

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING & EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA**

Louisiana Health Works Commission
Louisiana Hospital Association
9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge
September 4, 2013

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Chair*
Mary Pat Thevenot, Vice Chair*
Julie Prange (*designee for M. Lynn Ansardi*)
Gerrelde Davis
Bootsie Durand
Patricia Dufrene
Rebecca Galloway (*designee for Laurie Fontenot*)*
Laurie Hinrichs*
Tabitha Jones-Thomas
Dr. James Korndorffer
Dr. Kimberly Meyer
Dr. Cecelia Mouton
Dr. Melinda Oberleitner*
Dr. Larry Tremblay*

Commission Members Absent:

Debbie Cruz*
Dr. Jane Eggerstedt
Dr. Jacqueline Hill
Sen. David Heitmeier
Jonathon Johnson
Rep. Patrick Williams
Dr. Peggy Wolfe
KarenSue Zoeller*

*Executive Committee Member

Call to Order

Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and asked for introductions. A quorum was achieved.

Approval of Minutes

The January 30, 2013 minutes were presented for approval. Dr. Kim Meyer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Larry Tremblay. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

General Updates

- **LA Health Works Commission Approved Proposals**
KarenSue Zoeller was not able to attend the meeting. Dr. Chauvin reported that the LHWC had met and approved three proposals for 2013-14 and these included the two recommended projects from the SMTEC-LA.
- **LA Board of Regents**
Dr. Larry Tremblay provided a brief update regarding the budget situation and provided additional comments regarding the new funded projects.

SMTEC-LA Membership

Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Chair, noted that Mary Pat Thevenot was no longer at the Our Lady of the Lake College and now is employed by the Louisiana Hospital Association. She proposed that Ms. Thevenot remain in the Vice Chair position and that the position description be updated to reflect that individuals elected to the Vice Chair position. Previously, the SMTEC-LA had agreed that the Vice Chair should be directly engaged with using simulation-based training and education. Ms. Thevenot was directly engaged

when elected to the position and she has considerable experience and perspective. Dr. Chauvin recommended that the Vice Chair position description be revised to reflect that the holder should be either currently engaged in or have prior experience with using simulation-based training and education. Dr. Melinda Oberleitner offered to motion to retain Ms. Thevenot as Vice Chair and revised the position description as recommended. Dr. Larry Tremblay offered a substitute motion that reflect the position and not Ms. Thevenot by name. The substitute motion to revise the Vice-Chair position qualification as either currently or previous involved directly in using simulation-based training and education carried by unanimous vote.

New members to the SMTEC-LA were introduced and invited to provide a brief description of their backgrounds and current roles. Tabitha Jones-Thomas replaced Ms. Thevenot at the Our Lady of the Lake College. She is now leading the simulation-based education program for nursing and working to strengthen technology efforts. In addition to this and her faculty role, she is also working on a Title 3 project. Mr. David Helveston joined the SMTEC-LA as the representative of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. He has been employed by the LWC for four years.

Project Reports

The final reports for the two 2012-13 LHWC-funded projects were sent to SMTEC-LA members prior to the meeting. Printed copies were also available at the meeting. Both projects were successfully completed. Dr. Chauvin provided summary highlights of each project via a brief PowerPoint™ presentation. A brief question-and-answer discussion followed.

New Projects

The two new projects for 2013-14 reflect expansion and continuation of the point-of-care simulation-based training project from 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the project begun in 2012-13 statewide simulation faculty development program. She noted that while less funding was available for the 2013-14 project, considerable support will be provided by the LSUHSC School of Medicine – New Orleans, so the targeted work can continue as originally planned. Specifically, the point-of-care hospital partners will be expanded to nine in 2013-14. For the faculty development project, the four original courses will be offered again and four new courses will be developed and implemented – again in each of the three established regions (New Orleans, Lafayette, and Shreveport). LSUHSC School of Medicine – New Orleans staff will continue to host and work with Dr. Chauvin on the new simulation website. A follow-up discussion of some specific website features (e.g., resources, content, and format for resource persons/experts) was discussed. Dr. Chauvin asked SMTEC-LA members to consider such features further and that she would send follow-up documents, so this could be revisited at the 11/20/13 meeting.

Future Goals and Priorities – SMTEC-LA legislative charge

Dr. Chauvin suggested to the members that this is a good time to revisit the SMTEC-LA purpose and focus, as set forth in its legislative charge (Act 421) and prepare to discuss at the 11/20/13 meeting the future direction, goals, and priorities that would be most useful and meaningful. A brief discussion followed and several members offered their perspectives. This item was returned to the agenda for full discussion at the 11/20/13 meeting.

Other Business

No other business was raised for discussion.

Public Comment

No guests were in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Council, Dr. Chauvin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Larry Tremblay so moved and Tabitha Jones-Thomas seconded. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., LHA Board Room