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| **Date and Time:** | Monday, November 16, 2015 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| **Location:** | **In-Person:** 4200 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, St. Ann Room**Webex:** <https://fmolhs.webex.com/fmolhs/j.php?J=807852670>Meeting number: 807 852 6701-877-668-4493 Call-in toll free number (US/Canada)Access code: 807 852 670 |
| **Attendees *(Designated Members are italicized and bold)*** |
|  | **Brooke Campo, *LA Ambulance Alliance*** |  | **Sabrina Noah, *LSMS*** |  | Gerralda Davis, *DHH* |
|  | **Buzz Jeansonne, *LANP*** |  | [**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)**, *DHH*** |  | Gwen Guillotte, *The Picard Group* |
|  | **Carson Scott, *TexLa Resource Center*** |  | **Warren Hebert, *Home Care Assoc. of LA*** |  | James Hussey |
|  | **Cecilia Mouton, MD, *LSBME*** |  | Ali Armstrong, *LAHP*  |  | Jennifer Marusak, *LSMS* |
|  | **Charles Castille, *LRHC*** |  | Becky Jones, TexLa |  | John Couk, *LSUHSC* |
|  | **Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA*** |  | Berkley Durbin |  | Joseph Bonck, *LSBME* |
|  | **Elizabeth Cothren, *Ochsner*** |  | Brandi Cannon |  | Judy Giorlando, BSW |
|  | **Jeff Drozda, *LAHP*** |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* |  | Juzar Ali, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | **Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS*** |  | Bhaskar Toodi |  | Karen Cormier, *FMOLHS* |
|  | **Joseph Comaty, *LAMP*** |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Keith Verret |
|  | **Jonathan Chapman, *LPCA*** |  | Catherine Levendis, *Ochsner* |  | Kristin M. Tortorich, *Aide to* *Rep. Simon* |
|  | **Karen Lyon, PhD, LSBN** |  | Charles Edwards |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
|  | **KarenSue Zoeller, *LNHA*** |  | Curry Landry, *LAA* |  | Meaghan Musso, *LHA* |
|  | **Kathy Willis, MD, *LSUHCSD*** |  | David Lavergne, *BCBSLA* |  | Melanie Clevenger, *TexLa* |
|  | **Lauren Gleason, *DHH*** |  | Dodie LaMott |  | Mike Thompson, *LHA* |
|  | **Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF*** |  | Derrell Cohoon, *Teladoc* |  | Rebekah Gee, MD*, DHH*  |
|  | **Pat “Ricky” Bass, MD, *LSUHSC-S*** |  | Donald E. Hines, MD |  | Ted Lambert, *LSUHSC* |
|  | **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, *BSW* |
|  | **Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC*** |  | Faye Bryant, *FMOLHS* |  | Wes Hataway, *LSMS* |
|  | **Rebecca Bradley-Dowdy, *LHA*** |  |  |  |  |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Duration** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions | **Meeting started promptly at 2:04 pm with the Welcome and Introductions.** |
|  | Prep for End of Year Report – [Review Mid-Year Report Objectives](#_Mid-Year_Report_Objectives:) and [ATA Recommendations](#_ATA_Recommendations) | The previous 2 meetings were discussed as a way to see where we have gone with Telehealth and where we need to be. Jenny led a discussion regarding what the taskforce is *really* charged with doing and reviewed the taskforce objectives.Firstly, the definitions of Telehealth vs. Telemedicine were discussed and debated. It was ultimately decided that both would be included in the report as a way to distinguish between the two. Next, we took an in-depth look at the objectives from the mid-year report: 1. Define recommendations on when and how the physician-patient or allied health professional-patient relationship is established.
	* Ultimately, it was decided that “telehealth” would be considered the same as an in-person visit. Standards of care are to be followed for respective professions, and the LSBME rules/definitions apply for physicians and the providers they license.
	* The “when” is the starting point for a billable event or “the start of the chart.” We also recommended to look at other states definitions.
2. Establish recommendation on methodologies for reimbursement standards for healthcare services delivered through telemedicine or telehealth
	* Discussed issues regarding reimbursement and the originating site. Our recommendations is that it not be too prescriptive. Also discussed issues specifically regarding the GT modifier codes..
	* Also recommended that Medicaid reimburse for already reimbursable codes.
	* DHH to gather some data and information from Medicaid regarding these codes and other issues.
3. Outline recommendations for prescribing through telemedicine or telehealth that focuses on appropriate and safe considerations for prescription that expand access to care and are in accordance with standard of practice and consistent with prescriptions delivered during an in person encounter
	* Discussed the issue of scheduled medications. LSBME rules have not changed – they say you cannot prescribe controlled substances without an initial in-person visit. This has proven to be problematic especially in regards to behavioral health.
	* Ultimate recommendation is that Telemedicine is sufficient to count as an in person visit.
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|  | Delineation of Consensus Recommendations | It was decided that the 10 recommendations from ATA will be discussed at a later time, and this report will focus on the 3 objectives discussed above. |
|  | Adjourn | Meeting was adjourned. |