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| **Date and Time:** | Monday, September 28, 2015 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| **Location:** | **In-Person:** LHA Board Room, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809**Webex:** <https://fmolhs.webex.com/fmolhs/j.php?J=807852670>Meeting number: 807 852 6701-877-668-4493 Call-in toll free number (US/Canada)Access code: 807 852 670 |
| **Attendees *(Designated Members are italicized and bold)*** |
|  | **Brooke Campo, *LA Ambulance Alliance*** |  | Ali Armstrong, *LAHP*  |  | Hugh Mighty |
|  | **Buzz Jeansonne, *LANP*** |  | Berkley Durbin |  | James Hussey |
|  | **Carson Scott, *TexLa Resource Center*** |  | Brandi Cannon |  | Jennifer Marusak, *LSMS* |
|  | **Cecilia Mouton, MD, *LSBME*** |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* |  | John Couk, *LSU* |
|  | **Charles Castille, *LRHC*** |  | Bhaskar Toodi |  | Joseph Bonck, *LSBME* |
|  | **Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA*** |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Juzar Ali, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | **Drew Murray** |  | Catherine Levendis, *Ochsner* |  | Karen Cormier, *FMOLHS* |
|  | **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) |  | Kathy Willis, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | **Elizabeth Cothren, *Ochsner*** |  | Craig Waggoner |  | Keith Verret |
|  | **Jen Steele, *DHH*** |  | Curry Landry, *LAA* |  | Kristin M. Tortorich, *Aide to* *Rep. Simon* |
|  | **Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS*** |  | David Lavergne, *BCBSLA* |  | Lauren Gleason, *DHH* |
|  | **Jonathan Chapman, *LPCA*** |  | Dodie LaMott |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
|  | **Joseph Donchess, *LNHA*** |  | Donald E. Hines, MD |  | Meaghan Musso, *LHA* |
|  | **Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF*** |  | Dr. Chris Rachal, PhD |  | Melanie Clevenger, *TexLa* |
|  | **Patrick O'Neill, MD, *LPMA & Tulane*** |  | Faye Bryant, *FMOLHS* |  | Mike Thompson, *LHA* |
|  | **Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC*** |  | Gerralda Davis, *DHH* |  | Rebekah Gee, MD*, DHH*  |
|  | **Rebecca Bradley-Dowdy, *LHA*** |  | Gwen Guillotte, *The Picard Group* |  | Ted Lambert |
|  | **Sabrina Noah, *LSMS*** |  |  |  |  |
|  | [**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*** |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Warren Hebert, *Home Care Assoc. of LA*** |  |  |  |  |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Minutes** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions | **Welcome & Introductions were conducted.**  |
|  | ATA Presentation and Discussion* Reimbursement
* Policy Recommendations for LA
* Federal Legislation
 | Mr. Gary Capistrant from the American Telemedicine Association gave a presentation. It covered a range of topics from consumer demand to focusing on solutions and innovative payment models. He also shared interesting data of the 50 states, showing where they stand in regards to state physician practices, availability to telehealth, and payment. Finally, Mr. Capistrant gave 10 suggestions or opportunity areas for Louisiana.Following his presentation, there were several questions and follow-up discussions regarding the following topics:* State physician practices…that specific slide in the presentation was reviewed
* Additional SPAs to CMS for certain services. It was noted that CMS has been “backing off” requiring SPAs for some Telehealth services through Medicaid.
* Prescribing controlled substances. It was brought up as there have been many contentious conversations about this topic previously.
	+ Particularly what states have navigated this issue successfully considering the Federal government’s labeling of the drug
	+ DEA rulemaking in regards to the drug should be coming out in October
* What states are using Telemedicine to their full potential?
	+ In CA, being such a large state, they are able to reach economies of scale quickly
	+ In MS, there is only 1 medical school, so they have become a sort of “hub” for the area in terms of Telemedicine
* The shortage of physicians and behavioral health professionals…it is important that states look at using mid-level professionals where those gap areas exist.
	+ Some successful models have shown that a holistic, team approach works well.
* The largest growth in terms of doctors interacting with patients.
	+ They are seeing telehealth become more decentralized as people increase utilization through their phones, ipads, etc.
* Issues with HIPAA and violating privacy. The group was reminded that HIPAA is not absolute, as patients can choose to release their info, and many are choosing to do so for the convenience of Telehealth services.
* The 3 federal bills in Congress.
	+ Some concern as to how Congress can tell states a physician can see Medicare patients across state lines.
	+ Discussion and further concern about “missing steps” in between…there should be some action taken before a universal license (such as a driver’s license).
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| 3. | Agenda Topics for Oct. 26 Meeting | Topics to be discussed at next meeting include:* Looking further at Mr. Capistrant’s 10 recommendations
* Compare/contrast what has changed vs. what hasn’t
* Health Plans come to the next meeting and get into a deeper discussion regarding payment, as reimbursement always seems to be the “big issue.”
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| 4. | Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm |