

<p><b>Governing Committee</b></p>	<p>Members of the governing committee met on Wednesday, February 8 to discuss the progress of the Advisory Workgroup and staff regarding the implementation process.</p> <p>The group has identified 3 agreements necessary for providers to participate in the program. LERN has been working on drafting the Provider Participation Agreements and a Business Associate Agreement. Staff is working with Donna and Paige to finalize a few revisions. Staff will also update the third agreement— the Provider Hardware Use Agreement. Once all three drafts are revised, they will distribute to the EMS Advisory committee for the first round of approvals.</p> <p>The board approved the providers selected to pilot the program (see list of providers below). The board also approved a request by Donna to send Becky to the Trauma Register Workshop at Cedar Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.</p>
<p><b>EMS Advisory Workgroup</b></p>	<p>Members of the EMS Advisory Workgroup met on February 8 to discuss the progress of the implementation process of E-RHIT program.</p> <p>1.) The group reviewed the results of the needs assessment survey to determine which providers will pilot the program. The pilot providers selected are: MedExpress Ambulance, Northeast Louisiana Ambulance Service, MedLife EMS, St. Tammany Fire Dist. 4, and Caddo Fire Dist. 1.</p> <p>2.) The group agreed that the program will align with the NEMESIS data sets.</p> <p>3.) The group has identified the target go-live date for the first pilot as July 1. Considering the time it will take to train staff and input initial individual provider data, the training is tentatively planned to start in mid-May. These dates may change depending on availability of the software vendor.</p> <p>4.) Staff shared with the group that a conference is being held for all 44 HIT grant awardees across the United States. The conference is May 22-24 in Maryland. The conference will enable staff to network with other groups implementing similar programs. This event is held annually through the existence of the 3 year grant period. The grant was written to include this annual cost.</p>
<p><b>ePCR Software</b></p>	<p>The members of the governing board and staff are working with Imagetrend on revisions to the draft agreement that outlines products, services and costs. Additionally, staff is researching additional software vendors to compare cost.</p>
<p><b>ePCR Hardware</b></p>	<p>Staff has had the opportunity to demo two tablets as potential options for our providers. Based on feedback from our providers, we are going to request a Getec V100 demo unit from Mobile Concepts. We are hopeful to have the demo unit at the next LRAA Membership Meeting in Bossier.</p>
<p><b>Project Contact</b></p>	<p>Staff works diligently to communicate accurate and timely information to all providers regarding all aspects of the program. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the program.</p> <p>Becky Thibodaux E-RHIT Network Director 225-612-3177 office 985-513-4114 cell <a href="mailto:becky@newchurchassoc.com">becky@newchurchassoc.com</a></p>