

LOUISIANA HEALTH WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Louisiana Hospital Association
2334 Weymouth Drive, Baton Rouge
August 23, 2013
10:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Chris Adams
Mignonne Ater
Dr. Sheila Chauvin
Mary Ann Coleman
Laurie Fontenot
Dr. Charles Hilton
Laurie Hinrichs
Dr. Joe McCulloch
Beth Millet (*designee for Gerrelde Davis*)
Barbara Morvant (*designee for Dr. Demetrius Porche*)
Dr. Larry Tremblay
KarenSue Zoeller

Committee Members Absent:

Lynn Ansardi
Anne Cassity
Dr. Henry Gremillion
Representative Kenny Havard
Charles Moniotte
Bryan Moore
Dr. Sean Graham
Dr. Edward Martin

Guests Present:

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy-LCN/LSBN
Dr. Stephen Barnes-LSU
Stephanie Virgets-LSU

Call to Order

Chair Zoeller called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was not present; therefore the meeting went into Executive Session.

Approval of July 11, 2013 Minutes

The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Larry Tremblay to approve the minutes, and seconded by Dr. Sheila Chauvin. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Board of Regents Update

Dr. Larry Tremblay reported that there is no final figure to give regarding money in the budget for next year's project. However, he believes there could be \$250,000, but he will ask for \$300,000.

Chair Zoeller, citing concerns over possible budget cuts, called for a discussion of potential proposals.

- Sheila Chauvin stated that the two Simulation projects (Faculty Development and Point of Care training) had accomplished a great deal and she would like to continue to move forward.
- Laurie Fontenot would like to have advanced degrees for nursing faculty for the LCTCS colleges. She said Mr. Ellis at Central LA College, would like a minimum of Bachelor's Degree requirement for his instructors.
- Chair Zoeller asked representatives from the nursing homes, allied health and physicians if they had potential proposals. They had no proposals to put forth.
- Barbara Morvant referenced the Nursing Supply and Demand Council Project. They would like to build on that by taking a regional approach.
- Dr. Tremblay asked if there was more work to do for ICD-10 implementation. Chair Zoeller said she would follow up with Derrick Manns from LCTCS.

Proposals

Louisiana Community and Technical College System – Tuition Reimbursement for Faculty Members - \$50,000

Ms. Fontenot explained that the proposal is to support a tuition reimbursement program allowing Louisiana Community and Technical College Licensed Practical Nurse and Associate Degree Faculty to receive advanced nursing degrees. Support will be for Associate Degree Faculty to pursue Bachelor's degrees and for Bachelor Degree Nurses to pursue Master's Degrees in Nursing. The increased degree requirements result, in part, by the mergers that are taking place within the system. Preference will be given to participants from the previous year that is currently enrolled in programs. If applications are numerous and funds are limited preference will be given to participants attending in-state universities that have lower tuitions. Dr. Tremblay noted that last year not all of the money allocated for this proposal had been used and expressed concern that this should not happen again. Ms. Fontenot said that is the reason that they are asking for only \$50,000 which will cover the costs for 5-7 participants. Dr. Joe McCulloch moved approval of the proposal; seconded by Barbara Morvant. The proposal was unanimously approved for \$50,000.

Simulation Faculty Development Phase 2 - \$50,952

Dr. Chauvin reported that over the past year, the Simulation Faculty Development Program: Phase 1 was a huge success. The programs were conducted in Louisiana, Shreveport and Lafayette. Each training consisted of 4 development levels. The original proposal was developed as part of an overall strategy to increase the ability of instructors to increase their skills in developing and teaching using simulation. The goal of this year's proposal is to continue to the development, implementation and evaluation of the statewide faculty development program for faculty members and other educators who are already engaged in or contemplating the use of simulation-based training and education with their health professions learners. The proposal is also designed to build upon and engage the regional training teams and to enhance and maintain the LASim website to enable sharing of relevant information. Ms. Fontenot moved to approve this proposal; seconded by Dr. Joe McCulloch. The proposal was unanimously approved for \$50,952.

