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| **Date and Time:** | Monday, April 4, 2016 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| **Location:** | **In-Person:** 8550 United Plaza Blvd Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, Pontchatrain Room at Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum Meeting Link: https://meet.lync.com/lhcqf/ldufour/gt2s97p6Meeting number: 8772569514Access code: 2252397336 |
| **Attendees *(Designated Members are italicized and bold)*** |
|  | **Buzz Jeansonne, *LANP*** | **X** | **Sabrina Noah, *LSMS*** |  | Lynn Ansardi |
|  | **Becky Jones, TexLa** | **X** | [**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* |
| **X** | **Cecilia Mouton, MD, *LSBME*** |  | **Warren Hebert, *Home Care Assoc. of LA*** |  | James Hussey |
|  | **Charles Castille, *LRHC*** |  | Ali Armstrong, *LAHP*  |  | Jennifer Marusak, *LSMS* |
|  | **Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA*** | X | Africa Dauphiney |  | John Couk, *LSUHSC* |
| **X** | **Curry Landry, *LA Ambulance Alliance*** |  | Berkley Durbin |  | Joseph Bonck, *LSBME* |
|  | **Elizabeth Cothren, *Ochsner*** |  | Brandi Cannon |  | Juzar Ali, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | **Jeff Drozda, *LAHP*** |  | Brooke Campo |  | Karen Cormier, *FMOLHS* |
| **X** | **Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS*** |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* | X | Keith Verret, LSUHCSD |
| **X** | **Joseph Comaty, *LAMP*** |  | Bhaskar Toodi |  | Kristin M. Tortorich, *Aide to* *Rep. Simon* |
|  | **Tonya Canalle, LPCA** |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
|  | **Karen Lyon, PhD, LSBN** |  | Catherine Levendis, *Ochsner* |  | Meaghan Musso, *LHA* |
|  | **Karen Sue Zoeller, *LNHA*** | X | Charles Edwards |  | Melanie Clevenger, *TexLa* |
|  | **Kathy Willis, MD, *LHCC*** |  | David Lavergne, *BCBSLA* |  | Mike Thompson, *LHA* |
|  | **Lauren Gleason, *DHH*** |  | Dodie LaMott |  | Rebekah Gee, MD*, DHH*  |
| **X** | **Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF*** |  | Donald E. Hines, MD |  | Ted Lambert, *LSUHSC* |
|  | **Pat “Ricky” Bass, MD, *LSUHSC-S*** |  | [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 | X | Traci Thompson, *KSWB* |
| **X** | **Patrick O'Neill, MD, *LPMA & Tulane*** |  | Faye Bryant, *FMOLHS* |  | Wes Hataway, *LSMS* |
| **X** | **Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC*** |  | Gerrelda Davis, *LPCA* |  | Traci Thomas |
|  | **Greg Waddell*, LHA*** | X | Judith Giorlando |  | Darren Cavalier, LHCQF |
| **X** | **Denise Dowell, DHH** |  | Marcia Blanchard, LHCQF |  | Linda Spradley, Spradley & Spradley  |
| **X** | **Eric Torres, LSBME** | X | Flip Roberts, LHA | X | Rita Finn |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Minutes** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions | **Welcome and Introductions** |
|  | Review/Approval of Minutes | Minutes were approved.  |
|  | DHH Update | Lauren Gleason who usually provides an update was unavailable to attend and provide an update. We do know that Dr. Gee, the new Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospital is a champion of telehealth. |
|  | Goals Plan – Judith Giorlando | Judith developed and presented a Work Plan for achieving the goals of the task force. Discussion was held on the plan. The plan will be broken down into work-groups and assignments will be made. |
|  | HB 480 – Dr. Joe Comaty | Dr. Joe Comaty introduced HB 480 which addressed the prescribing of controlled substances. This sparked spirited discussion on the issue of prescribing controlled substances via telemedicine as well as licensing issues. Discussion was led by Dr. Mouton of the LSMEB and Sabrina Noah of the LSMS. Lonnie DuFour introduced HB 570 which removes the need for both video and audio in a telemedicine consult; HB 595 which adds a licensed dietitian or nutritionist to the list of providers who may use telehealth; SB 193 which tasks health insurance issuer’s networks to include how the use of telemedicine or telehealth technology may be used to meet network access standards; SB 328 which is essentially the Senate version of HB 570 but also provides for venue in suits arising out of telemedicine services. Discussion continued on all bills and how or if we should provide input to the legislature on these pending bills. It was suggested that we provide a “White Card” as necessary to both the House and/or Senate as appropriate as to the common misuse of the terms “Telemedicine” and “Telehealth”. Lonnie DuFour will explore the process with the help of our task force members from the House Health and Welfare Committee. |
|  | C0-Chair – Dr. Kathy Willis | Dr. Kathy Willis, Co-Chair of the Task Force has changed jobs and is no longer with LSUHSD and now works for the Louisiana Health Care Connections which is a member of the Bayou Health MCO’s. Discussion was held on whether she is still eligible to serve as C-Chair of the task force as she now represents an MCO and not a charter organization of the Task Force. Lonnie DuFour will consult with the authors of HCR 88. |
|  | HRSA/TNGP Grant – Lonnie DuFour | Lonnie DuFour gave an update on the LHCQF’s application for a New Telehealth Network grant. The Quality Forum will be the lead agency and the grant targets primarily SBHC’s in impoverished rural areas. Grant partners include UHS, the LPCA, LARHIX and various RHC’s, CAH’s, and FQHC’s state-wide. The grant will be awarded on Sep. 1st, 2016 and is a 4-year grant for $1.2M.  |
|  | Questions/Discussion | Discussion was opened on DHH Medicaid expansion led by Dr. Singh stating that there is room for telehealth in this project which would expand access to care as well as enhance capacity building. Charles Edwards indicated that in his conversations with Dr. Gee, that the state does have plans in place to assist with MCO’s with telehealth. |
|  | Adjourn | Motion to adjourn by Dr. Singh, second by Traci Ingram. Meeting was adjourned. |