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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE  
MINUTES**

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Meeting Date:  
March 20, 2018  
1:00pm  
BPH Billiton  
1000 E. Preston  
Shreveport, LA 71119

Item	Presenter	Action taken	Responsible Party
I. Welcome and Introduction Pledge of Allegiance Attendance	Kirk Lacour, Chair	Members Present: Jeffery Anderson – Present Justin Arnone – Phone Terry Blanchard – proxy Evon Smith Nancy Bourgeois – Present Butch Browning – Absent Keith Carter – Present Jacob Colbert – Present Dr. Angela Cornelius – Present Rob Daughdril – Present Dr. Jeff Elder – Absent Carl Flores – Phone Lisa French – Phone Maylyn Geissler – Present Gail Gibson – Phone Paige Hargrove – Absent Dr. Parham Jaberri – Absent Aaron Johnson – Present Kirk Lacour – Present Brian Lindberg – Present Myra Lowe – Absent Chad Major – Absent Daniel McDonnell – Present Donna Newchurch – Present Brian Regan – Present Traci Travis – Absent Jessica Trichel – Absent Dan Wallis – Absent Wendi Worsham – Present  BEMS Staff: Susan Bailey – Present Steve Phillipe – Absent	

		<p>Bob Brankline – Phone          John Cavell – Present</p> <p>Guests:          Dr. Avery Callahan          John Lane          George Allemand          Patrick Hawthorne</p>	
<p>II. Review and submit for approval the EMS Task Force Minutes from</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. February 6, 2018</li> <li>b. February 23, 2018 conference call</li> </ol>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. February 6, 2018              Motion to approve minutes as distributed by Rob Daughdril              2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Anderson              Motion carried</li> <li>b. February 23, 2018              Motion to approve minutes as distributed by Jeff Anderson              2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Regan              Discussion was there a summary on the minutes.              They will be addressed in old business.              Motion carried</li> </ol>	
<p>III. Bureau of EMS Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. State of the Bureau Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly reports</li> <li>- Staff positions</li> <li>- EMS Week</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>	<p>Ms. Bourgeois asked Ms. Bailey to elaborate on the EMS Week activities. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, May 20 – EMS Services at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Alexandria</li> <li>• Monday, May 21 – Traffic Incident Management course at the Bureau of EMS</li> <li>• Tuesday, May 22 – Safety course at the Bureau of EMS</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 23 – Crowd the Capitol</li> <li>• Thursday, May 24 – Save a Life Award</li> </ul>	

<p>b. Licensing Report</p> <p>c. EMS Certification Commission Report</p>	<p>Steve Phillipe</p> <p>Steve Phillipe/ Dr. Jeff Elder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, May 25 – Stakeholder luncheon by invitation only. Announcement of lifetime achievement award. Ms. Newchurch asked who would be vetting the nominees to determine the recipient. Ms. Bailey stated that she would be purchasing the award and she would be vetting the nominations. Ms. Newchurch said that perhaps financial assistance could be offered by various stakeholder groups. Ms. Bailey agreed to check into that.</li> <li>• Saturday, May 26 – EMS Memorial</li> <li>• Sunday, May 27 – EMS service at Christ’s Community Church in Denham Springs</li> </ul> <p>No report – questions about the new system</p> <p>Ms. Newchurch asked if it was possible to get information like state Board of Nursing has? This information is currently being reported in an inappropriate manner on the Boards and Commission website. Ms. Bailey will talk to Mr. Phillipe about the proper reporting method.</p> <p><b>There was a general discussion concerning if the commission reports to the OIG.</b> Ms. Bailey stated that she thought this was occurring but will check into it.</p> <p>Ms. Bourgeois made a motion to give an overview of the Commission from a staff member or the commission chair at the next meeting      2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Anderson      Discussion: Someone from the commission should give a perspective on what should be reported to boards and commissions</p>	<p>Susan Bailey Steve Phillipe</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Steve Phillipe Dr. Jeff Elder</p>
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<p>d. Emergency Response/Preparedness Report</p> <p>e. Examination Report</p> <p>f. Narcan Grant</p> <p>g. Education Report</p>	<p>Steve Phillipe</p> <p>Bob Brankline</p> <p>Bob Brankline</p> <p>John Cavell</p>	<p>Motion carried</p> <p>APS refresher scheduled for April.</p> <p>Statistics were distributed by email. Score sheet for IOOHS station was distributed by email. In the process of providing a definition/ description/ explanation for the score awarded to the candidate.</p> <p>Narcan has been distributed. 13 million auto injectors have been distributed. Another grant has been applied for. Waiting on an answer. Looking for grant money for 24-hour hotline for responders to call for issues. Approached by SWAT teams to develop protocol to treat K-9 exposure to submit to vet. Licensing board.</p> <p>Education news was distributed. Courses are being reviewed for accuracy and compliance. Program manual is being developed for the high schools for clarification and direction. Extensive discussion took place about the historical perspective as well as the current perspective of the high school EMR and EMT programs.</p>	
<p>IV. State Partner Reports</p> <p>a. Office of Public Health</p> <p>b. Office of the State Fire Marshal</p> <p>c. Louisiana Emergency Response Network</p>	<p>Dr. Jaber Myra Lowe</p> <p>Chief Browning Traci Travis</p> <p>Paige Hargrove</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>	

