

# LOUISIANA HEALTH WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Louisiana Hospital Association  
2334 Weymouth Drive, Baton Rouge

March 27, 2013

1:30 pm

**UNANIMOUSLY  
APPROVED  
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## **Committee Members Present:**

Mary Ann Coleman  
Lisa Deaton (*designee for Barbara Morvant*)  
Laurie Hinrichs  
Dr. Joe McCulloch  
Dr. Edward Martin  
Mary Pat Thevenot (*designee for Dr. Sheila Chauvin*)  
Dr. Larry Tremblay  
Dorie Tschudy (*designee for Gerrelde Davis*)  
KarenSue Zoeller

## **Committee Members Absent:**

Chris Adams  
Lynn Ansardi  
Anne Cassity  
Dr. Sean Graham  
Dr. Henry Gremillion  
Representative. Kenny Havard  
Dr. Neil Matkin  
Charles Moniotte  
Bryan Moore  
Dr. Demetrius Porche  
Dr. Perry Rigby

## **Guests Present:**

Ragan LeBlanc – LAFF  
LeeAnn Albert – NLAHEC/Med Job

## **Call to Order**

Chair Zoeller called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Chair Zoeller informed the group that Judy Amick was recording the meeting in an effort to have more detailed Minutes. Chair Zoeller asked the group if anyone had any objections to the recording, to please say so. There were no objections.

## **Receiving of the Reports**

Chair Zoeller informed the Commission that it would be receiving reports during the course of the meeting. The Health Works Commission doesn't vote to approve the reports, but rather votes to receive them. Health Works enabling legislation, does not permit the Commission to change any of the reports and therefore, the charge is to receive them.

## **Approval of January 3, 2013 Minutes**

The minutes were presented for approval with minor changes from Dr. Larry Tremblay. A motion was made by Dr. Edward Martin to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Larry Tremblay. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **LCTCS – ICD-10 Project**

Chair Zoeller stated that Jean Ann Hartzell-Minzy works as an LHA consultant. She has trained 16 instructors from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and they are now AHIMA Certified Instructors. Jean Ann is working with these individuals as LCTCS prepares courses that they will offer both the on-site and on the web. There will also be courses offered that cover Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Terminology.

## **LCTCS – Tuition Reimbursement/Professional Development Program**

Chair Zoeller reported on the LCTCS project to upgrade the degree level of their nursing and allied health staff. The Technical Colleges are being incorporated with the Community Colleges to become Community Technical Colleges. For these colleges to be fully accredited by SACs, current instructors will need to have higher education degrees.

Dr. Larry Tremblay suggested that they could possibly get additional faculty training for the upcoming summer, if students were able enroll before June 30. He will contact Laurie Fontenot to find out more about it.

**Point-of-Care Simulation Training:**

Mary Pat Thevenot reported on behalf of Dr. Chauvin. According to the report this project is related to a project started last year.

**Simulation Faculty Development:**

Mary Pat Thevenot stated the first of the Simulation Faculty Development took place on February 27, 2013 in New Orleans. The Session was well attended and received very good reviews. There are two more sessions scheduled and the programs are full with waiting lists. They have decided to add a fourth session on June 6 which will take place at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This session will enable them to accommodate some of the individuals currently on the waiting lists.

Dr. Larry Tremblay mentioned that if there is money in the budget for next year's project, the Simulation Faculty Development could possibly do an intermediate Training Session.

**Nursing Supply and Demand Council**

Ms. Lisa Deaton stated that the report was very similar to last year's, and she had hoped there would be more analysis, but unfortunately that did not happen. The LPN and RN Board felt the information that was pulled for the report were significant data items as well as information about Certified Nurse Aides. She also noted that they finally have the RN and LPN Board collecting the same data elements for future reporting. Lisa stated that one big accomplishment was that they have developed 4 action plan workgroups whose focus would be to:

- 1) build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of nursing workforce data;
- 2) collaborate with nursing workforce educators and employers to enhance retention factors;
- 3) examine strategies for utilization of nursing personnel that would allow all nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training; and
- 4) publish annual reports with pertinent findings and recommendations that can be used by policy makers and other interested stakeholders when addressing issues related to Louisiana's nursing workforce.

Next year they will be able to take the data from both Boards of Nursing and the Nurse Aide Registry for more meaningful recommendations from the Nursing Supply and Demand Forecasting Model.

Dr. Larry Tremblay stated that he had some minor changes to the report and he would get in touch with someone on the NSDC about those changes so then the report can be submitted as a "revised" copy.

**Medical Education Commission Report**

Ragan LeBlanc stated that they (La Academy of Family Physicians) took over the collection of data for the Medical Schools and the Match data previously done by Dr. Streiffer. Ragan stated that some of the data from her report and this year's MEC report differ. However, she stated that she supports the recommendations in the MEC report regarding Physician's Workforce and Primary Care Workforce in the State. Discussion ensued about how the Residency Match went this year. Everyone seemed to agree that this year was high in the percentage matches.

A motion was made by Dr. Joe McCulloch to officially receive the reports presented, seconded by Laurie Hinrichs. The reports were unanimously received.

**Other Items**

Chair Zoeller disseminated a Survey report by the Louisiana Center for Nursing entitled: New Graduate Survey: Finding Employment in Louisiana as a Newly Licensed RN.

Dorie Tschudy disseminated a flyer for an upcoming workshop entitled: 2013 Health Professional Employee Retention Workshop on April 10.

**New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Commission.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no additional business before the Commission, Dr. Larry Tremblay moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Pat Thevenot. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.