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| **Date and Time:** | Monday, November 16, 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*** |  | **Raman Singh, MD, *LDPSC*** |  | Faye Bryant, *FMOLHS* |
|  | **Buzz Jeansonne, *LANP*** |  | **Rebecca Bradley-Dowdy, *LHA*** |  | Gerralda Davis, *DHH* |
|  | **Carson Scott, *TexLa Resource Center*** |  | **Sabrina Noah, *LSMS*** |  | Gwen Guillotte, *The Picard Group* |
|  | **Cecilia Mouton, MD, *LSBME*** |  | [**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*** |  | James Hussey |
|  | **Charles Castille, *LRHC*** |  | **Warren Hebert, *Home Care Assoc. of LA*** |  | Jennifer Marusak, *LSMS* |
|  | **Cheryl McCormick, *LCTA*** |  | Ali Armstrong, *LAHP*  |  | John Couk, *LSU* |
|  | **Elizabeth Cothren, *Ochsner*** |  | Becky Jones, TexLa |  | Joseph Bonck, *LSBME* |
|  | **Jeff Drozda, *LAHP*** |  | Berkley Durbin |  | Juzar Ali, MD, *LSUHCSD* |
|  | **Jenny Smith, *FMOLHS*** |  | Brandi Cannon |  | Karen Cormier, *FMOLHS* |
|  | **Joseph Comaty, *LAMP*** |  | Bryan Taylor, *BCBSLA* |  | Keith Verret |
|  | **Jonathan Chapman, *LPCA*** |  | Bhaskar Toodi |  | Kristin M. Tortorich, *Aide to* *Rep. Simon* |
|  | **Karen Lyon, PhD, LSBN** |  | Cassandra Bookman |  | Lynn Witherspoon, MD |
|  | **KarenSue Zoeller, *LNHA*** |  | Catherine Levendis, *Ochsner* |  | Meaghan Musso, *LHA* |
|  | **Kathy Willis, MD, *LSUHCSD*** |  | Curry Landry, *LAA* |  | Melanie Clevenger, *TexLa* |
|  | **Lauren Gleason, *DHH*** |  | David Lavergne, *BCBSLA* |  | Mike Thompson, *LHA* |
|  | **Lonnie DuFour, *LHCQF*** |  | Dodie LaMott |  | Rebekah Gee, MD*, DHH*  |
|  | **Pat “Ricky” Bass, MD, *LSUHSC-S*** |  | Donald E. Hines, MD |  | Ted Lambert |
|  | **Patrick O'Neill, MD, *LPMA & Tulane*** |  | [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 |  |  |

|  | **Agenda Topic** | **Duration** |
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|  | Welcome and Introductions | 2:00-2:10 |
|  | Prep for End of Year Report – [Review Mid-Year Report Objectives](#_Mid-Year_Report_Objectives:) and [ATA Recommendations](#_ATA_Recommendations) | 2:10-3:30 |
|  | Delineation of Consensus Recommendations | 3:30-4:00 |
|  | Adjourn | 4:00 |

### Task Force Objectives

Per HCR 88, the functions of the task force shall include all of the following:

1. Serve as an advisory body to the legislature and the Department of Health and Hospitals on policies and practices that expand access to and coverage for telehealth services in a manner that ensures quality of care and patient safety.
2. Serve as a coordinating forum on telehealth-related matters between and among state agencies, local government, and other nongovernmental groups.
3. Study technical aspects of delivery systems utilized in telehealth, and develop basic standards based upon such study to recommend to the governor, the legislature, and the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals concerning modalities and features of telehealth delivery systems.
4. On a regular basis, research and review state regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures that pertain in any way to telehealth and make policy recommendations to the governor, the legislature, and the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

**Telehealth**: Defined by Act 442 as a mode of delivering healthcare services that utilizes information and communication technologies to enable the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of patients at a distance from healthcare providers. Telehealth allows services to be accessed when providers are in a distant site and patients are in the originating site. Telehealth facilitates patient self-management and caregiver support for patients and includes synchronous interactions and asynchronous store and forward transfers.

### Mid-Year Report Objectives:

* Define recommendations on when and how the physician-patient or allied health professional-patient relationship is established.
* Establish recommendation on methodologies for reimbursement standards for healthcare services delivered through telemedicine or telehealth
* Outline recommendations for prescribing through telemedicine or telehealth that focuses on appropriate and safe considerations for prescription that expand access to care and are in accordance with standard of practice and consistent with prescriptions delivered during an in person encounter

**Report Conclusion**: In 2015, the task force will explore the current financial landscape for telehealth in Louisiana, barriers to adopt expanded telehealth services in the state, how to overcome those barriers, and the experience of other states. In the end, the real interest lies in meeting patients and providing expanded access to care in a timely fashion that promotes wellness and health and provides financial stability for the providers. The TATF will focus on changes that we, as a group, can implement or influence, including recommended policy and legislative measures. The TATF members are excited to have a voice in how telemedicine and telehealth discussions will continue to evolve and progress to ensure access to medical services for all of Louisiana.

### ATA Recommendations

**#10 –Broadband Service**

* **Explore state plan to maximize federal, state, and private funds to--**
	+ Extend availability of wired & wireless
	+ Enhance bandwidth, speed, etc.
* **Build on new federal Broadband Opportunity Council report**

**#9 –School-Based Care**

* **State network for common, established uses, such as--**
	+ Children with special needs (such as speech and hearing difficulties)
	+ Mental and behavioral health
	+ Type 1 diabetes education
	+ Asthma management
* **Cover as patient site for Medicaid and state employees**

**#8 High-Risk Pregnancies**

* **State network for these, pregnancy complications and premature births**
* **Cover for--**
	+ Medicaid
	+ State employees
	+ Student insurance at state-funded colleges

**#7 –Home-Based Care**

* **Allow the home as an originating site for Medicaid and state employees, at least for--**
	+ Hospice
	+ Mental health counseling
	+ Post-hospital rehabilitation

**#6 –Physician Availability**

* **Rules comparable to in-person care**
* **Update definitions to be technology-neutral**
* **Telepresenter when physician judgment is that medically necessary**
* **Allow license without location in LA or arrangement with LA physicians**

**#5 –Diabetes Care**

* **Explore statewide diabetes self-management program plus—**
	+ Diabetes education via video
	+ Remote patient monitoring
* **Use Medicaid “health home” option**

**#4 –Mental & Behavioral**

* **Statewide telehealth networks for--**
	+ Depression
	+ Substance abuse
	+ Autism spectrum
* **Parity coverage for--**
	+ State employees
	+ Student insurance at state-funded colleges
* **Promote integrated primary & mental health**

**#3 –Telestroke Diagnosis**

* **Statewide arrangement for every hospital to be able to diagnose a stroke within 1 hour of arrival, all the time.**
* **Coverage for state employees**

**#2 -Medicaid Managed Care**

* **Flexibility for plans to provide added coverage**

**#1 –Health Plan Parity**

* **Update state’s 20-year old law for–**
	+ Full parity in-person vs. telehealth services
	+ Full eligibility for all health professionals
	+ Comparable reimbursement methods
* **Extend to—**
	+ State employees
	+ Workers’ compensation
	+ Student insurance at state-funded colleges