



Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

held at:

East Baton Rouge Parish Department of EMS
3801 Harding Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Welcome/Introductions

The September 26, 2013, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Dr. Norman McSwain, Chair, at approximately 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Norman McSwain, Jr., MD
Coletta Cooper Barrett
Billy Conerly
Joel Eldridge, DO
William Freeman, MD
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
John Hunt, MD
Danita LeBlanc
Fred Martinez

Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, Representative
Kevin Sittig, MD
Peter Sullivan
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr.
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Senator
Kristin Whitty
Tracy Wold
Michele Zembo, MD

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative (arrived at 1:53 pm)

Members Absent:

Patrick Breaux, MD
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, Senator
John Dailey
Kevin Davis
Craig Green, MD arrived at 3:00 PM
Michael Hulefeld
Chris Wroten, OD

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

Kenneth J. Gaines, MD left at 1:30
Billy Conerly left at 3:12

Staff Present:

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

Contractors Present:

Jason Allemand, LCC Supervisor
Dr. Robert Coscia, LERN Medical Director
Christel Slaughter, Management Consultant

Rudy Gomez, Management Consultant
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney
Dr. Murtuza Ali, STEMI Medical Director

Approval of Agenda

Dr. McSwain made the request to modify the agenda to leave out the discussion on Trauma Destination Protocol and Patient Choice. A motion was made by Jack Varnado to accept the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Kristin Whitty. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Update on Stroke Network

Dr. Kenneth Gaines had to leave the meeting early so his presentation was taken out of order. Dr. Gaines gave an update of developing a statewide system of stroke care to improve outcomes for Louisiana citizens regardless of where they live in the state. No formal action was taken by the Board. The goal is to present the destination protocol for board approval at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2013 Board Meetings

A draft of Minutes of the May 16, 2013, Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Kevin Sittig and seconded by Dr. John Hunt to approve the minutes of the past board meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members

Paige Hargrove announced the following resignations from Commissions:

- Elizabeth A. Battalora, COL, AN - Region 6, LA Military Hospitals

Paige Hargrove announced the following nominations to Commissions:

- Vinod Nair, MD – Region 3, LA American College of Cardiology
- Robert Freedman, MD, FACC – Region 6, LA American College of Cardiology
- Nuri Akkus, MD, FACC – Region 7, LA American College of Cardiology
- Thomas Causey, MD, FACC – Region 8, LA American College of Cardiology
- Vasanth Bethala, MD, FACC – Region 9, LA American College of Cardiology

A motion was made by Peter Sullivan to approve the resignation and 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.

Governor Appointments of Board Members

Paige Hargrove announced the following appointments to the LERN Board by the Governor:

- Carl J. Varnado, Jr. – National Emergency Number Association
 - 3 year term: 8/23/2013 – 7/1/2016
- Joel Eldridge – State Coroner’s Association
 - 2 year term: 6/14/2013 – 7/1/2015
- Christopher Wroten – Optometry Association of LA
 - 3 year term: 8/23/2013 – 7/1/2016
- Danita LeBlanc – DHH
 - 3 year term: 9/23/2013 – 7/1/2016
- Kristin Whitty – LA State Board of Nursing
 - 3 year term: 9/23/2013 – 7/1/2016
- Hon. Sherri Smith Buffington – Member of the LA Senate
 - 3 year term: 7/2/2013 – 7/1/2016

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Consulting Services RFP

Paige Hargrove asked SSA representatives to leave the room then led a discussion concerning an RFP for a Management Consultant. A motion was made by Representative St. Germain to issue a new RFP for a Management Consultant. The motion was seconded by Jack Varnado. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Budget Review

Peter Sullivan gave a review of the current budget status and presented information concerning the FY15 budget request. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Meeting Dates for 2014

Paige Hargrove asked that Board and Executive Committee Members put the proposed meeting dates, as provided in the packet, on their calendars. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Update from 2012-2013

Paige Hargrove gave an update of existing strategic priorities. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Update on STEMI Network

Dr. Murtuza Ali gave an update on developing a statewide system of STEMI care to improve outcomes for Louisiana citizens regardless of where they live in the state. Dr. McSwain requests for Dr. Ali to write a proposed mechanism of verification of attestations/performance. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Trauma Level I Presentation

Dr. Norman McSwain presented a plaque to Our Lady of the Lake for achieving Level II Trauma Center Status.

Level IV Trauma Center Discussion

Dr. Robert Coscia presented an update on each region. Dr. Coscia recommended that Louisiana look toward implantation of Level IV Trauma Centers. After discussion, Dr. Coscia was asked to put together a more definite description of what he is proposing.

View from Regions 1, 3 and 9

Yvette Legendre, tri-regional coordinator gave an overview of commission activities for DHH regions 1, 3, and 9. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Update on DHH

Dr. Jimmy Guidry gave a brief update on DHH and changes in the current environment and LERN's opportunities in the coming year. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Upcoming 2014 Legislative Session

Senator Mack "Bodi" White covered the past legislative session and what might be needed if funding is requested from the legislature in the future. No formal action was taken by the Board

Chairman's Closing Remarks

Dr. Norman McSwain made an announcement about an upcoming educational

opportunity for EMS.

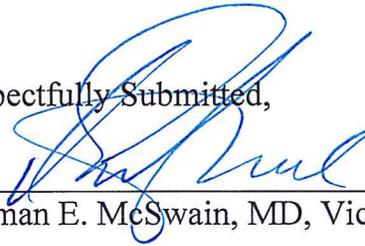
Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Norman McSwain adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman E. McSwain, MD, Vice-Chair