

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA
(SMTEC-LA)
July 15th, 2021
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Via virtual Zoom Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Lisa Broussard called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mellynn Baker called the roll. A quorum was not achieved of either the Council or its Executive Committee. Nevertheless, Council members present decided to review a few items.

Members Present	Affiliation
Lisa Broussard, Chair*	LA Council of Administrators of Nursing Education
Christina Costanza (designee)	LA Board of State Practical Nurse Examiners
Brian Burton	AHECs for a Healthy Louisiana
Jennifer Calzada (designee)	Tulane School of Medicine
Alison Davis	LSU System
Mellynn Baker (designee)*	Board of Regents
Patricia Dufrene	LA State Board of Nursing
Wes Hataway*	LA Nursing Home Association
Dawn Bollar (designee)	LA Assoc. of Independent Colleges & Universities
Daryl Lofaso*	LSUHSC – New Orleans
Rosa Walton	Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs
Ann Warner	University of Louisiana System
Members Absent	Affiliation
Meg Bankston	Governor’s Policy Advisor on Health
Kenneth Alexander*	LA Hospital Association
Nicole Coarsey	LA Department of Health
Vacant	LA State Board of Medical Examiners
Stacy Lee	LSUHSC – Shreveport
Rep. Dustin Miller	House of Representatives
Martha Moore*	LA Department of Education
Sen. Beth Mizell	LA Senate
Wendi Palermo*	LCTCS
Evon Smith	LA Ambulance Alliance
Kellie Taylor-White	LA Workforce Commission
Trudy Williams, Vice Chair	Southern University System

*Members of the Executive Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 2nd, 2021 meeting were presented for review but a motion could not be made to approve in the absence of a quorum.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Lisa Broussard gave an overview of the February 2, 2021, transition in council leadership. At the previous meeting, Dr. Alison Davis asked to step down as chair and a call for nomination came with Dr. Lisa Broussard being nominated and appointed chair of the Simulation Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Broussard discussed the June meeting where she met with Dr. Demetrius Porche (Chair, Health Works Commission) with Ms. Mellynn Baker, and Ms. Cary Landry to discuss funding that became available in the past legislative session. Dr. Porche recommended establishing a strategic plan/vision from the Simulation Council to provide a layout of the mission, goals, and strategic areas of the council. Chair Broussard developed a Mission and Responsibilities document in draft format (that was shared with the council) and asked for feedback. Dr. Alison Davis provided positive feedback on the draft document. Chair Broussard requested feedback from the council and formation of a taskforce to formalize the Mission and Responsibilities document. Dr. Daryl Lofaso and Brian Burton agreed to work with Chair Broussard on this.

Chair Broussard then presented the simulation statement that Dr. Davis had delivered to the Health Works Commission (HWC) and was then subsequently approved. Dr. Davis asked what the Council would like to do next with the statement as it resides currently at the HWC and Simulation Council level. Dr. Ann Warner inquired into whether nurse practitioners would be covered within this statement for simulation use for direct clinical hours. Chair Broussard responded that the boards of nursing and other health care professional accrediting bodies would guide programs and the statement would serve as an overarching framework for simulation in Louisiana. Dr. Davis confirmed that it is meant to be an interprofessional document. Mr. Daryl Lofaso inquired into whether the council should add a reference in the simulation statement to “refer back to your governing bodies” in reference to this inquiry made by Dr. Warner. Dr. Davis responded that it should not be added as the document has passed the Simulation Council as well as the HWC. Ms. Christina Costanza reiterated that a disclaimer should be added with Dr. Davis adding that the purpose of the document and this statement is to provide overall support for the State on the use of simulation in the healthcare profession, not to regulate simulation per specific health care professional agencies. Dr. Davis provided a break down of the simulation statement for clarification of the phrases and research used to construct the statement

After discussion, Chair Broussard began to steer the conversation to be mindful of time as conversation should be centered around dissemination as the statement has already been approved. Ms. Mellynn Baker reiterated that since this simulation statement is not a policy, but rather is an overarching framework, the charge is for the group to decide on if there are other

groups or focus groups that the council would like to engage the document with. Chair Broussard also suggested that council members who represent various interest groups could share the document. Mr. Lofaso suggested looking at other simulation societies and seeing what members are in the State of Louisiana that we could forward this information to as well as engaging institutions within the state to reinforce what we do as a council. Chair Broussard reinforced the idea that this statement could be put together in a uniform way and sent out. She asked Dr. Davis whether dissemination could be postponed until this uniform newsletter was created and approved in the fall meeting to then be sent out all at once. Dr. Davis approved this plan.

Chair Broussard discussed that the lack of an exposition this year prompted the question of how the council could maintain visibility of who they are and what they do. Lunch and Learn sessions were created to promote the work of the council. There have been two meetings so far (March 24 and April 28) and that they were successful. On March 24th, Dr. Tabitha Jones-Thomas (FranU) presented on integrated mental health in simulation and the turnout was large with thirty participants. On April 28th, Ms. Cheryl Mack (ULL) presented on daily simulation programs from a technologist perspective, and this had an even larger turnout with seventy-five participants. These were both positive experiences and this could be continued in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Broussard then discussed funding from the legislature that the Simulation Council is welcome to put forth proposals for. A notification of proposals needing to be submitted to Ms. Mellynn Baker (that will then be sent to Dr. Porche at the Health Works Commission) by July 21, 2021, as this has a tight deadline due to the close of legislative session. It was discussed on the three key areas that funding would be useful for the Simulation Council but Chair Broussard emphasized that any member can put forth a proposal. A proposal plan for another Simulation Expo will be submitted by Chair Broussard, Dr. Wendi Palermo, and Dr. Tabitha Jones-Thomas with a funding request of \$50,000. The other two key areas of potential funding interest were research and high school engagement. Another research idea discussed was providing a course for simulation instructors and if resources can be attained in time, then Chair Broussard will submit a proposal for this.

Ms. Baker then broke down the funding received from the legislature so that the council is aware of the stipulations with the funds. Two pots of money were allocated through the Health Works Commission being \$3.5 million of state general funds and \$5 million from the H.E.R.O Act. Dr. Porche stated that requests could be made from the \$3.5 million that the HWC received. The majority of this \$3.5 million funding will be used for Nurse Capitation and these Simulation Council proposals will be used to fill in the puzzle piece gaps. The Simulation Council budget from these funds is not solid as Nurse Capitation will be addressed first.

Proposals will be received by the Health Works Commission on July 21, 2021.

Ms. Dawn Boller asked a question (on behalf of Dr. Tabitha Jones-Thomas) on what agency would be the funding source for the funds that they are applying for. Ms. Baker responded that this would be a contract with the Board of Regents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Broussard mentioned that the next Health Works Commission meeting will be on July 28, 2021, in person. It will be held in the Iowa Room, 1st Floor Claiborne Building, 1201 N 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 at 1:00 p.m. If anyone would like those meeting details, please reach out to her or Ms. Mellynn Baker.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.