**Health Works Commission NOTES**

# November 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

**Board Conference Room (6-242) • 1201 North Third Street • Baton Rouge, LA**

Chair Cynthia Bienemy called the meeting of the Health Works Commission to order at 9:34 a.m., on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in the Board Conference Room 6-242, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chair Bienemy acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Kathy Hoyt in October 2018. Dr. Larry Tremblay noted that Mrs. Carolyn Blanchard would assist with the Commission meetings. He said a letter would be sent this week to the appointing authorities listed in the legislation that created the Health Works Commission to update the membership on the Commission. Dr. Tremblay said the Commission is struggling to get a quorum and perhaps it was time to change membership in the legislation.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called by Mrs. Blanchard. There was lack of a quorum of the full Commission as well as the Executive Committee.

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| **Members Present** | **Affiliation** |
| Cynthia Bienemy\* | Nursing Supply and Demand Council |
| Laura Bonanno | Louisiana State Board of Nursing |
| Tabitha Jones-Thomas\*\* | Simulation Medical Education & Training Council |
| Stanton McNeely | Louisiana Assoc of Independent Colleges & Univ. |
| Ram Paragi | Medical Education Commission |
| Kellie Taylor-White | Louisiana Workforce Commission |
| Kenneth Tillman | Louisiana Community & Technical College System |
| Larry Tremblay\* | Board of Regents |
| Dennis Wissing\* | LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport |
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| **Members Absent** | **Affiliation** |
| Vacant\* | Interagency Task Force Future of Family Medicine |
| Lynn Ansardi | Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners |
| Mark Berger\* | Louisiana Nursing Home Association |
| Sean Graham\* | Louisiana State Medical Society |
| Henry Gremillion\*\* | LSU School of Dentistry (Dental Group) |
| Kenny Havard, Representative | House Committee on Health and Welfare |
| Fred Mills, Jr., Senator | Senate Committee on Health and Welfare |
| Steven Spires | Governor’s Office |
| Mike Thompson\* | Louisiana Hospital Association |

\* Members of the Executive Committee

\*\* Ad Hoc (Non-Voting)

Since there was no quorum, the August 15, 2018, minutes could not be approved, Chair Bienemy suggested that Dr. Stephen Barnes present his PowerPoint in the hopes that other members would be arriving soon.

**Healthcare Workforce Projections by Dr. Stephen Barnes, Director, Economics and Policy Research Group, Associate Professor of Research, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University and A&M College**

Dr. Stephen Barnes, Director, Economics and Policy Research Group, Associate Professor of Research, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University and A&M College, presented a PowerPoint entitled “Forecasting Employment: Healthcare Occupations.”

Dr. Barnes began by stating that the Louisiana Occupational Forecast provides a comprehensive assessment of anticipated employment trends in Louisiana. Employment forecasting is a two-step process: industry-level and occupation-level forecasts. With industry-level forecasts Dr. Barnes said that data were acquired from 846 unique industries and over 90 industries per region. Dr. Barnes noted that staffing patterns, separation rates and change factors are three components used to convert industry forecasts to occupation forecasts.

Dr. Barnes said the Louisiana Health Works Commission had funded two studies in 2012 and 2013. He reviewed the focus of each study.

The Star Rating system structure was discussed extensively by Dr. Barnes. Ms. Kellie Taylor-White said on the Louisiana Workforce website (<https://www.laworks.net/stars>) that you could learn more about top rated occupations.

In summary, Dr. Barnes noted that the studies funded by the Health Works Commission helped improve the accuracy of the states forecast with some insights still being used today.

A question and answer period followed.

Chair Bienemy thanked Dr. Barnes for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

**Approval of the Minutes of August 15, 2018**

Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes from August 15, 2018, were deferred for consideration until the next meeting.

**Agency Updates**

Chair Bienemy provided a printed overview entitled “Updating and Enhancing the Louisiana Multi-Regional Statewide Nursing Workforce Forecasting Model.” She also presented two documents from the Louisiana Center for Nursing entitled “2018 Nurse Faculty Survey; Fulltime Nurse Faculty in Louisiana” and the “2017 Nursing Education Capacity and 2016 Nursing Supply in Louisiana Snapshot.”

Ms. Kellie Taylor-White, designee for the Louisiana Workforce Commission, inquired if it was possible to change the composition of the Executive Committee of the Health Works Commission so a quorum can be attained. Dr. Tremblay said the legislation spells out who are members of the Executive Committee, which cannot be changed without amended legislation.

**Other Business**

1. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled with a Doodle poll.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Bienemy adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.