Simulation Team Training at the Point-of Care - \$92,957

Dr. Chauvin described the new proposal, Developing a Model of Academic-Practice Partnership to Support Point-of-Care Training for Health Professions in Rural and Regional Hospitals (LSUSimPOC). LSUSimPOC took place at selected rural and regional hospitals that participated in the Health Works funded 2011-2012 effort. . The new proposal will build upon the past two Simulation Council point of care training projects. This year's aims are to: (1) increase the number of hospitals within an approximate 100-mile of the LSU Health-New Orleans main campus; (2) build upon existing academic practice-partnerships and build new ones; (3) test the prototypic infrastructure and business model developed in the 2012-13; (4) examine the effectiveness and sustainability of customized POC simulation-based training curricula; and (5) test the effectiveness of a hybrid POC training model using both onsite and video conference. Laurie Fontenot moved to approve the proposal; seconded by Mignonne Ater. The proposal was unanimously approved for \$92,957.

Presentations

Presentation of 2013 LSU Health Occupations Outlook for APRN/PA's

Dr. Stephen Barnes, LSU, reported on the 2013 LSU Health Occupations Outlook for Advanced Practice Nurses and Physicians Assistants. The LSU team sent surveys Louisiana healthcare employers as well as healthcare professionals utilizing licensing data from the Board of Medical Examiners and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The specialty areas surveyed consisted of physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified register nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and certified nurse midwives. The response rates for the midlevel provider survey and employer survey were 43.9% and 41.7% respectively. Over the last the year there has been a 59% growth in physician assistants in Louisiana and a 46% growth in advanced practice registered nurses. Dr. Barnes presented the report in a Power Point Format which indicated that all the professions are going to experience a continued growth rate both in the short and the long term. Additionally 64% of the midlevels completed their degrees in Louisiana. From a rural perspective only 41% of the providers in rural areas of Louisiana have midlevel practitioners. Of these 31% are physician assistants. 38% are nurse practitioners and 25% are certified nurse anesthetists. One of the more interesting results was that 48% of the patients are

not seen only by midlevel practitioners – but the remainder is seen only by a midlevel provider. Dr. Barnes answered a number of questions from the members and offered to provide data to the members should they want it.

Simulation Faculty Development Project Phase 1

Dr. Chauvin reported that the first phase of this project was to develop and pilot implementation of the Faculty Development program which grew from the simulation-based Training and Education (SimFD) previously funded by Health Works. The component standardized a day-long simulation faculty development program that consists of four-90 minute interactive modules. The modules were designed to meet common professional development needs of health professions educators seeking to engage in or enhance the current effectiveness in using simulation for teaching, learning and assessment. There were three full day regional programs (New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport). Two hundred and fifteen health professional education faculty members participated in the program. The evaluation data cleared indicated that the program contributed to enhancing simulation-based training and education in Louisiana. Additionally, there was substantial progress made in establishing a statewide network for promoting quality and innovation in designing and using simulation.

Simulation Training Demonstration at the Point-of Care

Dr. Chauvin reviewed the initiative, Developing a Model of Academic-Practice Partnership to Support Point-of-Care Training for Health Professions in Rural and Regional Hospitals (LSUSimPOC). LSUSimPOC took place at selected rural and regional hospitals that participated in the Health Works funded 2011-2012 effort. For the new practice partners, collaboration included targeted introduction to simulation-based training, training needs assessment processes, “proof-of-concept” demonstration experience at the point of contact care, and exploration of the potential for an extended partner relationships. Trainings included pediatric emergencies in the emergency room, adult-in-patient emergencies and obstetric emergencies. The project made substantial progress in realizing the vision of a regional, and ultimately, a statewide network for enhancing the use of simulation training and education of Louisiana’s health professionals across the career and education continuum. Dr. Chauvin told the Commission about simulation training in a rural hospital where the “patient” was a young infant. The training was evaluated and the “team” made numerous changes to better handle such a situation. A week later, an actual infant emergency occurred and although they were not able to save the baby, they reported to Dr. Chauvin that they were completely prepared and knew exactly what to do. Due to time limitations, Dr. Chauvin shortened her presentation.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Commission, Laurie Fontenot moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Joe McCulloch. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.