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| **Date and Time:** | Monday, September 25, 2017 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| **Location:** | **In-Person:** 8550 United Plaza Blvd Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, Pontchatrain Room at Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum Meeting Link: https://meet.lync.com/lhcqf/ldufour/gt2s97p6Meeting number: 8772569514Access code: 2252397336 |
| **Attendees** |
|  | Buzz Jeansonne, *LANP* |  | Shannon McCormick, LCTA |  | Joanne Mills |
|  | Becky Jones *TexLa Resource Center* | x | Berkley Durbin | x | Kelly Francis, MD, LDH |
|  | Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA* | x | Bhaskar Toodi | x | Judith Giorlando |
| **x** | Helen Pratt | x | Brandi Cannon |  | John Couk, *LSU* |
| **x** | Catherine Levendis, *Ochsner* |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* | x | Joseph Bonck, *LSBME* |
|  | Melissa King, *Ochsner* |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Juzar Ali, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | Jeff Drozda, *LAHP* |  | Karen Cormier |  | Kevin Roig |
| **x** | Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS* | x | Greg Waddell, *LHA* |  | Jarvus Methvin |
| **x** | Joseph Comaty, *LAMP* |  | Charlesetta Lavergne |  | Latoya Thomas |
|  | Srey Ram Kuy, MD, LDH |  | Christine Arbo Peck |  | Linda Spradley |
|  | Karen Lyon, PhD, LSBN |  | Claudia Washington |  | Lynn Ansardi |
| **x** | Meredith Miceli, Ochsner |  | Craig Waggoner |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
|  | Melissa Mendoza, Ldh |  | David Lavergne, *BCBSLA* |  | Mike Thompson, *LHA* |
| **x** | Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF* |  | Piia Hanson |  | Susan Todd |
|  | Pat “Ricky” Bass, MD, *LSUHSC-S* |  | Donald E. Hines, MD | x | Ted Lambert, LSUHCSD |
| x | Patrick O'Neill, MD, *LPMA & Tulane* |  | [Drew](https://webmail.la.gov/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&t=IPM.Appointment&a=Open&fId=LgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTAQAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAAAC&id=RgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTBwAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAABd4tQIPlgLR4MusgffS%2fsfAAEqnARDAAAP&yr=2014&mn=8&dy=25) Murray |  | Traci Thompson |
|  | Kathy Willis, MD, *LHCC* |  | Eric Torres, LSBME |  | Meaghan Musso, *LHA* |
|  | Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC* |  | Faye Bryant, *FMOLHS* | x | Teresa Graham |
| x | Dr. Culotta, LSBME |  | Gerrelda Davis, *LPCA* | x | James Kees |
| x | Curry Landry, LAAA |  | Gwen Guillotte |  | Rhonda Green |
|  | Frank Opelka, MD, LDH |  | James Hussey |  | Kimberly Cezar |
|  | Warren Hebert, *Home Care Assoc. of LA* |  | Jen Steele |  | Nancy Gervais |
| x | [Tracie Ingram](https://webmail.la.gov/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&t=IPM.Appointment&a=Open&fId=LgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTAQAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAAAC&id=RgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTBwAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAABd4tQIPlgLR4MusgffS%2fsfAAEqnARDAAAP&yr=2014&mn=8&dy=25), *LDH* |  | Jennifer Katzman |  | Charles Edwards |
| **x** | Jennifer Marusak, *LSMS* | **x** | John Ford, *LAHP* |  | Warren Hebert |
|  | West Hataway | **x** | Wendy Rasmussen UHS | x | Dr. Esteban Gershanik |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Minutes** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions:  | **The meeting was opened. Lonnie DuFour welcomed all members.**  |
|  |  Review/Approval of previous Meeting Minutes | Review of the minutes – Dr. Singh recognized at meeting in July Motion to approve minutes: Dr. Joe Comaty (1st) and John Ford (2nd) |
|  | Discussion on visit with H&W Staff | Suggestion made to identify a champion legislator to task a committee to draft a proposal through legislation. Legislation may be difficult if private insurance included. Some barriers still exist. May be an opportunity to address barriers through policy in Medicaid and through MCOs. Suggestion to reach out to Mississippi to gauge cost. |
|  | H&W Staff representative on Proposed legislation | Brandi Cannon from the House Health & Welfare staff reported that it is important to look for an author or legislative champion and to record ideas and bring forward for the next session.2018 session to begin on 3/12/18; Unlimited general session; Requests for bills must come no later than 2/28/18. Pre-file deadline in 3/2/18. Budget may overshadow some bills/topics. Recommend we meet with Dr. Ghee and Medicaid staff if we are dealing with Medicaid-related bill to vet if a rule change may be necessary rather than legislation.Discussion with the Dept. of Insurance may be helpful as well. Gather financial information – what will be the cost? What will be the overall benefit? |
|  | Dr. Gershanik discussion on moving forward | Dr. Gershanik reported, from an LDH perspective: Secretary Ghee is supportive of telehealth. Telehealth provides an essential access to specialists and specialty services across the State. Discussion was held on the following issues:What services are best used and most coded across Louisiana? Look at other states for examples. What different insurers cover what services? Hallmark on what items can be intervened on in telehealth? What creates a value proposition?Items coded incorrectly or coded for services not paid/reimbursed for.Dr. Culotta (LSBME) opened discussion on: Telemedicine – Section 408 of Title 46; Professional Occupational StandardsSuggestion to follow similar guidelines on who can practice Telehealth in Louisiana. |
|  | VOA Telehealth Van – Brian Byrd | Brian Byrd of the North Louisiana Volunteers of America presented a short PPT on their Telehealth efforts. He discussed the following items of interest:Areas of focus for the organization and model of careHighlighting adults with chronic mental illness (nursing home-eligible)Main diagnostic groups drive majority of the cost (HTN, DIAB, COPD)Veterans programs |
|  | CMS Issues | The following CMS issues were discussed:Constraints on locations of telehealthHRSA Data Warehouse website errors in displayed informationTelemedicine Connect Newsletter  |
|  8. | Questions/Discussion | Dr. Culotta (LSBME) opened discussion on services that require consultation or specialty services, i.e., robotic surgeries/ laparoscopic procedures. The technology exists now for this to happen. It was determined that the LA Task Force not focused on this topic now.Other topics of discussion were: End of year report Feedback on focused messageFramework on outreach and education programIdentify telehealth championsFocus on patients with: HTN, DIAB, COPD, Behavioral Health, Alzheimer’s?JACHO’s involvement in Telehealth was discussed.Next meeting October 23, 2017 |
| 9. | Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at XXXpm. |