

Health Works Commission Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street
6th Floor, Board Conference Room, Baton Rouge, LA

Call to Order

Chair Paul Salles called the meeting of the Health Works Commission to order at 10:08 a.m., on November 19, 2019, in the Board Conference Room 6-242, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Cara Landry, Executive Assistant. A quorum was established.

Members Present

Nick Albares, Governor's Office
Cynthia Bienemy, Nursing Supply & Demand Council *
Sandra Brown, Southern University System *
Randall Brumfield, Board of Regents *
Wes Hataway, LA Nursing Home Assoc *
Jeaninne Kahn (designee), Univ of LA System *
Amy Hall (designee), LAICU *
Wendi Palermo, LCTCS *
Demetrius Porche, LSUHSC-NO *
Paul Salles, LA Hospital Association *
Jill Rush (designee), LSUHSC Shreveport *
Kellie Taylor-White, LA Workforce Comm
Karen Lyon, LA State Board of Nursing

Ad Hoc Member Present

* Members of the Executive Committee
** Ad Hoc (Non-Voting)

Members Absent

Lynn Ansardi, Practical Nurse Examiners
Chaquetta Johnson, Department of Health
Ragan LeBlanc, Family Physicians *
Rep. Dustin Miller, Hse Comm Hlth/Welfare
Kathy Baldrige, Nurse Practitioners
Ram Paragi, Medical Education Commission
Jeffrey Williams, LA State Medical Society *

Ad Hoc Member Absent

Henry Gremillion**
Alison Davis, Simulation Council**

Guests Present

Lisa Deaton, LA State Nurse Association

Approval of the September 18, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Karen Lyon requested that her name be corrected on page two from "Karon" to "Karen".

Mr. Paul Salles asked for a motion, with corrections, that the minutes from the September 18th meeting be approved. On the motion of Dr. Sandra Brown, seconded by Ms. Kellie Taylor-White, the Health Works Commission voted to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2019

Update of the Nursing Supply & Demand Meeting

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy gave a brief update from the Nursing Supply & Demand Council Meeting that took place on Oct. 29th, 2019. She stated that there was lengthy discussion regarding Nurse Capitation, the timeline of when funds would be dispersed, and the number of semesters the funds will service. She also said that the topic of transition from the classroom to the practice was mentioned with a possibility of creating a nursing residency program. Dr. Bienemy spoke about the timeline of the NSDC annual report and also briefed the Health Works Commission (HWC) on where the NSDC is with the HCR 60 regarding a safer workplace for physicians, nurses, and social workers. She said that the sub-committee that was formed is in the process of compiling recommendations and a draft copy in order to have the final report ready to present to the HWC for approval. The resolution report is due Feb. 1st.

Presentation of CNA Proposal for Nurse Capitation Funds

Mr. Salles then introduced Dr. Wendy Palermo, LCTCS, to present the proposal that the LCTCS created for the distributions of the designated funds for CNA programs. Dr. Palermo went over the proposal that suggested the designated funds go toward the recent testing requirement. The new requirement from the LA Dept. of Health is to have Prometric administer both a written and clinical exam to students at the cost of \$125. She stated that this new requirement directly impacts the number of individuals interested in pursuing the CNA program and these funds would go toward combating this issue. Ms. Kellie Taylor White, LA Workforce Commission, commented saying the CNA program was mistakenly left off the LA Dept. of Labor's statewide focus list. She said that the LA Workforce Commission is having trouble getting it back on the list since it is considered a low wage occupation though it is in great demand. Ms. Taylor-White said that the Industry Base Certification Council is scheduled to have a meeting on Dec. 10th and she will provide the Commission with an updated report at the next meeting. Ms. Taylor White also asked Dr. Palermo to research if Dual Enrollment students who qualify to take this exit Prometric Test must pay out of pocket or is this cost taken care of by the school district or the college/ University.

LACANE Proposal Update with Amendment

Mr. Salles then introduced Dr. Demetrius Porche, LACANE, who explained that LACANE submitted a grant to the Board of Regents for an additional \$100,000 to be spent on those faculty members who are furthering their education and are wanting reimbursement for their tuition or tuition assistance. LACANE's original proposal was for \$100,000 (\$50k for fall and \$50k for spring) but LACANE was asked to revise their request to include another \$100,000 to assist in the capitation initiative. Dr. Porche also mentioned the concerns LACANE has with the nursing capitation. Some of their concerns included the amount of money set for each student not being enough, the sustainability of the funds, and there not being enough faculty to hire.

Update on 2019-2020 Capitation Funding for Nursing Education Capacity: Allocation and Contracting Process

Mr. Salles invited Ms. Mellynn Baker, BoR, to update the Commission on the status of the Nurse Capitation Contracts. Ms. Baker briefed the Commission on the timeline of the contracts and as of today, contracts are being drafted and they will be delivered to the System Offices in a few weeks. Ms. Baker then went over what the next steps will be once the contracts are authorized. Discussion was held on what all needs to be done once the data is collected and how can it be interpreted into telling the story to the legislature in order to hopefully increase the funds for the next year.

Mr. Paul Salles asked for a motion that the final allocation of funds be approved. On the motion of Dr. Wendi Palermo, seconded by Mr. Wes Hataway, the Health Works Commission voted to approve the final allocation of funds.

Other Business

Mr. Salles informed the Commission that the next meeting date as well as a 2020 calendar will be created and distributed to members as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:22am.