



Minutes
October 20, 2020

Board Members Present:

Chris Guilbeaux	Monica Nijoka, MHA, BSN, RN	Jeffrey Carter, MD
Jack Varnado	Deiadra Garrett, MD	John Hunt, MD
Will Freeman, MD	Paul Gladden, MD	
Karen Wyble, MSN, MHA, MBA, RN	John Jones, MD	Board Attorney: Celia Cangelosi
Charles Nassauer, OD	Gerald Cvitanovich, MD	
Schaun Chevis, MSW	Richard Zweifler, MD	
Janet Clark	Brandon Mauldin, MD	
Board Members Absent:		
Tracy Wold	Hon. Regina Barrow	Hon. Jonathan Goudeau
Jimmy Guidry, MD	David Daly, MD	Hon. Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Greg K. Stock, MD	Hon. Mack "Bodi" White, Jr.	Robert K. White, MD
Tomas Jacome, MD		

Minutes: Quorum established.

Karen Wyble, LERN Board Chair updated the LERN Board on House Bill 39, which is a Supplemental Funding bill. Specifically, she explained Amendment No. 1 which adds \$1,126,338 to the LERN Budget. See Attachment A. Upon further investigation by the LERN Executive Director, the funding is for Orleans Parish Communications Center (OPCC) and LERN is serving as a pass through agency to send the money to OPCC.

Ms. Wyble shared concerns related to LERN not being notified of this amendment, transparency, and intent. The LERN Board provided input and directed the Executive Director to follow-up with Chas Nicholas, LDH Budget Analyst for Health Care Services District, regarding the Board's concerns. It was noted by the Board that there are 63 other communication districts and this should not set a precedent that this practice would continue in the future. Chair stated once fact-finding is completed, she and Executive Director would re-group with the board to see if they want any further action.

Motion to adjourn at 14:55 made by Chris Guilbeaux.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen O. Wyble", is written over a horizontal line.

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair

Next Meeting - November 19, 2020