

Minutes

Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, August 16, 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 August 16, 2018 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Karen Wyble, 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:

Karen O. Wyble, RN, BSN, MBA, Chair
Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE
William Freeman, MD
Dieadra J. Garrett, MD
Jimmy Guidry, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD
Dawn McKeown, RN
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP
Tracy Wold
Richard M. Zweifler, MD

There were 10 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Members Absent:

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator

Chris Gilbeaux
Paul Gladden, MD
Frank Hoffman, State Representative
John Hunt, MD
Danita LeBlanc
William Lunn, MD
Dustin Miller, State Representative
Charles Nassauer, OD
Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator
Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Board member Billy Conerly arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Board member Danita LeBlanc arrived at 1:12 p.m.

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

Board member Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, left at 2:00 p.m.

Staff Present:

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager
Yvette Legendre, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator
Ted Colligan, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator
Deborah Spann, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator

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
Murtuza Ali, MD, STEMI Medical Director

3. *Approval of Agenda*

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

4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2018*

A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Ms. McKeown to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 Board meeting as written. See Attachment 4. The motion was

approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *LERN Business*

a. *Board Membership Changes*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board of the following Board member changes:

Reappointment of the following Board members:

- William Lunn, MD, representing Tulane University Health Sciences Center;
- Gerald (Gerry) Cvitanovich, MD, representing State Coroner's Office;
- Senator Bodi White of the Louisiana State Senate;
- Senator Regina Barrow of the Louisiana State Senate;
- Representative Frank Hoffman of the Louisiana House of Representatives;

Appointment of the following Board members:

- Paul Gladden, MD, representing Louisiana State Medical Society;
- Charles Nassauer, OD, representing Optometry Association of America;

Resignation of the following Board members:

- John Owings, MD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport;
- Craig Greene, MD, Representing Louisiana State Medical Society;
- John Reilly, MD, representing the LA Chapter of the America College of Cardiology;
- Jeanette M. Ray, BS, MS, Rehab Constituency Group; and
- Cynthia Baker, OD, representing the Optometry Association of Louisiana.

Letter of Resignation from Dr. Greene, included in Board packet and attached as Attachment 5a1. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Executive Director

• *Vice-Chair Election*

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, called for nominations to fill the vacant position of Vice Chair. A motion was made by Ms. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Varnado to nominate Dieadra J. Garrett, MD, to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and Dr. Garrett was elected Vice Chair without opposition.

- ***Research Review Committee***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, gave the report regarding the Research Review Committee attached hereto as Attachment 5a2. She advised the Board that the Research Review Committee is chaired by the LERN Vice Chair, making Dr. Garrett now the Research Review Committee Chair, with other members, Dr. Hunt, Mr. Wold, and Ms. LeBlanc. Ms. McKeown volunteered to also serve on the Research Review Committee. Paige Hargrove also advised that there is a request for data from LERN from the PEW Project for the LA Opioid research. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- b. Ratification of Commission Members***

A motion was made by Mr. Wold and seconded by Dr. Freeman to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

Resignations

- Stephen J. Gordon, ENP, from Region 1 Commission (nomination of National Emergency Number Association);
- Brian Spillman, from Region 2 Commission (nomination of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness); and
- Stephen Zachary, RN, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition).

Appointments

- Joseph Kanter, MD, MPH, to Region 1 Commission (nomination of LDH - Office of Public Health);
- Buffy Lafont, RN, BSN, CEN, to Region 3 Commission (nomination of Rural Hospital Coalition);
- Jonathon A. Koob, MHA, BSN, to Region 4 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association);
- Shawn Lacombe Moreau, BSN, to Region 6 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association);
- Teresa Dugdale Daniel, RN-BC, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Louisiana Hospital Association); and
- Michael Reichardt, to Region 8 Commission (nomination of Law Enforcement).

