**Health Works Commission MEETING MINUTES\***

# August 15, 2018 • 1:00 P.M.

**Board Conference Room (6-242) • 1201 North Third Street • Baton Rouge, LA**

Chair Cynthia Bienemy called the meeting of the Health Works Commission to order at 1:13 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 in the Board Conference Room, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The roll was called. In the absence of a quorum of the Commission, the roll of the Executive Committee was called and a quorum was established.

**Commission Members Present Commission Members Absent**

Cynthia Bienemy Laura Bonanno

Nursing Supply and Demand Council LA State Board of Nursing

Chaquetta Johnson Myra Collins

LA Department of Health LA State Board of Practical Nurse

Tabitha Jones-Thomas Examiners

Simulation Medical Training and Education Council\*\*Henry Gremillion

Kenneth Tillman  Dental Group\*\*

LCTCS Rep. Kenny Havard

Kellie Taylor-White  House Committee on Health and Welfare

LA Workforce CommissionCharles Hilton

Dennis Wissing  LSUHSC-New Orleans

LSUHSC – ShreveportSteven Spires

Larry Tremblay Governor’s Office

Board of Regents Stanton McNeely

LA Assoc. of Ind. Colleges and Univ.

**Executive Committee Members Present** Senator Fred Mills, Jr.

Cynthia BienemySenate Committee on Health & Welfare

Nursing Supply and Demand Council Todd McDonald

Larry Tremblay  Occupational Forecasting Conference

Board of Regents

Chaquetta Johnson

LA Department of Health

Tabitha Jones-Thomas **Executive Committee Members Absent**

Simulation Medical Training and Education Council\*\* Luis Alvarado

Kenneth Tillman LA State Medical Society

LCTCS Mark Berger

Kellie Taylor-White LA Nursing Home Association

LA Workforce Commission Representative

Dennis Wissing Interagency Task Force Future of Fam.

LSUHSC – Shreveport Med.

Paul Salles

LA Hospital Association

\*Note: Prior to opening the meeting, Chair Bienemy appointed Commission members Chaquetta Johnson, Tabitha Jones-Thomas, Kenneth Tillman and Kellie Taylor-White to the Executive Committee for the purposes of voting on items on behalf of the Health Works Commission at its meeting of August 15, 2018

\*\* Ad hoc members

Approval of the Minutes of November 7, 2017

Chair Bienemy asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes; the Executive Committee reviewed the minutes. The minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed and edits were noted.

**On motion of Tabitha Jones-Thomas, seconded by Dennis Wissing, the Executive**

**Committee of the Health Works Commission voted to approve, as amended, the**

**minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting.**

Agency Updates

Chair Bienemy provided an opportunity for members to have open discussions and to share information and/or reports. She provided two reports from the Louisiana Center for Nursing; the 2017 Nursing Education Capacity and 2016 Nursing Supply in Louisiana Snapshot and 2018 Nurse Faculty Survey. She provided a brief overview of the reports with members and responded to questions.

Review of the 2018-19 Funding Proposal Requests

Chair Bienemy asked Dr. Tremblay to open the discussion of the review of the 2018-19 Funding Proposal Requests. Dr. Tremblay provided a handout which included a short summary of who made the proposals, project titles, a short description, and the amount of funding requested. He then provided a second handout that summarized the amount of the funds being requested versus the funds available. The total amount of funding requested was $469,984 and $100,000 was the amount available (below).