<p>d. EMS for Children</p>	<p>Gail Gibson</p>	<p>Ms. Gibson reported that the EMSC grant was approved for 4 years. Only 16 states were awarded grants this year. EMSC manager position should be filled within the next 30 days. Advisory Committee is being re-vitalized in the near future.</p> <p>Kirk Lacour asked if EMSC will be submitting amendments to SB 574 to amend the structure of the board. Gail responded that no mention of pediatric/EMSC representation on the Board. Comments and recommendations have been requested on behalf of EMSC. Dr. Jaberri will have the final decision on whether or not an amendment will be filed.</p>	
<p>e. Department of Education</p>	<p>Lisa French</p>	<p>Ms. French reported that there is no update from the last meeting. John addressed the activities that are being held in conjunction with the Bureau of EMS.</p>	
<p>V. Stakeholder Reports</p>			
<p>a. CAAHEP/CoAEMSP</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p>	<p>CoAEMSP has a workshop scheduled in Portland, OR in April 26-27 and one in October 25-26 on the East Coast.</p> <p>Appendix G goes in effect July 1, 2019 regarding student competency will have recommended minimums that students will have to meet.</p> <p>NEMSA Gretna site approved as a training site.</p> <p>Jeff Anderson stated that administration must be informed of the industry needs and the requirements to properly conduct a paramedic program.</p>	

<p>b. Louisiana Ambulance Alliance</p> <p>c. American College of Emergency Physicians</p> <p>d. Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered EMTs</p> <p>e. International Association of Firefighters</p> <p>f. Fireman’s Association</p> <p>g. Other</p>	<p>Donna Newchurch</p> <p>Nancy Bourgeois</p> <p>Terry Blanchard</p> <p>Chad Majors</p> <p>Brian Lindberg</p>	<p>There was an extensive discussion about how to get the accredited programs into the rural settings.</p> <p>Referral to education subcommittee to form a summit to address EMS education in the rural areas.</p> <p>Two-day retreat in January to form strategic planning. There needs to be a more positive representation of EMS in the community. Reimbursement continues to be a priority. A legislative slate has been adopted.</p> <p>Annual meeting on April 26 at OLOL Emergency Medicine Program. Issues include balance billing and out of network costs.</p> <p>Evon reported for Terry.        Conference coming up June 7-9, 2018 in Natchitoches.        Board supports SB 574</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson</p>
<p>VI. Sub-Committee Report</p> <p>a. Independent Board</p>	<p>Donna Newchurch</p>	<p>Sub Committee has met over 20 times. There is no change in licensing fees. HB 574 has been drafted. Rep. Dustin Miller is the sponsor. The board proposed in HB 574 would be reflective of the practitioners.</p> <p>Mr. Lacour reported that some amendments have been drafted. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All nominating entities be removed to be in</li> </ul>	

		<p>compliance with SB 40.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repealed the fees from statute so that the board can set the fees so that it can self-sustain with the exception of the volunteer and municipal practitioners.</li><li>• Repeal the Certification Commission as it currently exists and it provides for the Board to make subcommittees to address education, discipline, scope of practice, etc.</li></ul> <p>Keith Carter made a motion to make an amendment to have the board meet monthly. Page 9, line 4. And members should attend no less than 10 of the 12 meetings.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel McDonnell Discussion: Carl Flores stated that criteria should be in line with other medical boards. Kirk Lacour stated we don't want to put too much into statute so that the Board cannot function in a few years.</p> <p>Motion revision: minimum of bi-monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel McDonnell Discussion: no further Vote: Motion carried</p> <p>The subcommittee will remain active pending the activity on HB 574</p> <p>A motion was made by Donna Newchurch to support legislation for an EMS Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Daughdril Motion carried.</p>	
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<p>b. Clinical Care          - Statewide Minimum Patient Care Guidelines</p> <p>c. Education Sub-Committee          - Members</p> <p>d. Military Relations Committee          - Members</p>	<p>Dr. Angela Cornelius</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Justin Arnone</p>	<p>Dr. Cornelius asked if there has been feedback from Health Standards. She is not willing to put more work into the Patient Care Guidelines until there is information about if/when the equipment list will be adopted.</p> <p>Ms. Newchurch stated that there is legislation to move the list from statute to rule and Health Standards are waiting to see the outcome of that bill.</p> <p>There will not be any activity until the session is over.</p> <p>Put out a survey about the LCCR requirements with NCCP.</p> <p>Established a google group with Louisiana educators.</p> <p>Members have not been finalized.</p> <p>Working on getting the military curricula to make a bridge between the military curricula and that civilian curricula.</p>	
<p>VII. Old Business</p> <p>a. Recommendation for attendance requirements from special meeting/conference call</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p>	<p>Minutes from February 23, were presented. It was clarified that a quorum will consist of a simple majority, not 1/3 members. Mr. Lacour entertained a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Brian Regan made the motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maylyn Geissler. Motion carried.</p> <p>Updated copy will be sent for distribution.</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p>

b. Act 1001 documents referencing fees versus costs.	Myra Lowe	Myra will provide the document. This document has not been received.  Kirk will send an email for request	Myra Lowe  Kirk Lacour
VIII. New Business		No new business	
IX. Adjourn Next meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 1:00pm at the Bureau of EMS, 7273 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806			