

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, November 17, 2016 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 17, 2016 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on November 17, 2016 at approximately 1:06 p.m. by Dr. Will Freeman, Chair. 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, attorney. The following members were present:

Members Present:

William Freeman, MD, Chair, Presiding
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
Billy Conerly
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Chris Gilbeaux
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Katherine Hebert
Frank Hoffman, Louisiana State Representative
Danita LeBlanc
William Lunn, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
John Owings, MD
Jeannette Ray, BS, MS
Tracy Wold
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

There were 16 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

Thomas Wilmott, Louisiana State Representative, arrived at 1:12 p.m.

John Hunt, MD, arrived at 1:16 p.m.

John P. Reilly, MD, arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Cynthia Baker, OD, arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Gerald Cvitanovich, MD, arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator

Craig C. Greene, MD

Tomas Jacome, MD

Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP

Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director

Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator

Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Contractors Present:

Sheryl Martin-Schild, LERN Medical Director - Stroke

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney

Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor

Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

Murtuza Ali, MD, STEMI Medical Director

Sheryl Martin-Schild, Stroke Medical Director

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2016*

A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Mr. Wold to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 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. Owing and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to accept the following resignations and to approve the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Resignation of Stewart Cayton, MD, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of American College of Surgeons);
- Resignation of Michael Fahr, MD, from Region 2 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative);
- Appointment of Liz Harmon, from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Health & Human Services Designated Regional Coordinator);
- Resignation of Anjanette Hebert, from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Health & Human Services Designated Regional Coordinator);
- Resignation of Joseph O'Donnell, MD, from Region 5 Commission (nominee of American College of Surgeons);
- Resignation of Larry Parker, MD, from Region 6 Commission (nominee of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Resignation of Dawn McKeown, RN, from Region 7 Commission (nominee of Emergency Nurses Association);
- Resignation of Anna Warren from Region 7 Commission (nominee of Hospitals < 60 Beds);
- Appointment of Jeffrey Harris, MD, to Region 8 Commission (nominee of American Stroke Association);
- Resignation of Mark Gaudet, RN, NREMT-P, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Emergency Medical Response); and
- Appointment of Katie Sheets, RN, BSN, CCRP, to Region 9 Commission (nominee of Service District Hospital).

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

b. Executive Director
• ***Operations Overview***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, presented an operations overview. She first discussed "Strategic Planning History" and then presented and discussed the 2016-2018 strategic priorities and provided a status update on each priority, attached as Attachment 5b. A revised 2017 strategic document was included in each board members packet. The Executive Director requested board members to review these revised strategic priorities and to call with or email any suggested changes. These, or an amended version of these 2017 priorities will be voted on at the January board meeting. No formal action was taken by the Board.

• **Medical Director Update**

Paige Hargrove informed the Board that Dr. Coscia chose not to renew the 1 year contract extension that was offered. She advised the Board that a plan had been devised to fill the void in the Medical Director position which includes Drs. Owings and Hunt serving as interim LERN trauma medical directors. Dr. Owings, Dr. Hunt and Dr. Jacome have

volunteered to serve as a point person or liaison for those hospitals pursuing trauma center designation. Ms. Hargrove further advised that budget issues are impacting the hiring of a new medical director. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- **2017 Meeting Dates**

A motion was made by Ms. Hebert and seconded by Dr. Owings to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2017: January 19, 2017; April 20, 2017; August 17, 2017; and November 16, 2017. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Paige Hargrove reminded the Board members of the duty to complete mandatory ethics training before the end of the year.

- c. ***Stroke Update***

- **Level 3 Centers/Stroke EQUIPPED**

Dr. Martin-Schild, LERN Stroke Medical Director, reports Stroke Updates. Specifically, on the work of the state stroke workgroup as it relates to the “confirmed” status for Level III Stroke centers. Stroke data has been submitted to LERN by Level III stroke centers for two years. This data is reviewed by the stroke medical director, Dr. Martin-Schild. Many hospitals have made tremendous gains while others still strive to meet benchmarks. There are concerns that the term “confirmed” could be interpreted as meeting benchmarks when in fact, it only indicates that data is being collected and submitted to LERN. Therefore, the state stroke workgroup recommends the term “confirmed” be changed to EQUIPPED. EQUIPPED accurately reflects the activity – Electronic Quality Improvement Program Participating Emergency Department. She also related on two requests from the region 1 commission, first for a database to understand which hospitals carry idarucizumab , the antidote for Pradaxa; and second, a need for consumer education for free standing emergency departments. These two requests were discussed.

A motion was made by Dr. Lunn and seconded by Dr. Zweifler to change the word “confirmed” to Stroke “EQUIPPED”, which stands for Electronic Quality Improvement Program Participating Emergency Department, to send the stroke medical director feedback reports to the hospital CEO, and to require those centers not meeting identified benchmarks to submit an action plan to correct identified issues. If no progress in 6 months, the EQUIPPED status will be removed from the LERN website. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- d. ***STEMI Update***

- **Regional Report**

Dr. Ali, LERN STEMI Medical Director, presented and discussed the attached STEMI Regional Report, Attachment 5d. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- e. ***Trauma System Update***

- **Trauma Program Rule Promulgation**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, announced that the Trauma Program Rule was due to be published in final form on November 20, 2016. Because of formatting issues with the State Register, the rule was changed to fit the publication. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Chris Gilbeaux to adopt the trauma program rule in the form as published in the State Register. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

e. Trauma System Update
•Stop The Bleed Initiative

Dr. Hunt informed the Board of the Stop the Bleed Initiative, which will be presented to the Board at the January meeting as an education component of Strategic Priorities. He reported the ACS-COT strongly supports this initiative as does the Louisiana Committee on Trauma. The Board communicated support for the initiative at the regional level. No formal action was taken by the board.

g. Issuance of RFP/Consulting Services

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that the current consulting contract ends March 31, 2017. She recommended that the Board enter into a new contract for consulting services at a lesser amount for a three year period. A motion was made by Dr. Owings and seconded by Ms. Barrett, to issue an RFP for consulting services for three years. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

h. Budget/Finance

Tracy Wold presented the Budget/Finance report, attached as [Attachment 5h](#). The Board discussed the need for alternative funding. A motion was made by Dr. Ownings and seconded by Ms. Ray, for LERN staff and the Executive Committee to meet first with the Secretary of the Department of Health and with the Governor to discuss sustainable funding for LERN. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. Coletta Barrett requested that trauma system funding research be sent to the Board.

f. State Trauma Register
•2015 Data

Chris Hector presented a power point presentation to the Board of highlights from the 2015 State Trauma Registry Data. No formal action was taken by the Board.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Dr. Hunt was presented with a crystal plaque for his two years of service as LERN Chairman.

7. *Adjournment*

A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Chris Gilbeaux to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William Freeman, MD, Chair