

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, February 22, 2018 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 February 22, 2018 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Will Freeman, LERN Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

2. Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, board attorney, with the following members present when the roll was called:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
John Hunt, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
William Lunn, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
John Owings, MD
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy Wold
Karen O. Wyble, RN, BSN, MBA

There were 14 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Board member Gerald Cvitanovich, MD, arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Board member William Lunn, MD, left the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Members Absent:

Cynthia Baker, OD
Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator
Chris Gilbeaux
Craig C. Greene, MD
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
Danita LeBlanc
Dustin Miller, State Representative
John P. Reilly, MD
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant
Chris Hector, Administrative Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Contractors Present:

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor
Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants
Michael Sutherland, M.D, Trauma Medical Director
Sheryl Martin-Schild, MD, Stroke Medical Director

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2017*

A motion was made by Dr. Lunn and seconded by Dr. Owings to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 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 Mr. Varnado and seconded by Dr. Owings to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Jessica Adams, RN, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Emergency Nurses Association);
- Resignation of Michael Gary, RN, from Region 3 Commission (nominee of Emergency Nurse Association);
- Appointment of Jeffrey Juo, MD, to Region 3 Commission (nominee of Louisiana State Medical Society);
- Resignation of Robert Abramson, MD, from Region 5 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association);
- Resignation of Juan Ramirez, MD, to Region 5 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Appointment of Brandon Jay Caskey, FPC, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of Air Medical);
- Resignation of Sandy Roberts from Region 6 Commission (nominee of Air Medical);
- Appointment of Jeffrey Traina, MD, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of Louisiana State Medical Society);
- Resignation of Martha Carter from Region 7 Commission (nominee of National Emergency Number Association);
- Appointment of F. Dean Griffen, MD, to Region 7 Commission (nomination of Louisiana State Medical Society);
- Appointment of John P. Lane to Region 7 Commission (nominee of Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians);
- Appointment of Olivia Caskey, NRP, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of American College of Surgeons);
- Appointment of Lisa Griffin, RN, BSN, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Emergency Nurses Association); and
- Appointment of John Riles, Capt., to Region 9 Commission (nomination of Law Enforcement).

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

b. Executive Director

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented the Annual Report, FY 2016-2017, attached as Attachment 5b. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***LERN Board Officer Elections***

A call was made for nominations for Board Chairman. A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Dr. Hunt to nominate John Owings, MD, to serve as Chairman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for other nominations for Board Chairman. There being none, Dr. Owings was deemed elected to serve as Board Chairman.

A call was made for nominations for Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Dr. Hunt to nominate Karen Wyble to serve as Vice Chairman. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for other nominations for Vice Chairman. There being none, Ms. Wyble was deemed elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

A call was made for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Dr. Hunt to nominate Tracy Wold to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. There being none, Mr. Wold was deemed elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Executive Director Paige Hargrove and newly elected chairman, Dr. Owings, presented a plaque to Dr. Freeman in honor of and thanking him for his service as Board Chairman.

- ***Trauma Program Rule***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced that the recent amendment to the Trauma Program Recognition Rule has been promulgated as a final rule in the State Register on January 20, 2018. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Legislative Update***

Dr. Guidry reported to the Board about the Special Session of the Legislature. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- c. ***GOHSEP Follow-Up***

- ***Site Visit/Public Safety Campus***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reminded the Board that, at the November meeting, she was asked to investigate available space with GOHSEP for a possible site for LERN location at the end of the current lease. She advised the Board the GOHSEP site was

investigated with input from Dr. Guidry and determined to be too small to accommodate LERN's needs. The primary concern being adequate space for the EMS TOC during a disaster. Ms. Hargrove advised that she was continuing to investigate available space in a building to be built for the Fire Marshal in the future. No formal action was taken by the Board.

d. Stroke Update

• **Implementation of Board Directives**

Dr. Martin-Schild reported to the Board that letters were sent to Level 3 stroke hospitals requesting action plans for those submitting data but falling short on meeting benchmarks, and a different letter to those not submitting data and requesting that data be submitted. See attached hereto as Attachment 5d1 and Attachment 5d2. It was recommended that a subcommittee review and recommend any further action needed on this matter.

