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| **MEETING INFORMATION** | | | | | | |
| **Meeting Description:** | | LA Task Force on Telehealth Access | | | | |
| **Date and Time:** | | Monday, February 23, 2015 9:00-10:30 am | | | | |
| **Location:** | | LHA Board Room, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 | | | | |
| **Dial-in Information** | | <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8746471326576519938> | | | | |
| **ATTENDEES *(Designated Members are indicated in bold)*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Brooke Campo, *LA Ambulance Alliance*** | |  | Bhaskar Toodi, PhD |  | Greg Waddell |
|  | **Carson Scott, *TexLa Resource Center*** | |  | Berkley Durbin |  | Heather Rademacher Taylor |
| **** | **Catherine Levendis, Ochsner** | |  | Brandi Cannon |  | Hugh Mighty |
| **** | **Cecilia Mouton, MD, *LSBME*** | |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* |  | James Hussey |
|  | **Charles Castille, *LRHC*** | |  | Buzz Jeansonne |  | Jennifer Marusak |
|  | **Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA*** | |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Joanne Mills |
|  | **Herndon Jeannsonne, *LANP*** | |  | Charlotte Martin |  | Joseph Bonck |
|  | **Jeff Drozda, *LAHP*** | |  | [Christine Arbo Peck](https://webmail.la.gov/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&t=IPM.Appointment&a=Open&fId=LgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTAQAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAAAC&id=RgAAAAAUPrnuPpLhTY60myjg3QKTBwAHYynzKOmYTqhaeIeFU4FHAAAD82rpAABd4tQIPlgLR4MusgffS%2fsfAAEqnARDAAAP&yr=2014&mn=8&dy=25) |  | Juzar Ali, MD |
|  | **Jen Steele, *DHH*** | |  | Chris Rachal, PhD |  | Karen Cormier |
| **** | **Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS*** | |  | Chris Vidrine, MD |  | Kathy Kliebert |
|  | **Jonathan Chapman, *LPCA*** | |  | Cindy Munn |  | Kristin M. Tortorich |
|  | **Joseph Donchess, *LNHA*** | |  | Craig Waggoner |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
| **** | **Kathy Willis, MD, LSU HCSD** | |  | Curry Landry |  | Meaghan Musso |
| **** | **Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF*** | |  | Dodie LaMott |  | Melanie Clevenger |
|  | **Patrick O'Neill, MD, *LPMA & Tulane*** | |  | Donald E. Hines, MD |  | Mike Thompson |
|  | **Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC*** | |  | Drew Murray |  | Rebekah Gee, MD |
| **** | **Rebecca Bradley-Dowdy, *LHA*** | |  | Elizabeth Cothren |  | Rep. Scott Simon |
| **** | **Sabrina Noah, *LSMS*** | |  | Elizabeth Petersen |  | Stacy Falgout |
|  | [**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*** | |  | Gerrelda Davis |  | Thomas Thompson |
|  | **Warren Hebert, Home Care Assoc. of LA** | |  |  |  |  |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Minutes** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions | Welcome and introductions were conducted. |
|  | Review of Minutes | Rebecca Dowdy motioned to approve the minutes. Jennifer Marusak seconded the motion.  Minutes were approved. |
|  | Special Remarks | **Representative Scott Simon outlined his vision and expectations of the Task Force.**   * Short-term: We have a vast network. What can we do now to have all groups working on this together? Communications and sharing of knowledge is key. What’s our landscape, what’s working, what’s not working, how do we facilitate more collaboration between groups? * Mid-term: What can we do immediately to increase and better communicate between groups without any major movements from the Legislature? How do we benefit LA with the tools in place right now – over the next 1-2 years? * Long-term: Be ahead of the curve. Look at barriers in laws, the future, and the way we do business – so when new technology comes, we’re ready. If we are satisfied today we are behind. What can we do to advance and proactively prevent roadblocks so that LA becomes a leader?   Question to Rep. Simon: Regarding legislation - timeline?   * Rep. Simon: We need to plan for the 2016 Legislative session and could also consider a resolution. If the Task Force has recommendations for next session we need to get them to him in timely manner. |
|  | Subcommittee SBAR Reviews and Next Steps | Quality Subcommittee:   * Gotten a lot of good information, good ideas, and cautions * Researching right now and reaching out to contacts – before making recommendations * After this – will have another subcommittee meeting and discuss next steps * Feedback from others who are further along cautioned that spending too much time on the front end to create metrics/qualitative indicators may slow down roll out   Finance Subcommittee:   * Currently in LA, host facilities are not reimbursed for telehealth, which is a top barrier - states with successful telehealth systems reimburse both host and provider * GT modifier appears not to work. However, if was reimbursed consistently it would only be $24 and wouldn’t cover the full cost – Lonnie will follow up with DHH on the status of this modifier reimbursement * State law requires telehealth reimbursement to be no less than 75% of an office visit * The Finance Subcommittee will develop payment matrix displaying payer, service, associated reimbursement and related CPT codes   + Group agrees this has value – speaks to short-term, mid-term, long-term needs and goals   Technology Subcommittee   * Referenced [www.Broadband.louisiana.gov](http://www.Broadband.louisiana.gov) * Broadband is not a contributing barrier to telehealth as it is widely available in LA. The issue is related more to the associated cost. * The subcommittee will work with the LA Healthcare Quality Forum to explore potential overlap opportunities with LaHIE.   Case Research Subcommittee   * Looked at states of interest and divided them up among group * Reaching out to other hospital associations, and peers in other states * Next meeting is March 17 – will have more to report after |
|  | Other Discussion:   * Vendor Inclusion on Task Force * Next Meeting: Monday, March 23 at LHA, time TBD | * The workforce needed to support telehealth is lacking in LA and a potential barrier. The group discussed whether this should be a focus of a current subcommittee or a new subcommittee itself.   + There is already a health workforce commission & there’s a new group on STEM training   + Perspective of the group is that if we solve the other barriers, the workforce issue will be resolved as well – no separate subcommittee needed * Should sub-committees make recommendations to group?   + Group says yes.   + What is the charge – important to group   + Each sub-committee should be tasked with their own short-/mid-/long-term goals     - Subcommittees were asked to determine these goals in their upcoming meetings * A lot of background work is likely going unseen – maybe we need to do better job to educate health plans on what it takes to do telemedicine and where savings occur   + Dr. Toodi can do GT modifier analysis – he’ll look at Bayou Health and what plans are paying.   + This data can be used to determine the willingness of health plans to contract for those services. * Mrs. Smith asked whether the group felt it would be appropriate to have vendors (local and national) present to in the Task Force meetings.   + They want representation/seat at table and an opportunity to present.   + Decision was to not include vendors in the meetings at this point.   + Moving forward for good of telemedicine/patient: We need to find out what’s common ground, identify issues, and work together.     - See where it’s working/successful model – statewide, and not necessarily specific to vendors (like GA, not Teledoc) * In the February meeting the group asked to have presentations from health plans/insurance companies in a future meeting. Time will be dedicated in the March meeting. * Presentations from hospitals on what’s working, would also be beneficial – to hear the barriers from hospitals/providers perspective; also include Mental health/Behavioral health? – Dr. O’Neil has that perspective * **Next meeting:**   + Don’t need SBAR from subcommittees each time – can just email it to group.   + Next meeting – health plans will present     - 2:00-4:00 pm at LHA |
|  | Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. |