

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Via Zoom
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
August 20, 2021

Members present: Josh Alford, Lauren Bailey, Katie Brittain, Derrell Cohoon, Lisa Coletti, Dr. Alecia Cyprian, Diane Davidson, Jeff Drozda, Dr. Rachel Durel, Jack Duvernay, Susan Ellender, Dr. William Ferguson, Dr. John Fraiche, Lisa Gardner, Arnold Goldberg, Dr. Faye Grimsley, Linda Hawkins, Representative John Illg, Randal Johnson, Dr. Eva Lamendola, Darrell Langlois, Senator Robert Mills, Barbara Morvant, Ronnell Nolan, John Overton, Ed Parker, LaCosta Wix

Members absent: Jeff Albright, Jesse Lambert, Jennifer McMahon, Andrew Muhl, Frank Opelka, Debra Rushing, Dr. Butch Sonnier, Elizabeth Sumrall, Judy Wagner, Scott Webre, Dr. Frances Wiggins,

Staff present: Crystal M. Stutes, John Ford

Chairman John Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted for the record.

Chairman Fraiche asked for a motion to approve the June 2021 minutes. Mr. Arnold Goldberg offered the motion and Dr. William Ferguson seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved.

Under new business, Chairman Fraiche introduced and welcomed our newest member Dr. Alecia Cyprian who is the CEO of Southeast Community Health Systems and represents the LA Primary Care Association.

Next the Commission welcomed two experts who gave updates on COVID-19. First was Dr. Frank Welch, Medical Director for the Bureau of Community Preparedness at the Louisiana Dept of Health. Next we welcomed Dr. Catherine O'Neal, Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Infection Prevention at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. (See PDF presentations from Drs. Welch and O'Neal).

Next the Commission heard from Ms. Jennifer Smith, Director of Digital Health at FMOLHS as well as Dr. Patrick Walker and Dr. Ashley Lucas, on Assessing the Future of Telemedicine.

Ms. Crystal Stutes then reviewed the recent survey results from a survey the Commission issued in July regarding health care issues and what topics the members felt should be addressed in the future.

Ms. Stutes then introduced Mr. John Ford, who will be replacing Ms. Stutes as LHCC Executive Director, as Ms. Stutes takes on new endeavors within the Department.

Commissioner Donelon thanked everyone for participating on the call and thanked both Ms. Stutes and Mr. Ford for their efforts at the department.

Ms. Stutes then announced that the next LHCC meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 5. She also announced that the next LDI Annual Conference would take place on March 7 and 8, 2022 in New Orleans.

With no further business, Dr. Fraiche asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goldberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Linda Hawkins seconded the motion. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.