

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA  
(SMTEC-LA)**

**Notes**

May 24, 2018

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Executive Conference Room, 5414 Brittany, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

<b>Meeting Attendance</b>		
<b>Executive Members Present</b>	<b>Executive Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Council Members Present</b>
Paula Hellums, Chair* (designee) Kenneth Alexander Larry Tremblay*	Lisa Broussard* Wes Hataway* Daryl Lofaso*	Tabitha Jones-Thomas, Vice Chair Trudy Williams Patricia Dufrene

*\*Members of the Executive Committee*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was not achieved of either the Council or its Executive Committee. Nevertheless, Council members present decided to review a few items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from July 25, 2017, were reviewed but no motion was made in the absence of a quorum. In addition, discussion centered on the appropriateness of the Chair of the Council being a member of the Executive Committee in the future, but without a quorum, this could not be pursued.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tremblay inquired if the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council should be abolished due to a lack of quorum most of the time. He said legislation would have to be amended in spring 2019 to abolish the group. Dr. Tremblay said the Health Works Commission also has a lack of attendance at its meetings. The Health Works Commission at one time was viable primarily due to the money invested into health issues.

One member said that a lack of funding is a problem even though she said that there seems to be growth trying to occur in Simulation. Dr. Tremblay noted that if the Council was interested perhaps one initiative addressing faculty development could be funded. He said one proposal could be drafted and submitted to the Health Works Commission so at least one faculty development workshop could be held. Dr. Tremblay said the e-Learning initiative at the Board of Regents funds a one-day conference with 200 in attendance.

It was suggested that a simulation exposition be held and invite national speakers. Mr. Alexander said the Louisiana Hospital Association holds events and struggles to get attendance.

Dr. Tremblay said it would be appropriate at this time to review the attendance of the membership of the Council to see who attends or not and perhaps consider amending the legislation to abolish the Council.

Ms. Jones-Thomas said the simulation project funded by the Health Works Commission in 2017-2018 has been successful. She has recently visited South Louisiana Community College, Grambling State University, and a branch of Central Louisiana Technical Community College in Ferriday, Louisiana. Some campuses are still trying to get started with SIM.

Ms. Jones-Thomas said that communications were recently sent out but no applications were received. She said that perhaps the information would be resent in a week or so to get feedback on several issues.

Dr. Tremblay suggested the Council submit a proposal to the Health Works Commission requesting that an event be held to address the previously developed 12 simulation modules along with other issues. Ms. Jones-Thomas questioned the ability to pay the speakers leading the simulation modules. It was suggested that some large auditoriums are located at Baton Rouge Community College, Southern University and A&M, LSU and A&M College, LSUHSC at New Orleans, Dillard University Willis Knighton in Bossier City and Ochsner on Jefferson Highway. Dr. Tremblay said that typically the Commission usually reviews proposals in late July or early August.

Ms. Jones-Thomas stressed the need to communicate to the members of the Council to send a designee if they cannot attend.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were noted.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

A tour of simulation lab at the the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University was conducted.

#### CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

For Council members in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.