

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 27, 2012

Members present: Rhonda Bagby, Leah Barron, Doreen Brasseaux, Dawn Cantrell, Dr. John Steven Caraway, Allen Cassidy, Julie Cherry, Dr. Michael S. Ellis, Kerry Everitt, Donna Fraiche, Linda Hawkins, Paul Hildreth, Bridgette Jamison, Dr. Eva Lamendola, Donna Mayeux, Bobby Savoie, Rep. Ledricka J. Thierry and Dr. Laura Trunk.

Members absent: Coletta Barrett, Dr. Robert Barsley, Scott Broussard, Roderick Campbell, Denise Danna, Diane Davidson, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Dr. Thomas Fain, Dr. William Ferguson, Emma Fontenot, Dr. Holley Galland, Leah Guerry, Dr. Anil Kukreja, Janie Ward Martin, Dr. Hugh McKnight, John D. Monlezun, Ron Nezat, Ronnel Nolan, Phyllis Perron, Sherry Soileau, Carol Steckel, Sheila Williams and Mayur Yermaneni.

Staff present: Alison Ferguson, Karen Krumholt and Vanessa Vince.

Chairperson Donna Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Chairperson Fraiche welcomed the following new members to the Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC).

- Rhonda Bagby, Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana, Inc.
- Representative Ledricka Johnson Thierry, House Committee on Insurance

The roll was called and a quorum was not present. A quorum was obtained shortly thereafter.

Dr. Kirby Goidel, Professor of Mass Communication and Political Science at LSU and Director of the Louisiana Survey reported on the 2011 Louisiana Health Insurance Survey. Dr. Goidel advised that the survey is designed to provide the most accurate possible assessment of uninsured rates. He stated that the number of uninsured rates for children have declined in the New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Houma-Thibodaux, Acadiana, Southwest, Central Northwest and Northeast regions of Louisiana. He further stated that the uninsured rates for Medicaid eligible children in every region of the state have declined.

Dr. Goidel advised that the survey indicates a decline in adult employer sponsored insurance in all areas of the state. He further advised that 53 percent of adults in Louisiana between the age of 19 and 64 are covered through employer sponsored insurance.

Ms. Leah Barron reported on the LHCC Health Care Cost Containment Subcommittee. Ms. Barron advised that the subcommittee members have been meeting to finalize the list of recommendations to present to the LHCC for review and discussion. She further advised that the LHCC will have the opportunity to view the recommended items via email prior to the next LHCC meeting scheduled for March 16, 2012.

Ms. Donna Mayeux reported on the LHCC Access to Care Brochure Subcommittee. Ms. Mayeux discussed the health care resources and service areas contained in the brochure. She advised that the listed resources offer health care services for the uninsured. Ms. Mayeux also discussed the plans for distribution of the brochure.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2011 LHCC meeting. The minutes were approved.

A motion was made to adopt the record of discussion from the October 28, 2011 LHCC meeting. The motion was approved and adopted.

Chairperson Fraiche announced that the Louisiana Department of Insurance Annual Health Care Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.