

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
February 24, 2023

Members present: Josh Alford, Lauren Bailey, Katie Brittain, Derrell Cohoon, Diane Davidson, Jeff Drozda, Susan Ellender, Dr. John Fraiche, Arnold Goldberg, Rep. John Illg, Derrell Langlois, and Ronnell Nolan, John Overton, and James Butch Sonnier

Members absent: Jeff Albright, Ruby Brewer, Dr. Alecia Cyprian, Dr. Rachel Durel, Jack Duvernay, Dr. William Ferguson, Lisa Gardner, Dr. Faye Grimsley, Randal Johnson, Jesse Lambert, Dr. Eva Lamendola, Jennifer McMahan, Senator Robert Mills, Barbara Morvant, Andrew Muhl, Frank Opelka, Ed Parker, Debra Rushing, Dr. Patrice Sentino, Elizabeth Sumrall, Judy Wagner, Scott Webre, Dr. Frances Wiggins, and LaCosta Wix

Staff present: Crystal Lewis

Dr. John Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted for the record.

Arnold Goldberg moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 and the November 17, 2022 meetings and the motion was seconded Derrell Cohoon. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Vincent Culotta, Executive Director of the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners provided a presentation titled, the Provider Shortage and the Effect on Access to Care.

Jeff Drozda provided a review of the recommendations proposed by the subcommittee on the Affordability and Rising Health Care Costs.

Mr. Drozda moved to approve the recommendations proposed by the subcommittee on the Affordability and Rising Health Care Costs. Mr. Cohoon seconded the motion. Without objection, the recommendations were approved.

Katie Brittain provided a review of the recommendations proposed by the subcommittee on the Availability and Access to Care. Ms. Brittain moved to approve the recommendations proposed by the subcommittee on the Availability and Access to Care. Mr. Cohoon seconded the motion. Without objection, the recommendations were approved.

Dr. Steven Udvarhelyi, President and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, provided a review of the acquisition of BCBSLA by Elevance Health.

Members engaged in a Q&A with Dr. Udvarhelyi regarding the availability and access of care during the BCBSLA/Elevance merger.

Dr. Fraiche announced the Louisiana Department of Insurance Conference 2023, set for March 27 and 28, 2023.

With no further business Dr. Fraiche moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goldberg seconded the motion. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.