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

- c. Board Discussion***

- ***November Board Meeting/Strategic Planning***

Executive Director Hargrove advised the Board that the November 15, 2018 Board meeting would be a strategic planning meeting to be held at SSA Consultants from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rudy Gomez of SSA Consultants explained that many of the existing LERN goals have been accomplished or marginalized into the existing operation, making this a good time to update strategic priorities of the Board. Mr. Gomez will interview the LERN executive committee, medical directors and executive director. Board members were asked to watch for an email with a strategic planning survey. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- ***Executive Director Evaluation***

Rudy Gomez advised the Board of an upcoming executive director evaluation. Board members should expect to receive the survey instrument utilized in the last evaluation for review and comment; and later the actual survey for their input. No formal action was taken by the Board.

- d. ***Trauma System Update***

- ***Pediatric Trauma Center/Attestation***

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, presented “Pediatric Level I or II - Trauma Program Checklist/Attestation”, attached Attachment 5d1, for Board approval. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Dr. Guidry and seconded by Ms. McKeown, to approve the attestation as presented. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- ***Transfer Data***

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, advised the Board regarding patient transfer times calculated by the LERN Communications Center, attached hereto as Attachment 5d2. No formal action was taken by the board.

- ***Trauma Program Rule/Executive Committee Recommendation regarding trauma programs or centers that fail ACS survey***

Dr. Sutherland, LERN Medical Director, advised the Board that he had worked with the LERN executive committee to develop a recommendation for a time line for allowing a hospital to resume trauma program recognition after failing an ACS survey and losing trauma program status. Dr. Sutherland presented the Executive Committee recommendation as follows: After failure, a LERN designee and one other person (Trauma Medical Director, Trauma Surgeon), will review the ACS deficiencies/findings. The hospital just develop a remediation plan and apply to the full board for resumption of trauma program status. The LERN Board will review the remediation plan, TMD/surgeon assessment of deficiencies prior to accepting or denying the trauma program attestation request. There are too many variables to place a definite time frame. A motion was made by Mr. Conerly and seconded by Dr. Freeman to approve the executive committee recommendation and adopt as a Board rule. The current rule is attached hereto as Attachment 5d3. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

e. Burn-LERN Routing

Dr. J. Carter with University Medical Center, New Orleans, presented the Board information on Burn Care; and requested that the LERN Communication Center begin routing all burn patients. A motion was made Mr. Varnado and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to develop protocols for the routing of burn injuries through LERN. These protocols must be first presented to the LERN Board and approved prior to the LERN Call Center routing all burns. The motion was approved after an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

f. Stroke Update

Dr. Martin-Schild, Stroke Medical Director, provided the Board with an update of the work of the Stroke Committee and reported that all 54 and 3 stroke centers have submitted data. No hospitals were reviewed for demotion to L4. Ms. Wyble thanked Dr. Martin-Schild for the committee's work. No formal action was taken by the Board.

g. STEMI Update

Dr. Murtuza Ali, STEMI Medical Director, reported on STEMI efforts around the state. He presented data from the ACC dashboard which included metrics on 19 Louisiana hospitals participating in the ACTION registry. No formal action was taken by the Board.

h. Regional Update (R 1, 3 and 9)

Yvette Legendre, RN, presented an update on Regions 1, 3 and 9, attached as Attachment 5h. No formal action was taken by the Board.

i. Budget

Tracy Wold, LERN Treasurer, presented the FY18 Fiscal Overview as of August 14, 2018, attached as Attachment 5i. No formal action was taken by the board.

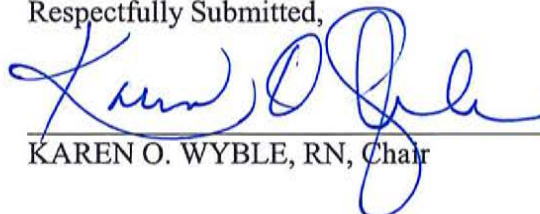
6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,



KAREN O. WYBLE, RN, Chair