

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

Thursday, July 20, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LSU Health New Orleans – School of Medicine  
2020 Gravier Street, Learning Center  
New Orleans, LA 70112

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Daryl Lofaso called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cara Landry called the roll and noted that a quorum was not established.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Christina Constanza	LA Board of State Practical Nurse Examiners
Aimee Cloyd	LA Hospital Association *
Lisa Broussard	LA Council of Administrators of Nursing Education *
Gabriel Morley	AHECs for a Healthy Louisiana
Jennifer Calzada	Tulane School of Medicine
Aimee McCauley	LSU System
Mellynn Baker	Board of Regents
Daryl Lofaso	LSUHSC- New Orleans *
Sen. Beth Mizell	LA Senate
Courtney Metz	LCTCS
Rosa Walton	Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Claire Stevenson	Governor's Policy Advisor on Health
Nicole Coarsey	LA Department of Health
Karen Lyon	LA State Board of Nursing
Wes Hataway	LA Nursing Home Association*
Vincent Culotta	LA State Board of Medical Examiners
Tabitha Jones	LA Assoc. of Independent Colleges & Universities
Stacy Lee	LSUHSC-Shreveport
Rep. Dustin Miller	House of Representatives
Elizabeth Duncan	LA Department of Education*
Evon Smith	LA Ambulance Alliance
Kellie Taylor-White	LA Workforce Commission
Trudy Williams	Southern University System
Ann Warner	University of Louisiana System

\*Members of the Executive Committee

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022 & APRIL 19, 2023 MINUTES

**Due to the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes of the November 30, 2022, and April 19, 2023, meetings were deferred to the next meeting of the Council.**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR SMTEC-LA

Dr. Lofaso introduced as the first item on the agenda several updates related to the strategic priorities of this Council. Dr. Lofaso wanted to ensure that everyone was anchored in the purpose of this Council and noted that he wanted to continue to bring the Council back to its purpose and strategic priorities. He discussed that this Council's mission is to enhance the effective use of simulation training for students, faculty, residents, fellows, and practitioners throughout the state. Dr. Lofaso said that Council members have agreed to do this through education offerings and opportunities to convene, like webinars and the Expo. Dr. Lofaso then transitioned to provide several updates.

**“Lunch and Learn” Zoom Session**

Chairman Lofaso discussed the “Lunch and Learn” Zoom Session, which took place in April 2023 and included 47 participants. The next session will be offered in the fall, tentatively on September 27, 2023, between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Dr. Lofaso listed topics to be discussed, including selecting and developing a simulation scenario. There was then discussion regarding the target audience for these sessions, which includes nursing faculty but also a wide variety of other healthcare professionals.

**Council Newsletter Via Email**

Dr. Lofaso discussed the possibility of offering a newsletter from the Simulation Council to provide information and links to the simulation population, as well as the Simulation Expo save-the-date registration link. The Council discussed incorporating in a newsletter additional information for the simulation community, such as webinars, simulation conference listings, and opportunities for professional

development. Dr. Lofaso suggested the Council consider developing database of expertise in the field. He noted that a member audience could be developed to provide more targeted communication. Dr. Lofaso encouraged the Council to create a committee to develop the newsletter concept.

### **2024 Simulation Expo**

Chairman Lofaso then gave a brief update regarding the 2024 Simulation Expo, noting the current committee members. He said that the group is focusing on holding the Expo in New Orleans. He noted that they were exploring hotels/convention centers, but right now were focused on LSUHSC-NO's campus. He said that the Expo will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024, with an "Open House" to be offered after the event, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### **Camp Fast Forward**

Dr. Lofaso introduced the final item on the agenda, an update regarding Camp Fast Forward. He reminded the members that the Council received three proposals for funding. The Executive Committee evaluated the proposals and selected Camp Fast Forward to receive \$31,900, along with funding from the Health Works Commission. Administered by the Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center and the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, the program brought together 150 middle school students in a free-of-charge, one-week summer camp that provided a hands-on introduction to health careers through simulation. To speak more about this program, Dr. Lofaso called on Dr. Gabriel Morley, CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center. Dr. Morley noted that survey results showed 94% of Southwest students said they had a great time, while 84% of Central students said they had a great time in Central. Of the participants in Central, 51% said that they would definitely pursue a career in the healthcare field, and 59% said the same in Southwest. He added that prior to participating in the camp 68% of students had never even heard of medical simulation, which made them more interested. Dr. Morley reviewed the agenda of the program, noting that both groups of students enjoyed the CPR training, the blood draw simulator, and the labs, while they most disliked the radiology portion.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting location and date were not determined, but members discussed holding it in Baton Rouge.

There being no other business, Dr. Lofaso asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On the motion of Ms. Constanza, seconded by Ms. Cloyd, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.