

# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

## **Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission**

7273 Florida Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806

December 03, 2021

- 1) Call to Order: Chairman Jeffrey Elders, M.D. at 9:18 a.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Jeffrey Elder, MD, Chair	Present	Meghan Marino, MD	Virtual
Ryan Brown, Vice Chair	Present	Adam Oliver	Present
Christopher Mixon, Secretary	Present	Barbara Sellers	Present
Tammy Gray	Present	Lance Stuke, MD	Present
Toby Henry	Present	Jeffrey Watson	Present
Jeffrey Kuo, MD	Absent	Tracy Wold	Present
		Quorum	Yes

### **Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff**

Susan Bailey, Director	Absent
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, EMSCC Facilitator	
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services, DHH Attorney	
Katherine Robillard, Credentialing Coordinator	

# 4) Approval of Minutes

The October 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Chris Mixon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

# 5) Formal Disciplinary Proceedings

Name	Violation	Action
Samantha Wimpey	<ul> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(q)         Use of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or drugs which impair judgment while on duty.</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(h) Improper use of drugs, medical supplies</li> </ul>	Did not appear.

	<ul> <li>or equipment, patient's records, or other items</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(i) Misappropriating items of an individual, agency, or entity.</li> <li>R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(c) Failure to utilize appropriate judgment.</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> <li>R.S. 40: 1133.7. (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> </ul>	
Roderick Jones	<ul> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(r)         Failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by (i) not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; or (ii) not responding to subpoenas issued by the commission in connection with any investigation or hearing.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>R.S. 40: 1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> </ul>	Did not appear.
Corey Roberson	R.S. 40:1133.7 (2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or	Decision: No Action

	<ul> <li>enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (14) Has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this subpart.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> </ul>	
Monique Taylor	<ul> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (14) Has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this subpart.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> </ul>	Decision: No Action
Dakota Walburn	<ul> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(j) Falsifying records</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7 (14) Has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this subpart.</li> </ul>	Decision: 1 cycle of probation

#### 6) Public Comment: None

## 7) Recurring Business

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Review of Decisions: The Commission reviewed the previously reviewed decision and approved.

# b) Scope of Practice

i) Morgan Lens placement addition to the scope of practice by EMT. Allow the administration of topical ophthalmic anesthetic drops regarding Morgan Lens insertion for eye irrigation as an intervention as part of a treatment plan for chemical exposure. Motion made by Adam Oliver to approve as discussed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Brown. Dr. Elder to forward wording to the Bureau of EMS for revision.

- ii) Revisions/Expansion of Scope of Practice: Chris Mixon discussed potential revisions to the wording and format of the Scope of Practice. Specific Information and draft will be presented at the next meeting by Chris Mixon.
- iii) CLIA point of care testing for Community Healthcare Programs and Mobile Integrated Healthcare related providers discussion. Per Chris Mixon, there are 8 exceptions in previously reviewed CLIA point of care testing information that was not previously brought to the attention of the Commission that allows for the use of point of care testing in therapeutic care by licensed medical professionals. Motion: Request to include a line in the Scope to reflect allow Point of Care testing for Paramedics working in the Mobile Integrated Healthcare, Community Wellness, Health Promotion, Prevention, and Emergency Room/Hospitals. Jeff Watson made a motion. 2nd by Adam Oliver and Chris Mixon abstained. Chris Mixon to forward wording to the Bureau of EMS for revision

#### 8) Old Business

- a) Public Record Requests for EMS Practitioner Data. No update from David McCay.
- b) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Work Group Report. No updates.
- c) Driver to EMT Transition. No updates.
- d) Anonymous Complaints and Disclosure. No updates from David McCay.
- e) Federal and State Background Checks. No updated information from Louisiana State. Police on status of application for ORI number.

#### 9) New Business

- a) Non-Disclosed Previous Criminal History.
  - i) Add EMSCC Deferred Decision Matrix to the Bureau of EMS website. Motion by Lance Stuke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Wold.
  - ii) Addition of \$100 fine for applications which the applicant did not disclose previous criminal history on the current or previous applications. determined by decision matrix. Motion made by Tammy Gray and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Stuke.
  - iii) Ability for the Bureau of EMS to send formal letter to applicants for applications returned for corrections applications. Motion by Adam Oliver and 2nd by Toby Henry.
  - iv) Suspension of practitioner license for failure to comply with previous determination requirements by the EMS Certification Commission. Motion made by Tammy Gray and 2<sup>nd</sup> by- Jeff Watson.

#### 10) 2022 Meeting Dates:

- i) February 18, 2022
- ii) April 29, 2022
- iii) June 17, 2022
- iv) August 19, 2022
- v) October 21, 2022
- vi) December 2, 2022 (tentative)

### 11) Commissioner Appointments and Terms

- a) Requests for more scattered term expirations were previously made by Director Susan Bailey however no changes were made with the last appointments. The request will be made again in 2022.
- b) Request for David McCay with LDH Legal to give a legal opinion on:
  - i) Verify and confirm terms of current Commissioners.
  - ii) Clarify Dr. Elder's availability for potential re-appointment.

- iii) Commissioners who represent a specific stakeholder organization as outlined in the statute, if the term has ended and the stakeholder organization does not submit a new nomination, does the current Commission remain in the voting seat.
- iv) Clarify if a Commissioner term is complete, are they eligible to be nominated for a different representative seat.
- 12) Next Meeting: February 18, 2022
- **13) Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. made by Ryan Brown and seconded by Adam Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.