

**Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Poydras Building Hearing Room**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**March 22, 2013**

**Members present:** Rhonda Bagby, Coletta Barrett, Robert Barsley, Scott Broussard, Dawn Cantrell, John Steven Caraway, Allen Cassidy, Julie Cherry, Derrell Cohoon, Denise Danna, Michael S. Ellis, Emma Fontenot, Donna Fraiche, Hedy Hebert, Calder Lynch, Donna Mayeux, Ron Nezat, Bobby Savoie and Laura Trunk.

**Members absent:** Leah Barron, Eric Baumgartner, Doreen Brasseaux, Roderick Campbell, Diane Davidson, Kerry Everitt, Thomas Fain, William Ferguson, Holley Galland, Leah Guerry, Linda Hawkins, Paul Hildreth, Bridgette Jamison, Eva Lamendola, Anil Kukreja, Hugh McKnight, John D. Monlezun, Sr., Phyllis Perron, Senator Gary Smith, Sherry Soileau, Representative Ledricka Thierry and Mayur Yermaneni.

**Staff present:** Crystal Marchand Campbell, Kristen Kieren and Vanessa Vince.

Chairperson Donna Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Chairperson Fraiche introduced the newest Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC) member, Ms. Calder Lynch, representing the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

Commission member Ron Nezat moved to approve the minutes from the LHCC meeting on January 25, 2013. Commission member Allen Cassidy seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

David Carmouche, M.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana discussed patient centered medical homes. He stated that most health care dollars are spent on patients that have chronic diseases and most chronic diseases are linked to poor lifestyle choices. Dr. Carmouche further stated that patient centered medical homes are a popular concept in medicine related to how a primary care practice should be designed around the needs of the patient, believing that a personal physician/patient relationship is an important part of care. He also discussed the Quality Blue Primary Care program and the major objectives to optimize the delivery of patient health care.

Frederick J. White, III, M.D. gave a PowerPoint presentation on Defensive Medicine, entitled "A Policy and Cost Overview." He defined defensive medicine from different perspectives and compared the action and rationale of the existence of defensive medicine. Dr. White discussed the growing health expenses and five procedures that physicians and patients should question.

Rebekah Gee, M.D., Medicaid Medical Director, Department of Health and Hospitals and an Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management and Obstetrics and Gynecology at LSU discussed the health care challenges for individuals with Medicaid and their health care providers. Dr. Gee stated that the Affordable Care Act included \$250 million in grants for Medicaid programs to provide technical assistance and staff training in order to measure quality improvement. She further stated that Louisiana received a two year grant wherein the state will receive \$1 million for two years. Dr. Gee discussed several Medicaid issues in which she hopes to see improvement, and welcomed feedback from the

Commission members. The Commission members briefly discussed concerns in the Medicaid programs including: Medicaid inconsistencies; health care issues in children such as asthma and ADD; behavioral/mental health; Bayou Health pharmacy plans; and a report card or dashboard on the Bayou Health plans.

Commission member Derrell Cohoon briefed the members on the upcoming 2013 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session. He stated that several topics for the 45 day session would include the budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, the LSU Hospitals public/private partnership, Medicaid Expansion and the rewrite of the Louisiana tax code. Mr. Cohoon said he would be happy to provide a legislative update on the outcome of the Session at the next regular LHCC meeting, scheduled for August 23, 2013.

Ms. Emma Fontenot, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Health Insurance, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) discussed several pieces of proposed LDI legislation for the 2013 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session. She stated the 2013 LDI draft legislation would be similar to legislation submitted in 2012. Ms. Fontenot stated that pending health insurance legislative issues include policy rate review and approval, network adequacy and balance billing.

With no further business, commission member Doreen Brasseaux moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission member Dr. Laura Trunk seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.