The following project proposals were presented and discussed:

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| **Entity** | **Contact** | **Project Title** | **Budget** |
| Louisiana College | Dr. Marilyn Cooksey | Safer Patient Care from More Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Graduates with High Fidelity Simulation Training | $287,000 |
| Bossier Parish Community College | Jennifer Lawrence | Growing Nurses in Northwest Louisiana | $20,000 |
| Dillard University | Dr. Sharon Hutchinson | DU Linkages | $45,020 |
| LACANE | Dr. Dana Clawson | Creating a Nurse Educator Workforce | $100,000 |
| Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University | Tabitha Jones-Thomas | SMTEC-LA Simulation Expo – Discovering, Sharing and Leading Simulation Education | $17,964 |
| ***TOTAL*** |  |  | **$469,984** |

Dr. Tremblay thought it would be worthwhile for the Executive Committee to review the Nursing Supply and Demand Council’s (NSDC) discussions and recommendations on these projects. Although the proposal from Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University was mentioned, it wasn’t discussed at length by NSDC as it was a simulation request. Additionally, the Louisiana College proposal requested $125,000 for scholarships, $157,000 for simulation equipment, and $5,000 for marketing. It was brought to the NSDC for review since it included scholarships for tuition for new nursing students.

Chair Bienemy provided a short summary of the NSDC discussions and recommendations for each proposal. The Louisiana College proposal was reviewed but not endorsed by the NSDC since it felt that funds for equipment really weren’t what the limited dollars should be used for by an individual school. With only $100,000 to allocate, the purchase of equipment wasn’t one the Council wanted to endorse.

The Dillard University proposal was discussed by the NSDC and it felt the concept was very credible but the concern was that it was not something it could support in its current format. During the discussion Dr. Tremblay observed that with the limited amount of money, this didn’t add more nurses to the workforce but better prepared existing nurses. There was some discussion by members of the Commission about the possibility of reducing the number of nursing students supported through this proposal. Also, the amount of funds that were proposed for marketing/advertising was unnecessary to recruit such a small number of nurses. The Executive Committee concluded that the proposal could be considered for support at a lower level than requested.

The next proposal discussed was from LACANE. Chair Bienemy reminded the Executive Committee that the NSDC did vote to support this proposal but had some questions that needed to be answered. Dr. Dana Clawson could not attend the NSDC meeting so Chair Bienemy contacted her in advance of the Health Works Commission meeting to obtain further details. Chair Bienemy shared with the Executive Committee the answers provided by Dr. Clawson with respect to those raised by the NSDC. The Executive Committee had remaining concerns about the application process and reporting. Dr. Tremblay shared information from the final report submitted by LACANE to the BoR from the prior year’s award.

The final proposal up for discussion was the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University proposal. Chair Bienemy advised that the NSDC did not act on this proposal. Tabitha Jones-Thomas, Chair of the Simulation Medical Training & Education Council of Louisiana, shared additional information about the proposal. She explained that members of the Simulation Task Force would like to host a statewide Simulation Expo highlighting the simulation work that had already been done. During discussions, the Executive Committee expressed concerns about the personnel salaries and related expenses and suggested having volunteers offset personnel costs. She explained the additional work personnel would have to do for the Expo. A lot of these expenses would be hard to justify. The Executive Committee suggested using a state facility rather than a private venue. After extensive discussion, the Executive Committee determined it could support the proposal with some re-structuring of the budget items.

Chair Bienemy advised that as a result of the review by the Executive Committee, there were three proposals on the table for consideration of funding; the LACANE proposal, the Dillard University School of Nursing proposal, and the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University proposal.

Following further discussion,

**On motion of Kellie Taylor-White, seconded by Dennis Wissing, the Health Works**

**Commission Executive Committee voted to approve three proposals at adjusted budget levels:**

**Dillard University for the DU Linkages proposal in the amount of $19,536;**

**LACANE for the Creating a Nurse Educator Workforce proposal in the amount of $62,500, and Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University proposal for the SMTEC-LA Simulation Expo – Discovering, Sharing and Leading Simulation Education in the amount of $17,964.**

**On a substitute motion by Larry Tremblay, seconded by Dennis Wissing, the Health Works Commission Executive Committee voted to approve the previous motion with the caveat that in the event of either Dillard University or the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University declining the awards, the unused dollars be allocated to the LACANE proposal.**

Other Business

A. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled with a Doodle poll.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Bienemy adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.