

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, November 20, 2014 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 November 20, 2014 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on November 5, 2014 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 Deborah Spann, Tri-Regional Coordinator. The following members were present:

Members Present:

John Hunt, MD, Chair
Patrick Breaux, MD
William Freeman, MD
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Katherine Hebert
Danita LeBlanc

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John Owings, MD
Tracy Wold
Christ Wroten, OD

There were 11 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

Coletta Cooper Barrett arrived at 1:22 p.m.

Craig C. Greene, MD, arrived at 1:45 p.m.

Deiadra J. Garrett, MD, arrived at 1:55 p.m.

Peter Sullivan arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN, arrived at 2:01 p.m.

Members Absent:

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator
Billy Conerly
Joel Eldridge, DO
Michael Hulefeld
Tomas Jacome, MD
Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.
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
Deborah Spann, Tri Regional Coordinator
Yvette Legendre, Tri Regional Coordinator

Contractors Present:

Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, LERN Medical Director

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Jason Allemand, Communications Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, Management Consultant

Introduction of New Board Member

New Board Member Katherine Hebert, RHC representative, was introduced.

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Tracy Wold, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Guidry and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the August 22-23, 2014 Board retreat as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *LERN Business*

a. *Executive Director Report*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, discussed Executive Director report, attached as Attachment 5a. No formal action was taken by the Board.

(1) LSU Health Shreveport

The University Health LSU Health Science Center of Shreveport was congratulated on its recent Level 1 Trauma Center Verification. Karen Carr, Vice President of UHLSU Health Science Center was introduced to the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board.

(2) Rules and Regulations

Board attorney Celia Cangelosi reported that the Stroke/STEMI/Centers, Recognition rules are on track to be finalized December 20, 2014; and the rules codifying all protocols previously adopted are on track to be finalized January 20, 2015. No formal action was taken by the Board.

(3) Blue Cross Meeting

Executive Director Paige Hargrove reported on a meeting with Blue Cross officials. No formal action was taken by the Board.

(4) LERN App Development

Executive Director Paige Hargrove reported that after considering budget constraints, efforts to develop a LERN App for protocols are on hold at this time. No formal action was taken by the Board.

(5) Region 8 Trauma Center Meeting

Board member John Owings, MD, reported on meetings with Region 8 stakeholders regarding the possibilities of Level 3 trauma centers in that region. Dr. Owings to write a proposal for the cost to develop a Level 3 trauma center at LSU Health Conway. No formal action was taken by the Board.

b. Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Tracy Wold to approve the following nominations and resignation to or from the regional commissions:

- Ratified appointment of Mark Boudreaux to Region 3 as nominated of NENA;
- Ratified appointment of Beth Norris to Region 3 as nominee of LHA;
- Ratified appointment of Michael Gary, RN to Region 3 as nominee of by Louisiana Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association;
- Ratified appointment of Van Snider, MD to Region 5 as nominee of LSMS;
- Ratified appointment of LTC Randel C. Cassels to Region 7 as nominee of Military Hospitals;
- Ratified appointment of Shane Terral to Region 7 as nominee of Med-Trans Air Medical Transport; and
- Accepted resignation of Brenda Arceneaux, Thibodaux RMC, of Region 9 as nominee of LHA.

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

c. Stroke Update

It was reported that rules and regulations regarding Stroke/STEMI/Centers,

Recognition are on track to be finalized on December 20, 2014.

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reported that since January, 2013, there have been 12 new spokes added to the "Hub and Spoke" model in the state. There are now 40 "spoke" hospitals thus expanding access to care for the citizens of Louisiana.

d. Trauma System Update

LERN Medical Director Robert Coscia, MD, reported to the Board on development of the Trauma System in Louisiana, noting that there are currently four accredited trauma centers in Louisiana, an increase of two from four years ago; and that currently there are three other hospitals that are working towards designation. They are: North Oaks Medical Center (Level 2), Lafayette General Medical Center (Level 2), and Lakeview Regional Medical Center (Level 3).

A motion was made by Dr. LeBlanc and seconded by Tracy Wold to recall the Trauma Triage Protocol adopted by the Board at the August 23, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Coletta Barrett and seconded by Dr. Owings to adopt and promulgate the Destination Protocol: Trauma, to be effective January 1, 2015, attached as Attachment 5d, with the following modifications:

- a. In the first block in the right hand column, change "closet" to "closest".
- b. In the second block in the right hand column, end the last sentence after "resourced hospital." and delete the remainder of the sentence.
- c. In the third block on the right hand column, in the last sentence, change the word "will" to "may".

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. A copy of the Destination Protocol: TRAUMA as adopted is attached hereto as Attachment 5d, as adopted.

(1) Trauma Program Attestation

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board that North Oaks attested to a Level 2 Trauma Program and Lakeview attested to a Level 3 Trauma Program.

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e. Trauma System Update

Rudy Gomez of SSA Consultants reported on Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, see attached as Attachment 5e; and ideas for developing other sources of funding. No formal action was taken by the Board.

f. Budget/Finance

A report on Financials was presented by LERN Board member Peter Sullivan on the budget. See report attached as Attachment 5f. No formal action was taken by the board.

g. Proposed Meeting Schedule 2015

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Coletta Barrett to adopt January 15, 2015, April 16, 2015, August 20, 2015 and December 10, 2015 as proposed meeting dates for 2015. 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.

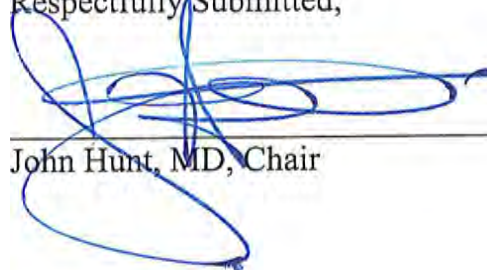
6. Public Comments

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Hunt, MD, Chair