

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
August 23, 2013

Members present: Rhonda Bagby, Leah Barron, Evola Bates, Eric Baumgartner, John Steven Caraway, Julie Cherry, Derrell Cohoon, Rita Finn, Holley Galland, Linda Hawkins, Hedy Hebert, Bridgette Jamison, Anil Kukreja, Eva Lamendola, Calder Lynch, Donna Mayeux, John D. Monlezun, Sr., Phyllis Perron, Debra Rushing, Tej Shah, Jeremy Stillwell, Laura Trunk and Chris Vidrine.

Members absent: Coletta Barrett, Robert Barsley, Scott Broussard, Roderick Campbell, Emma Fontenot, Donna Fraiche, Jesse Lambert, Rachel Moore, Ron Nezat, Representative Ledricka Thierry, Cheryl Tolbert and Senator Rick Ward, III.

Staff present: Crystal Marchand Campbell, Kristen Kieren and Vanessa Vince.

Vice-Chairperson Leah Barron called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Vice-Chairperson Barron introduced the newest Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC) members:

- Evola Bates, Southern University System
- Dr. Eric Baumgartner, At Large Appointment
- Rita Finn, Louisiana State Nurses Association
- Debra Rushing, eQHealth Solutions
- Tej Shah, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana
- Jeremy Stillwell, Louisiana Physical Therapy Association
- Chris Vidrine, LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans

Ms. Darie Williams, Legislative Coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), reviewed the health care bills and acts from the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Ms. Ronnell Nolan, President and CEO of Health Agents for America, discussed the role of the navigator under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Ms. Nolan advised that navigators will not sell health insurance, but will assist and facilitate the enrollment of health insurance under the ACA. Navigators will be required to

- Follow strict security and privacy standards.
- Complete 20 hours of training to be certified by the federal government.
- Register with the LDI.

Ms. Nolan advised that in addition to adhering to the above listed regulations, navigators will be subject to federal, criminal penalties for violations of privacy or fraud statutes, and any relevant state law penalties. She also advised that Louisiana was awarded 1.77 million dollars, allocated to four organizations to assist in educating the public in health insurance enrollment for the ACA through health fairs, consumer outreach and campaigns in 2014.

Before the next presentation, Commission member Julie Cherry moved to approve the minutes from the LHCC meeting on January 25, 2013. Commission member Linda Hawkins seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

Ms. Phyllis Peoples, President and CEO of Terrebonne General Medical Center (TGMC), discussed the LSU public-private partnership of TGMC, Chabert Medical Center and Ochsner Foundation. Mr. Richie Dupre, CEO of Ochsner Health System, stated there was no interruption in service during the transition of management, and the mission of Chabert Medical Center to serve the indigent population has not changed. He stated that the public-private partnership has been successful in preserving the program of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) system. Mr. Dupre also discussed the expanded physician services in specialty care areas and preventive health care screenings.

Mr. Steve Russo, Executive Counsel, Department of Health and Hospitals discussed the formation and development of nine LSU public-private hospital partnerships. He discussed the advantages of the partnerships including: access for the low-income; preservation of clinical capacity; increased level of services for residents in their communities; and protection and improvement of the GME program.

The LHCC members discussed the continuation of the LHCC Access to Care Brochure Subcommittee for the new LHCC study period that began July 1, 2013. Ms. Kristen Kieren advised that brochures for four regions have been completed and there are four remaining regions awaiting a resource guide. She advised that although there are a total of nine regions, a brochure for the New Orleans area has already been created by another entity. Commission member Evola Bates made a motion to continue the work of the Access to Care Brochure Subcommittee. Commission member Dr. Laura Trunk seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

Vice-Chairperson Barron referenced a discussion regarding a possible Medicaid Subcommittee from the March 22, 2013 LHCC meeting. Commission member Bridgette Jamison made a motion to create the LHCC Medicaid Subcommittee. Commission member Dr. Laura Trunk seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

Vice-Chairperson Barron invited the LHCC members to express any issues they would like to see discussed or studied in a subcommittee. Ms. Crystal Campbell advised the members that the Healthcare Outcomes in Children Subcommittee was created during the last study period but did not advance.

Mr. David Hood requested that Commission member Calder Lynch, representing the Department of Health and Hospitals, provide cost savings on the public-private partnerships and the transfer of the former health care delivery system to the public-private partnerships information.

With no further business, Commission member Dr. Eric Baumgartner moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission member Calder Lynch seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.