Mulhearn, IV, MD – Region 5, American College of Cardiology
- Jonathon Johnson – Region 7, Air Medical Providers
- TSgt Kris Wooser – Region 7, Nomination Military Representative
- Kip Franklin – Region 8, Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux to approve the ratification of the above commission members. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

STEMI Update – Present Protocol

Paige Hargrove presented a guideline (copy attached) for patients self-presenting to STEMI Referral Centers. Patients who self-present to a STEMI Referral Center had not been addressed at the previous board meeting. Coletta Barrett suggested changing the word "protocol" to "guidelines". A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux to accept the guideline with the suggested change. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

STEMI/Stroke White Papers

Paige Hargrove presented white papers (copies attached) on Building a STEMI System and Building a Stroke System in Louisiana. Coletta Barrett recommends changing the word "protocol" to "guidelines" when referring to LERN's work in interpretation/education for STEMI or stroke. A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux to accept the change in terminology from protocol to guideline throughout both papers.

The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Dr. Breaux requested time for the board to review both papers and to provide feedback at the next meeting.

LERN/BEMS Integration

Paige Hargrove reported that a substitute bill for SB198 moved out of Senate Health and Welfare. The substitute bill was renamed SB262 and dissolves any LERN/BEMS integration as proposed in the original legislation. SB262 legislates for the creation of the Louisiana Board of Emergency Medical Service. Dr. Jimmy Guidry made comments on the new bill. No formal action was taken.

Budget Review

Carolyn Barr gave a review of the current budget status. Paige Hargrove reviewed the major changes between the current budget and the upcoming FY14 budget. No formal action was taken.

LERN Medical Director Report

Dr. Robert Coscia reported his activities as LERN Medical Director since the last meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Hartford Paper

Dr. Norman McSwain gave a presentation on the Hartford Consensus document. See attached. A motion was made by Coletta Barrett for the Executive Director to research the current situation, determine if there are avenues to support and encourage the Hartford report and bring back a recommendation to the LERN Board. The motion was seconded by Jack Varnado. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Communication Center – Routing for stroke/STEMI

Paige Hargrove gave a summarization of the assessment by Doctor Ali and Doctor Gaines of the communication centers role in building STEMI and Stroke systems for Louisiana. She provided an estimated number of additional calls per hour for stroke that could possibly occur. She asked for the Board's opinion as to whether LERN should route for stroke and STEMI. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux that

LERN should be a resource, but not require routing through the Communication Center. The motion was seconded by Dr. William Freeman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Communication Center – Routing Prisoners

Paige Hargrove announced that, because of the closing of some State hospitals, there had been a request for LERN to route prisoners requiring transportation to a hospital in Region 2. There was discussion on how this request came about as well as the implications and responsibilities of LERN. The discussion focused on the mission and legislative authority of LERN being limited to trauma stroke and STEMI. A motion was made by Dr. Patrick Breaux to defer the topic and have the Executive Committee meet with DOC and hospital personnel and come back to the next Board meeting with a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jack Varnado. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Michael Hulefeld left the meeting at 3:58 pm.

Vice-Chairman's Closing Remarks

None.

Public Comments

Thomas Bickham, the Director of the Department of Corrections as well as representatives from the Baton Rouge General Medical Center commented on the impact of prisoner and psychiatric patients in Region 2 since the closure of EKL.

Adjournment

Dr. John Hunt adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, MD, Vice-Chairman

NORMAN MCSWAIN MD
LERN BOARD CHAIRMAN