

HEALTH WORKS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2017 • 10:00 A.M.

Board Conference Room, BOR • 1201 North Third Street • Baton Rouge, LA

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy opened the meeting of the Health Works Commission at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017, in the Board Conference Room, Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Commission Members Present

Laura Bonanno
LA State Board of Nursing

Mary Ann Coleman
LA Association of Independent Colleges & Universities

Chaquetta Johnson
Department of Health

Johnette Kay
LA State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

Kellie Taylor-White
LA Workforce Commission

Kenneth Tillman
LCTCS

Trudy Williams
*Simulation Medical Training and Education Council***

Commission Members Absent

Mignonne Ater
LA Community & Technical College System

Dr. Henry Gremillion
LSUHSC School of Dentistry

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*Dental Group***

Rep. Kenny Havard
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Charles Hilton
LSUHSC-New Orleans

Avis Richard-Griffin
Department of Health and Hospitals

Steven Spires
Governor's Office

Executive Committee Members Present

Cynthia Bienemy
Nursing Supply and Demand Council

Joseph McCulloch
LSUHSC-Shreveport

Mike Thompson
LA Nursing Home Association

Larry Tremblay
Board of Regents

Executive Committee Members Absent

Sean Graham
State Medical Society

Edward Martin
Interagency Task Force on Future of Family Medicine

Paul Salles
LA Hospital Association

Guests

Caitrin Alb
Louisiana Breastfeeding Coalition

Lorri Burgess
Baton Rouge Sickle Cell

Lisa Deaton
Nursing Supply and Demand Council

Leslie Lewis
LDH – Bureau of Family Health

Melinda Oberleitner
UL Lafayette

Kenneth Tillman
LCTCS

Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2017

Dr. Bienemy asked if there were any changes to the minutes; the Commission reviewed the minutes. The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed and edits were noted.

On motion of Larry Tremblay, seconded by Edward Martin, the Executive Committee of the Health Works Commission voted to approve as amended the minutes of the August 14, 2016 meeting.

Review of the 2017-18 Funding Proposal Requests

Chair Bienemy opened the discussion of the review of the 2017-18 Funding Proposal Requests and asked Dr. Tremblay to open the discussion, noting that the Commission received six proposals totaling almost \$400,000. There is \$100,000 available. Dr. Bienemy noted that she found it helpful to review the charge of the Health Works Commission to assist in healthcare workforce development in regards to the appropriateness of each budget proposal's goal.

The following project proposals were presented and discussed:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation	Lorri Burgess	Pilot Program: Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program	\$211,011
LDH Office of Public Health	Marci Brewer	Helping LA's Birthing Hospitals to Become Breastfeeding-Friendly Work Places	\$2,300
UL Lafayette / LACANE	Gail Poirrier (Presented by Melinda Oberleitner)	Tuition Reimbursement for Nurse Educators	\$95,000
LSBN Center for Nursing	Cynthia Bienemy	The Nurse Faculty Challenge in Louisiana	\$16,500
SOWELA Technical Community College	Wendi Palermo	High Fidelity Simulation – Statewide Expansion of Best Practices	\$12,270
UL Lafayette	Melinda Oberleitner	Optimizing Transition of AND/ASN and Diploma Program Graduates to Online RN to BSN Programs	\$55,483
TOTAL			\$392,564

Dr. Bienemy asked Dr. Tremblay to begin the discussion. He indicated he would like to start discussion by throwing out some ideas, not by offering a formal recommendation. Dr. Tremblay stated that although all of the proposals had merit due to the limited funding that was available, he would suggest the HWC not consider the following proposals in its deliberations: the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia proposal, the Helping LA's Birthing Hospitals Become Breastfeeding Friendly Work Places, and the project to Optimize Transition of ADN/ASN and Diploma Program Graduates to Online RN to BSN programs.

That leaves three proposals totaling approximately \$120,000, \$20,000 more than was available to distribute. The following suggestion was made: \$77,000 for tuition reimbursement, \$13,000 for the

faculty survey program and \$10,000 for the simulation project. Each entity would have a chance to agree or disagree with whether the reduced program amount made the project unfeasible.

Dr. Bienemy raised the point that the SOWELA and LSBN proposals had already cut back their proposal requests and wondered if the Commission would consider leaving them as is and reducing the tuition reimbursement proposal from \$77,000 to \$71, 230. A discussion followed.

On motion of Joe McCulloch, seconded by Laura Bonanno, the Health Works Commission voted to approve the adjusted amounts of \$16,500 to SOWELA for the High Fidelity Simulation – Statewide Expansion of Best Practices, \$12.270 to the LSBN for the Nurse Faculty Challenge in Louisiana, and \$71,230 to ULL/LACANE for Tuition Reimbursement for Nurse Educators, with any unused amounts being moved to the tuition reimbursement program.

Mary Ann Coleman then suggested that the breastfeeding initiative consider asking the LA Hospital Association for assistance in moving their project forward. Joe McCulloch suggested that the sickle cell anemia project consider doing the same. Mike Thompson agreed to further discuss these ideas.

After further discussion, Dr. Bienemy adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

***Executive Committee Members:** Cynthia Bienemy, Chair; Rita Finn, Sean Graham, Edward Martin, Joe McCulloch, Paul Salles, Larry Tremblay. **Non-Voting Member:** Tabitha Jones-Thomas*