

Health Works Commission Minutes
 Wednesday, July 1, 2020
 1:30 p.m.
 via virtual Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Paul Salles called the meeting of the Health Works Commission to order at 1:33 p.m., on July 1, 2020, via virtual Zoom Meeting.

Roll Call

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

Members Present	Members Absent
Lynn Ansardi, Practical Nurse Examiners	Nick Albares, Governor's Office
Cynthia Bienemy, Nursing Supply & Demand Council *	Rep. Patricia Haynes -Smith, Occ. Forecasting Conf.
Sandra Brown, Southern University System *	Rep. Dustin Miller, Hse Comm Hlth/Welfare
Leanne Fowler(designee), Nurse Practitioners	Sen. Fred Mills, Senate Comm. On Health & Welfare
Susannah Craig, Board of Regents *	Ram Paragi, Medical Education Commission
Wes Hataway, LA Nursing Home Assoc *	Jim Henderson, Univ of LA System *
Kenya Messer, LAICU *	Lee Ann Albert, Family Physicians *
Chaquetta Johnson, Department of Health	
Wendi Palermo, LCTCS *	
Demetrius Porche, LSUHSC-NO *	
Paul Salles, LA Hospital Association *	
Dianna Meredin (designee), LSUHSC Shreveport *	
Jeffery Williams, LA State Medical Society *	
Karen Lyon, LA State Board of Nursing	
Kellie Taylor-White, LA Workforce Comm.	
Ad Hoc Member Present	Ad Hoc Member Absent
Alison Davis, Simulation Council**	

* Members of the Executive Committee

** Ad Hoc (Non-Voting)

Guests Present

Approval of the January 27, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Paul Salles asked for a motion, that the minutes from the January 27th meeting be approved. On the motion of Ms. Kathy Baldrige, seconded by Dr. Sandra Brown, the Health Works Commission voted to approve the minutes of January 27th, 2020.

Nursing Supply & Demand Council Annual Report

Mr. Paul Salles introduced Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Chair of the Nursing Supply & Demand Council, who gave a brief overview of the highlighted key points and recommendations of the annual report.

On the motion of Mr. Paul Salles, seconded by Dr. Wendi Palermo, the Health Works Commission voted to accept the 2019 Nursing Supply & Demand Council's Annual Report and approved that the report be transmitted to the appropriate legislative committees with a cover letter.

Nurse Capitation Update

Mr. Salles introduced Ms. Mellynn Baker, Board of Regents, who presented the Commission with an update on where the Regent's staff is with Nurse Capitation. Ms. Baker stated that the final payments are currently being processed and that staff is collecting the remaining deliverables. Ms. Baker suggested that a subcommittee be formed in order to compile suggestions on how to better organize Nurse Capitation for 2020. She asked that commission members email her with names of those interested to serve on the subcommittee. Mr. Wes Hataway, LA Nursing Home Association, asked Ms. Baker on how much of the 2020 Nurse Capitation will be funded using the CARES Act dollars. Ms. Baker responded that entire \$2.5 million will be made up of the CARES Act monies but more information will be given at the August HWC meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Salles opened the floor for any other business to be discussed or to share suggested topics for the August meeting. Ms. Kelly Taylor-White, LA Workforce Commission, asked that commission members please share any info/ data that their organizations have gathered in regard to the any effects they have felt post COVID so that she may share them with the LA Workforce Commission. Dr. Demetrius Porche, LSU HSC-NO, shared that they were able to graduate all eligible students on time despite the difficulty students faced when obtaining their needed clinical hours. He also mentioned that LSU HSC-NO is already planning in case a second wave of the pandemic were to hit during the upcoming fall semester. Dr. Porche also gave the Commission an update on the \$200,000 the Board of Regents allocated to LACANE. He stated that a total of \$182,568.62 was given to 55 unique individual students, representing over 17 institutions, to further their education. LSU HSC-Shreveport and FRANU shared the same updates as well as Southern BR stating that they would be ending their fall semester early before Thanksgiving.

Public Comments

Ms. Cara Landry announced to the Commission that future meeting dates for the HWC have been set and that calendar invites would be forthcoming.

Adjournment

With no further comments or discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.

