

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA
(SMTEC-LA)**

Minutes

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Our Lady of the Lake College, 7500 Hennessey Avenue, Baton Rouge

Meeting Attendance		
Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Chair* Bootsie Durand Laurie Fontenot (Ad-Hoc) Paula Hellums* Dr. Melinda Oberleitner* Dr. Larry Tremblay* Stacy Lee (<i>Designee for Dr. J. Eggerstedt</i>) Mary Pat Thevenot Tabitha Jones-Thomas KarenSue Zoeller*	M. Lynn Ansardi Gerrelda Davis Patricia Dufrene David Halveston Dr. Jacqueline Hill Jon Johnson Dr. J. Korndorffer, Jr. Dr. Kim Meyer Martha Moore* Dr. Cecelia Mouton Rep. Patrick Williams Sen. David Heitmeir	Karen Clark, Our Lady of the Lake College

*Members of the Executive Committee

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p. m. A quorum was not achieved, but a majority of the Executive Committee was present, so the meeting went into Executive Committee. All member present engaged in discussion and actions taken were within the Executive Committee.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from February 3, 2015 were presented for approval. Minor editorial revisions were made by committee members. A motion for approval of the minutes, as revised, was made by Dr. Larry Tremblay, seconded by Dr. Melinda Oberleitner, and approved unanimously by Executive Committee members.

LA Health Works Commission Update

Ms. Laurie Fontenot, Chair of the LaHWC informed the members that a call for 2015-16 proposal will be distributed in the coming weeks with a likely deadline of June/July. At present, the amount of available funding is not yet determined.

LA Board of Regents Update:

Dr. Tremblay (Board of Regents) offered that the Board will do whatever is possible to dedicate funds to fund proposals, but very much is still unknown and pending completion of state budgeting processes.

Featured Simulation Program: Our Lady of the Lake College was presented by Ms. Tabitha Jones-Thomas.

The simulation program at OLOLC was started with a Title 3 grant that provided funds to renovate space and purchase equipment. The program was started in 2005 and led by Ms. Mary Pat Thevenot. Both Ms. Jones-Thomas and Ms. Thevenot attended Laerdal training to learn about simulation. Since then, there have been increasing opportunities to incorporate simulation into students' learning experiences. The

OLOLC simulation center now has a birthing suite, a variety of medical and medication carts, a simulation intensive care unit and several types of simulation mannequins.

Additional renovations are underway and have been implemented in two phases. When they are complete, the center will have two pediatric rooms, an adult medical/surgical room and space to conduct mental health for psychiatric patient learning. There will also be an examination room for engaging with a standardized patient to complete physical examinations and other types of patient encounters. Recently, first efforts with mental health simulation were completed, using pre-written scenarios and this represented a huge learning curve for all that were involved. Faculty and staff at OLOLC would like to collaborate with professionals at LSU Medical Education Innovation Center at OLOL and their new simulation center.

Ms. Karen Clark, a faculty member at OLOLC who attended as a guest, commented that she has observed learners in the simulation-based sessions and then in the real-life clinical setting and she has seen obvious benefits in terms of improved clinical performance. Specific examples included labor and delivery, newborn care, and postpartum hemorrhage. Ms. Jones-Thomas also commented that having the obstetric and high fidelity mannequins have been a great recruitment tool for new students.

The presentation concluded with a summary that huge growth has occurred over the past year, with simulation methods now included in approximately 75% of the degree program curriculum.

Featured Simulation Program: Southwest Louisiana Community College, presented by Ms. Paula Hellums:

The simulation program was started approximately four years ago with one moderate fidelity simulator and no dedicated space. Subsequently, they were able to start with two converted classrooms as simulation laboratories. A Laerdal consultant visited the college to assist with additional planning. Currently, the simulation program has three classrooms that can be configured in multiple ways, some administrative space and a conference room. The lab also includes six beds with mid-level fidelity simulations. Simulators have been expanded to include obstetric, adult, and pediatric simulators. Funding has been received to acquire a high fidelity newborn simulator, as well. Management of simulation experiences is done with a CAE Learning Space management system and this has also helped with managing and assuring that learners come prepared for their hands-on experiential learning. Students are involved in self-directed learning and practice, video record their performances for review by faculty. If remediation is needed, then faculty follow up with face-to-face instruction to assure satisfactory learning and competency. Currently, the simulation program serves about 100 students at every level of learning in the curriculum. Now that the simulation activities are regularly occurring and visible, increasing faculty interest and engagement of faculty is increasing.

A general question-and-answer discussion ensued.

Project Update:

Dr. Chauvin is serving as the Principal Investigator/Project Director (PI/PD) and provided a brief update to the Council members. Point-of-care training activities are well underway and being well-received at participating hospitals. For the statewide simulation faculty development component, the final four courses in the 12-course curriculum have been completed and training sessions in regions of the state are underway. Excellent responses to the final four courses have been received to date. Training sessions in Lafayette and Shreveport are scheduled for later in the spring.

SMTEC-LA Annual Summary Report for 2014

This report was disseminated for review and comment. No questions, revisions or requests for additional information were offered. The report will be submitted, as delineated in the Council's legislative charge.

SMTEC-LA Work Groups

No new information was available to report.

Project Proposals for 2015-16:

After some discussion of potential project targets, the Council members agreed to support proposals for continued efforts in both point-of-care simulation-based team training and the statewide simulation faculty development program, with both proposals targeting long-term sustainability without dependence on BoR funding as a foundational resource. Dr. Chauvin will proceed with developing and submitting a proposal with this focus that is responsive to the RFP that will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Other Business:

No other business was identified by SMTEC-LA members.

Public Comments:

The one guest, Ms. Clark, had already left the meeting.

Call for Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:30 p.m. by Dr. Oberleitner, seconded by Ms. Paula Hellums, was passed by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

NEXT MEETING: June 23 2015, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Location and additional details will be forthcoming.