



# Minutes

**Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board**  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network  
14141 Airline Hwy., Building 1, Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

## *Welcome/Introductions*

The February 20, 2020 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Karen Wyble, Board Chair. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

## *Roll Call*

Roll call was taken with the following results:

### **Members Present:**

Karen O. Wyble, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA, Chair  
Schaun Chevis, MSW  
Janet D. Clark  
William Freeman, MD  
Chris Gilbeaux  
Paul Gladden, MD  
Jimmy Guidry, MD  
John Hunt, MD  
Tomas Jacome, MD  
John D. Jones, MD  
Brandon J. Mauldin, MD  
Dawn McKeown, RN  
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.  
Charles Nassauer, OD

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

There were 15 board members present when the meeting began constituting a quorum.

Dieadra J. Garrett, MD, arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Gregory K. Stock arrived at 1:35 p.m.

**Members Absent:**

Regina Ashford Barrow, State Senator

Gerald Cvitanovich, MD

David Daly, Jr., MD

Representative Jonathan Goudeau

Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White

Tracy B. Wold

Robert Wolterman, BS, MBA, MHA

Richard Zweifler, MD

**Staff Present:**

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director

Chris Hector, Administrative Director

Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager

Ted Colligan, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator

Yvette Legendre, LERN Tri Regional Coordinator

Deborah Spann, LERN Tri-Regional Coordinator

Xiaoping Nie, LERN Data Manager

**Contractors Present:**

Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor

Michael Sutherland, M.D, Trauma Medical Director

Christopher J. White, MC, STEMI Medical Director

Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants

***Approval of Agenda***

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

***Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019***

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Varnado to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Board meeting as written, Attachment A. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

### ***Ratification of Commission Members***

A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Clark to accept the following resignations and to approve the following appointments to the regional commissions:

#### Resignations

- Darryl Deslatte – from Region 1 Commission (nomination of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness);
- Huey Marcel, III, NREMT-P – from Region 1 Commission (nomination of Local Ambulance Service);
- Joseph Uddo, MD – from Region 1 Commission (nomination of Service District Hospital);
- Steve Lim, MD – from Region 3 Commission (nomination of American College of Emergency Physicians);
- Leo deAlvare, MD – from Region 4 Commission (nomination of American Stroke Association);
- Rhonda Coleman, NRP – from Region 5 Commission (nomination of Rural Ambulance Alliance); and
- Van Snider, MD – from Region 5 Commission (nomination of Louisiana State Medical Society).

#### Appointments

- Andre Mouledoux, Jr., MD – nomination to Region 1 Commission by Louisiana Hospital Association to represent Service District Hospitals. Dr. Mouledoux is the EMS Medical Director at East Jefferson General Hospital;
- Emily Nichols, MD – nomination to the Region 1 Commission to represent Local Ambulance Services. Dr. Nichols serves as the Medical Director for New Orleans EMS;
- Norman Pineda – nomination to the Region 1 Commission to represent the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Pineda is the Region 1 GOHSEP Coordinator;
- Brian Roberts, MD – nomination to the Region 3 Commission to represent the American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Roberts is an Emergency Medicine physician at Terrebonne General Medical Center;
- Jennifer Gerard, Rn – nomination to the Region 4 Commission. Nominated by the Rural Hospital Coalition to represent hospitals < 60 beds. Ms. Gerard is the Director of Nursing at Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital;
- Tracie Kyle, BSN, RN, CEN – nominated to the Region 5 Commission to serve as the Trauma Center representative. Ms. Kyle is the Trauma Program Manager at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital;

- MAJ Michelle O'Neill – nominated to the Region 6 Commission to serve as the ARMY Representative. Major O'Neill is a clinical nurse at Bayne Jones Army Community Hospital;
- Willis Carter – nominated to the Region 7 Commission to represent National Emergency Number Association. Mr. Carter is the Director of Natchitoches 911; and
- Jade Gabb – nominated to the Region 8 Commission to represent National Emergency Number Association. Gibb is the Director of Ouachita Parish 911 Communications District.

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

### ***LERN Board Officer Elections***

A call was made for nominations for Board Chairman. A motion was made by Dr. Will Freeman and seconded by Dr. Jones to nominate Karen Wyble 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, Ms. Wyble was deemed elected to serve as Board Chairman.

A call was made for nominations for Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Ms. McKeown and seconded by Dr. Hunt to nominate Dr. Deidra Garrett 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, Dr. Garrett was deemed elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

A call was made for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Jones 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.

### ***LERN Executive Committee Elections***

Ms. Hargrove read board approved policy on Executive Committee Elections. The seven member Executive Committee shall be composed of five members seated by Title/Position: Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chair, and one of the two LDH-Nominated Members selected by the Chair. Ms. Wyble selected Dr. Guidry to serve on the Executive Committee. This leaves two open positions to be elected by the board to serve two-year terms.

A call was made for other nominations for Executive Committee. Dr. John Hunt and Dr. John Jones volunteered to be the nominees. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for other nominations for Executive Committee. There being none, Dr. Hunt and Dr. Jones were deemed elected to serve as Executive Committee members.