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. Barrett to form a Stroke Subcommittee consisting of the Vice Chair of LERN, serving as Subcommittee Chair, and four members from the membership of LERN, with the LERN Stroke Medical Director serving as ex officio member of the Stroke Subcommittee: (1) to review, on a quarterly basis, in a blinded fashion, to ensure that the voting members of the Subcommittee not know the identity of the hospital being reviewed, the stroke related statistics provided by the hospitals; and (2) to establish a protocol for those hospitals found to be noncompliant.

Dr. Lunn made a substitute motion to delete the word "noncompliant" and substitute the words with "performance against established benchmarks" in Dr. Owning's motion. Dr. Owings accepted the motion was amended, and the amendment was seconded by Mr. Connerly.

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

The following Board members volunteered to serve on the Stroke Subcommittee, and were accepted by the Board:

As Chairman, Karen Wyble, LERN Vice Chairman;

As other members of the LERN Stroke Subcommittee:

Tracy Wold;
Billy Connerly;
Dr. Dieadra J. Garrett; and
Dawn McKeown.

Pursuant to the motion passed, Dr. Sheryl Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, will serve as an ex officio member of the Stroke Subcommittee.

• ***LaHIDD Data***

Dr. Martin-Schild presented the Board with and explained the LaHIDD Data attached as Attachment 5d3. Dr. Martin-Schild also presented, reviewed and discussed the document

attached as Attachment 5d4, comparing the LaHIDD Data over the years.

e. 2017 Call Center
• *Data Review*

Chris Hector, LERN Administrative Director, presented the “LERN Communication Center 2017 Patient Data Report” to the Board. See Attachment 5e. No formal action was taken by the Board.

• **Access Data Base**

The agenda item was deferred to a later date.

f. Trauma System Update
• *R2 Pilot w/EBR-EMS*

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, provided the Board with an update on his work as Trauma Medical Director.

Dr. Sutherland presented the Louisiana map, attached as Attachment 5f, depicting the Louisiana Trauma Centers and Programs with 1 Hour Drive Time Polygons.

Dr. Sutherland advised that he is assisting Lake Charles Memorial Hospital in preparing for a consultative visit from American College of Surgeons - VRC which should occur in January or February of 2019.

Both Dr. Owings and Dr. Sutherland related developments occurring in Region 8. Dr. Owings advised that letters of intent were signed by LSU and Oschner for Oschner to manage the University Medical Center - Shreveport Hospital and E.A. Conway in Monroe. Dr. Sutherland advised of discussions with University Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, regarding possible agreement by that hospital to become part of LERN system allowing for an additional trauma resource for Northeast Louisiana.

Dr. Sutherland discussed the pilot program with Our Lady of the Lake and EMS in Baton Rouge to link hospital and EMS data, which program should begin in the next several months.

Dr. Sutherland advised of a Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) consisting of an agreement with ACS to receive collaborative data from across Louisiana.

As Dr. Sutherland continues to work in Region 5 with Lake Charles Memorial, questions are being asked by St. Patrick’s Hospital about their role in the trauma system. Dr. Sutherland has a meeting planned with the CEO of St. Patrick’s Hospital in March to discuss.

Dr. Sutherland discussed the idea of developing pediatric trauma centers in the state, which is being considered by programs in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

g. Budget

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY18 Fiscal Overview as of February 16, 2018, attached as Attachment 5g. No formal action was taken by the board.

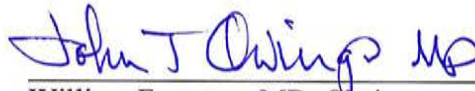
6. *Public Comments*

There were no public comments.

7. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



~~William Freeman, MD, Chair~~

JOHN T OWINGS MD FACS