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Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, April 16, 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 April 16, 2015 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on April 16, 2015 by Dr. John Hunt, Chair, at approximately 1:00 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:
John Hunt, MD, Chair
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Patrick Breaux, MD
William Freeman, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Katherine Hebert
Tomas Jacome, MD
Danita LeBlanc
Cindy Nuesslein, RN, MBA, FACHE
Peter Sullivan, MBA
Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN
Tracy Wold

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

Jimmy Guidry, MD, arrived at 1:15 p.m.

John Owings, MD, arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Chris Wroten, OD, arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Members Absent:
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator
Billy Conerly
Joel Eldridge, DO
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Craig C. Greene, MD
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator

Staff Present:
Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Ted Colligan, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Tri-Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:
Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, LERN Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director
Jason Allemand, Communications Center Supervisor
Christel Slaughter, Management Consultant
Anita Byrne, Management Consultant

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Freeman to approve the

minutes of the January 20, 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. Breaux and seconded by Mr. Wold to approve the following nominations and resignations to or from the regional commissions:

- Ratified appointment of Jeffrey Coco, MD, to Region 1 Commission (nominee of Metropolitan Hospital Council New Orleans);
- Accepted resignation of Bev Grimes from Region 2 Commission (nominee of R2 Trauma Center Rep);
- Accepted resignation of Tressy Bergeron from Region 5 Commission (nominee of Hospitals with Over 100 Beds);
- Accepted resignation of Chris Stanley from Region 5 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Ratified appointment of Rhonda Coleman to Region 5 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance):
- Accepted resignation of Gary Jones from Region 7 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance); and
- Ratified appointment of Jeff Watson to Region 7 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance).

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

b. Executive Director Report/Annual Report
- AHA Legislation

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented and discussed the Lern Annual Report, attached as Attachment 5b; and advised the Board members of HB494, legislation proposed by the American Heart Association. Ms. Hargrove advised the Board of confusion as to whether HB494 was LERN sponsored legislation; and clarified that the bill's sponsor was the American Heart Association, not LERN. Board member Tracy Wold shared some EMS concerns related to HB494.

Ms. Hargrove advised the Board that HB494 was discussed by the LERN Executive Committee last month, which committee felt strongly that if the AHA intended to advance the legislation, AHA should attempt to satisfy the concerns of the EMS industry. The Executive Committee members felt that rulemaking, rather than legislation, might be the more successful means to achieve the AHA's intended outcome. LERN is aware that, as a state agency, LERN cannot lobby for or against any bill; however it is LERN's intent to make it clear that the bill is not a LERN initiative.

Ms. Hargrove advised the Board of the following upcoming tri-regional town hall meetings:

•September 14	9 am - 11 am	Region 6, 7, & 8 (Jonesboro, LA);
•October 12	1pm - 3 pm	Region 2, 4, & 5 (Lafayette); and
•October 14	3 pm - 5 pm	Region 1, 3 & 9 (New Orleans).

No formal action was taken by the Board.

c. LEVEL IV Trauma Centers

Executive Director Paige Hargrove reported on work of the Level IV Trauma Group, and presented proposed changes to La. R.S. 40:2171-2173 to include Level IV Trauma Centers in Louisiana. See Attachment 5c.

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Dr. Owings to accept the recommendations of the Level IV Trauma Center Work Group as reflected on Attachment 5c. After discussion, the motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

d. Stroke System Update
- Update
- Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals

Dr. Martin-Schild reported on activities of the Stroke Work Group since the last Board meeting, and presented and discussed Attachment 5d.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Freeman to recognize the "Joint Commission" as a LERN approved accrediting certification body for acute stroke ready hospitals. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Breaux to remove the red dots for non-stroke hospitals on the map located on page 25 of the FY13-14 Annual Report, it being thought that the presence of the red dots caused confusion. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

e. STEMI System Update

Ms. Hargrove updated the Board on the state STEMI report; particularly that 12 verbal commitments have been obtained for participation in the state report. Two meetings are scheduled next week and efforts will continue to obtain more participation agreements.

f. Trauma System Update

- Region 8 Study Resolution

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

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board regarding proposed legislation, SCR 18 by Senator White, with report due January, 2016 regarding a recommendation for a Level III trauma center in North Louisiana.

g. Regional Commission Update
(2, 4 & 5)

Ted Colligan, Tri Regional Coordinator, updated the Board on developments in Regions 2, 4 and 5, attached hereto as Attachment 5g. No formal action was taken by the Board.

h. Budget/Finance
- Contract Renewals

The Budget and Finance Report, attached hereto as Attachment 5h, was presented and discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Nuesslein and seconded by Dr. Owings to enter into a new contract with Celia Cangelosi for legal services for two years, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017, at the rate of $225 per hour, a maximum contract amount of $50,000. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Owings to enter into a new contract for Dr. Ali to continue to serve as LERN STEMI Director for two years, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017, at the rate of $125 an hour for a maximum contract amount of $35,600. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

i. Dr. Hunt Report/Closing Remarks

No formal action was taken by the board.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, MD, Chair

William Freeman MD, Vice-Chair