***LERN Board Attorney Contract***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, advised the Board that the contract with Celia Cangelosi terms June 30, 2020. She recommended re-contracting with Celia under the same terms and conditions with the exception of the length of the contract. Ms. Hargrove recommended a three-year contract instead of two years.

A motion was made by Mr. Guilbeaux and seconded by Dr. Hunt to execute a three-year contract with Ms. Cangelosi not to exceed \$20K/year (\$60K for the full contract), with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

***Executive Director Report /Strategic Priorities Update***

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the board on progress related to strategic priorities (Attachment B). Several of the 2019 goals were achieved. While the 3-year strategic priorities remain the same, the goals to achieve those priorities are updated yearly. The updated goals were reviewed by the Board (Attachment C). LERN Annual Report is nearly complete and will be distributed to the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees, and the LERN Board by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Guilbeaux commended LERN's redundancy plan to move operations to GOHSEP in the event of failure at the LERN office.

Ms. Hargrove also informed the Board of Dr. Lester Wayne Johnson's resignation from the board.

No formal action was taken by the board.

***STEMI System Update***

Dr. Christopher White, LERN STEMI Medical Director updated the Board on the pilot to collect data from STEMI Receiving Hospitals. LERN solicited participation from several hospitals with the goal of including 10 participants (Attachment D). Dr. White reviewed the data collection form (Attachment E) and touched briefly on the data requirements form/Data Dictionary (Attachment F). Ms. Hargrove reminded the board that participation in statewide data collection has always been a requirement of STEMI Receiving hospitals.

No formal action was taken by the board.

### *Trauma System Update*

Dr. Sutherland updated the Board on the status of the trauma system in Louisiana. The update included the addition of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital as a Level III Trauma Center, making it the ninth trauma center in Louisiana. He provided updates on the expansion of the Pediatric Trauma System, specifically Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, and Children's Hospital New Orleans. Discussions ensued regarding LERN working with New Orleans EMS to include LERN/LERN Call Center in MCI operations in the city of New Orleans.

No formal action was taken by the board.

### *Stroke System Update*

Paige Hargrove informed the Board that Dr. Martin-Schild is absent because she is attending the International Stroke Conference. Ms. Hargrove also shared three updated maps with the LERN Board (Attachment G).

Ms. Hargrove provided an update on the State Stroke Workgroup meeting held on 1/29/2020 at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria (Attachment H). Stroke data was also shared (Attachment I). Current baseline for ASRH DIDO is 146 minutes.

Ms. Hargrove shared recommendations made by the State Stroke Workgroup. Specifically:

- Goal → By 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020, reduce door-in-door-out (DIDO) to 90 minutes for LVO + ischemic stroke patients with a LSN < 24 hours.
- Require Primary Stroke Centers who transfer patients for mechanical thrombectomy to collect and submit to LERN, DIDO for LVO + ischemic stroke patients with a LSN < 24 hours.
- Require Action Plans for ASRH's that do not meet 90 minute DIDO.
- Follow same remediation process followed for other benchmarks

Discussion ensued. A motion made by Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Jones to adopt goal to achieve, by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020, DIDO of 90 minutes for LVO + ischemic stroke patients with a LSN < 24 hours, to require Primary Stroke Centers who transfer patients for mechanical thrombectomy to collect and submit to LERN, DIDO for LVO + ischemic stroke patients with a LSN < 24 hours, and to require action plans for ASRH's that do not meet 90 minute DIDO. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The board deferred any decision related to remediation process. Concerns communicated related to delays in transfers may be external to the hospital (ex: EMS transport, available bed). Recommend collecting data and evaluating reasons for delays before making any decisions related to remediation.

### ***LERN Call Center Data/Burn Data***

Chris Hector, LERN Administrative Director, presented the 2019 LERN Call Center Data Report (See Attachment J). No formal action was taken by the Board.

### ***Legislative Action***

Paige Hargrove, updated the board on recent meetings to provide education regarding LERN to Legislators:

Legislative outreach:

- LERN presentation at Joint Committee on Health and Welfare
- Rep. Stuart Bishop
- Senator Regina Barrow – Vice Chair Senate Health and Welfare / Senate Finance
- Rep. Lance Harris – Appropriations
- Senator Mike Fesi (Dec 5) – Senate Finance
- Rep. Larry Bagley (Dec 10) – Chair of House Health and Welfare
- Senator Rick Ward (Feb 10) – Senate Health and Welfare
- Rep. Christopher Turner – Vice Chair House Health and Welfare/ Appropriations
- Senator McMath (March 4<sup>th</sup>) Senate Health and Welfare

No formal action was taken by the board.

### ***Budget***

#### ***2021 Request***

Paige Hargrove recapped the FY 2021 budget request and informed the board that none of these dollars was included in the Governor's proposed budget. She was informed by LDH that no agencies received additional funding. LERN will work through the budget/legislative process to secure needed funding.

Paige Hargrove presented the FY20 Fiscal Overview as of February 17, 2020, attached as Attachment K. No formal action was taken by the board.

### ***Public Comment***

There were no public comments.

### ***Adjournment***

A motion was made Dr. Freeman and seconded by Dr. Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The motion passed after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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KAREN O. WYBLE, RN, MSN, MHA, MBA,  
Chair