

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, January 15, 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 January 15, 2015 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on January 15, 2015 by Dr. John Hunt, Chair, at approximately 1:05 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

Patrick Breaux, MD

William Freeman, MD

Kenneth J. Gaines, MD

Dieadra J. Garrett, MD

Chris Gilbeaux

Jimmy Guidry, MD

Katherine Hebert

John Owings, MD

Cindy Nuesslein, RN, MBA, FACHE

Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative

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Tracy Wold

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

Coletta Cooper Barrett arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Carl “Jack” Varnado, Jr., arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Christ Wroten, OD, arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Honorable Mack A. “Bodi” White, Jr., State Senator, arrived at 1:45 p.m.

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative

Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator

Billy Conerly

Joel Eldridge, DO

Tomas Jacome, MD

Danita LeBlanc

Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD

Peter Sullivan, MBA

Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director

Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant

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

3. *Approval of Agenda*

The agenda was accepted as written.

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Introduction of New Board Member

New Board Member Cindy Nuesslein, CEO and President of Interim LSU Hospital (ILH) of Louisiana, was introduced.

4. *Approval of Minutes of 8/22-23/14 Board Retreat*

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Wold to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board meeting as written. 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. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Breaux to approve the following nominations and resignations to or from the regional commissions:

- Accepted resignation of Jennifer Wise from Region 3 Commission (nominee of Hospital with Less Than 60 Beds);
- Ratified appointment of Gonzalo Ivan Hidalgo, MD, to Region 6 Commission (nominee of American Stroke Association);
- Ratified appointment of Anna Warren, to Region 7 Commission (nominee of RHC);
- Ratified appointment of Oleg Chernyshev, MD, to Region 7 Commission (nominee of American Stroke Association);
- Accepted resignation of Kip Franklin from Region 8 Commission (nominee of OSHEP);
- Accepted resignation of Danny Twitchell from Region 8 Commission (nominee of ACEP); and
- Accepted resignation of David McSwain from Region 8 Commission (nominee of Hospital with Less than 60 Beds).

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

***b. Executive Director Report
- Strategic Priority Review***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented and discussed January 2015 - Executive Director Update, attached as Attachment 5b-1.

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A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Dr. Freeman to form a small work group to assess proposing the addition of Level 4 Trauma Centers in the State of Louisiana. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director, presented and discussed revisions to the LERN Strategic Priorities, attached hereto as Attachment 5b-2, with the exception of 2015-2016 Strategic Priority: Stroke Network, presented and discussed by Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Director.

A motion was made by Katherine Hebert and seconded by Dr. Freeman to approve 2015-2016 Strategic Priority as revised. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

c. Stroke Update

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Director, expressed pleasure with the work of the Board with respect to Stroke, as discussed in her earlier discussion of Stroke Strategic Priorities, and that she was pleased with progress.

Celia Cangelosi, Board attorney, advised that LAC 48:I, Chapters 187 and 189, Requirements for Stroke Recognition and STEMI Receiving Centers has been finally published with an effective date of December 20, 2014.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

d. STEMI Update

This item was covered in the Executive Director's report. No formal action was taken by the Board.

***e. Trauma System Update
- Level 4 Trauma Centers***

Robert Coscia, LERN Medical Director, updated the Board on development of the Trauma System in Louisiana since the last Board meeting, including the fact that Interim LSU Hospital (ILH) has been verified as a Level 1 Trauma Center. No formal action was taken by the Board.

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**e. Trauma System Update
- Region 8 Trauma Center Development**

Dr. Owings updated the Board on efforts to develop a trauma system in Region 8, occurring since the last Board meeting. Dr. Owings introduced Jeff Cowart, CEO and President, University Health, as very supportive of these efforts. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**f. LERN Communication Center
- 2014 Call Center Data**

Jason Allemand, Communications Center Supervisor, presented and discussed a powerpoint presentation of LERN 2014 Patient Data attached hereto as Attachment 5f. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**g. Budget/Finance
- Reductions**

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

A motion was made by Coletta Cooper Barrett and seconded by Dr. Breaux to ratify the actions taken by LERN Executive Director Paige Hargrove with regard to the budget since the last Board meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Coletta Cooper Barrett to add Dr. Owings as a member of the LERN Executive Committee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

h. Dr. Hunt Report/Closing Remarks

No formal action was taken by the board.

6. Public Comments

Public comments were made by Jeff Cowart, CEO, University Health. No formal action was taken by the Board.

7. *Adjournment*

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, MD, Chair