

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

Monday, July 25, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Iowa Room, 1st Floor of the Claiborne Building
1201 North 3rd St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Lisa Broussard called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cara Landry called the roll. A quorum was not achieved by either the Council or its Executive Committee. Nevertheless, Council members present decided to review a few items that did not require action.

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
Mellynn Baker (designee)	Board of Regents
Christi Marceaux (designee)	LCTCS
Daryl Lofaso*	LSUHSC – New Orleans
Angela Vanveckhoven (designee)	LA Department of Health
Wes Hataway*	LA Nursing Home Association
Sen. Barry Milligan (designee)	LA Senate
Members Absent	Affiliation
Claire Stevenson	Governor’s Policy Advisor on Health
Jennifer Calzada (designee)	Tulane School of Medicine
Paul Salles	LA Hospital Association
Evon Smith	LA Ambulance Alliance
Alison Davis	LSU System
Tabitha Jones	LA Assoc. of Independent Colleges & Universities
Vacant	LA State Board of Medical Examiners
Stacy Lee	LSUHSC – New Orleans
Rep. Dustin Miller	House of Representatives

Martha Moore*	LA Department of Education
Kellie Taylor-White	LA Workforce Commission
Trudy Williams, Vice Chair	Southern University System
Ann Warner	University of Louisiana System
Rosa Walton	Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Jennifer Wright	LA State Board of Nursing

*Members of the Executive Committee

APPROVAL OCTOBER 26, 2021 AND MARCH 16, 2022 MINUTES

The minutes from the October 26, 2021 and March 16, 2022 meetings were presented for review but a motion to approve could not be made in the absence of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Broussard opened discussion on updates related to Health Works Commission-funded projects by reminding the Council of its purpose and mission, which includes enhancing the effective use of simulation training for Louisiana. To accomplish this, the Council has been allocated funding from the Health Works Commission. The Health Works Commission allocated \$85,000 to support Council work and receive statewide proposals.

In the previous year, the Council funded three proposals, and each project provided updates during the meeting.

The funded projects included:

1. 2022 Simulation Expo – Discovering, Sharing, and Leading Simulation Education Research Grants (\$50,250)

This funded proposal resumed work previously undertaken by the Council in 2019. The most recent Simulation Expo was hosted on April 29, 2022, at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Student Union and had 250 people in attendance. Two nationally known speakers keynoted the event, which provided professional development opportunities for simulation educators across the state. During the day, at least 15 simulation educators from across the state presented and shared national best practices in the field over a wide range of different presentations and topics. Educators from both higher education and secondary levels attended and provided positive feedback on this statewide event.

2. Transforming Learning with Simulation, Improving State-Wide Certification of Educators and Technicians (\$2,750)

This program provided an avenue for educators to become certified as simulation educators or operation specialists. For the simulation educators, two courses were offered, and this opportunity was quickly filled to capacity. For the operation specialist, two participants utilized this certification funding opportunity. Upon completion of the certification courses, the educators were responsible for following up and taking the required certification exams.

3. Camp Fast Forward: Summer Career Exploration and Simulation Camp for Middle School Youth (\$32,000)

Brian Burton presented on the completion of the Camp Fast Forward project, which provided a free-of-charge camp to middle school students to promote health care professions through simulation learning. With the funding provided, Mr. Burton shared that the project team hosted eight different summer camps throughout the state with a total of 130 students participating. This program was designed to expose young students to different careers in the health care profession. Students were able to take part in simulation training during the camp. A survey was conducted upon the conclusion of each camp. Mr. Burton stated that 90% of students said the information was excellent, 75% percent said they want to have a career in the health field, and 99% said they would recommend this camp to other students. During each week-long camp, students learned how to suture and provide CPR, as well as participated in a kinesiology simulation, surgery simulation, medical laboratory science, nutrition, dietetics, and several other healthcare-related exercises. A Council member commented that this could be scaled up every summer. Mr. Burton shared that he felt this program was very successful in its first year and noted that the students who participated in the program agreed to participate in an annual survey to track their future progress in the healthcare profession.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Broussard announced that at the June 28, 2022, Health Works Commission meeting, the Commission allocated an additional \$85,000 to the Simulation Council for the upcoming fiscal year. Similar to last year, the Council will issue a call for proposals, with all proposals due to Regents staff by August 15, 2022. To be considered, a proposal must clearly identify how the project will address healthcare workforce needs in the state of Louisiana. Similar to last year, proposals will be selected by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Broussard reminded the Council that she will be stepping down as Chair and that the Council will solicit nominations for its newest Chair at the next meeting. She then described the role of Chair of the Council, which includes planning the meetings and agenda, working with Regents staff, and looking for opportunities to move the work of the Council forward. There is no term length associated with the Chair position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to be brought forth, Ms. Lisa Broussard adjourned the meeting.