

**Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Poydras Building Hearing Room**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**May 18, 2018**

**Members present:** Jeff Albright, Lauren Bailey, Katie Brittain, Diane Davidson, Dr. William Ferguson, Dr. John Fraiche, Lisa Gardner, Arnold Goldberg, Dr. Faye Grimsley, Linda Hawkins, Dr. Eva Lamendola, John Overton, Stephanie Phillips, Dr. Anthony Recasner, Dr. James “Butch” Sonnier and LaCosta Wix

**Members absent:** Robelynn Abadie, Rick Born, Dr. Rachel Durel, Beau Fourrier, Korey Harvey, Dr. Marlon Henderson, Rep. Mike Huval, Randal Johnson, Jennifer Katzman, Dr. Jesse Lambert, Darrell Langlois, Jesse McCormick, Jennifer McMahon, Barbara Morvant, Andrew Muhl, Ronnell Nolan, Ed Parker, Clay Pinson, Patrick Reed, Debra Rushing, Elizabeth Sumrall, Bryan Wagner, Senator Rick Ward and Dr. Shondra Williams

**Staff present:** Crystal M. Stutes and Julie Freeman

Chairperson Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was not initially present. Later in the meeting, more members arrived and a quorum was established; however, two members left early and a quorum was lost before minutes could be approved. As such, the March 23 minutes will be approved at the August 24, 2018 meeting.

Dr. Fraiche stated that the following bills for the 2018 legislative session had passed since the last commission meeting on March 23:

- SB 29-Provides for a single uniform prescription drug authorization form.
- SB 130 –Provides relative to Medicaid payments for pharmacy benefit manager services; provides relative to managed care contracts and Medicaid managed care subcontracts.
- SB 283-Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers; provides for internet publication of formularies; provides for transparency reporting; provides for certain reportable aggregate data.
- SB 285-Prohibits a health insurance issuer from denying a non-opioid prescription in favor of an opioid prescriptions.

- SB 272, Act 20 – Provides for health insurance policy coverage of incarcerated persons prior to adjudication; requires insurance coverage for health care provided premiums are paid.
- HB 134, Act 62- Provides for identification of a health benefit plan insurer and sponsor; requires information regarding the type of insurance be listed on the face of the identification or coverage documentation.
- HB 194, Act 66-Provides a time period after payment of a claim during which an insurer may dispute and recoup the amount paid.
- HB 429-Provides relative to denial of claims for dental services; Provides for prior authorization requests; provides a time limit for prior authorization approvals; and prohibits a claim denial or recoupment in certain circumstances.

Dr. Fraiche then introduced Dr. David Teuscher, Regional Director for Region 6 of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services who presented on Federal Initiatives on Health Care and what efforts were being made to curb opioid abuse and reduce the cost of prescription drugs.

Dr. Teuscher underscored the importance of de-stigmatizing addiction disorders.

He reported on the Five-Point Plan:

1. Education – on the use of non-addictive, non-narcotic disorders
2. Prevention – on advocating to the younger population and informing them of the ramifications of substance use.
3. Treatment – Considering an “addict” as someone who needs help, not judgment.
4. Reversal Drugs – Availability of Narcan in hospital nurses’ stations and high schools and student clinics in colleges in the state of Louisiana.
5. Research – Who is at risk? Who has the genetics and who has the neurotransmitters in their brain to become an addict? This research will help identify them in advance and offer counsel.

Lastly, Chairperson Fraiche reported on the work of the Health Care and Pharmaceutical Costs Work Group and the following discussion items:

- Cost Effect – Medical Treatment
- Cost Effect- Business/Administrative Factors
- Cost Effect – Programs in Place

With no further business, Chairperson Fraiche asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ferguson moved to adjourn and Arnold Goldberg seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.