



**Medicaid Quality Committee Quarterly Meeting  
November 22, 2019 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

| Committee Attendance      |  |          |
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| Marcus Bachhuber, MD      | MCO  | Present  |
|                           | Advocacy Louisiana                         |          |
| Justin Bennett, NP        | Rural Health Nursing                       | Absent   |
| Joseph Biggio, Jr. MD MS  | Ochsner Obstetricians                      | On Phone |
| Alexander Billioux, MD    | LDH-Office of Public Health                | Absent   |
| Gerrelde Davis, MBA       | Louisiana Primary Care Association         | On Phone |
| Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN   | Department of Children and Family Services | Absent   |
| Michael Giorlando, DDS    | MCNA                                       | Present  |
| Stewart T. Gordon, MD     | Louisiana Healthcare Connections           | Present  |
|                           | Louisiana Department of Corrections        |          |
| Rep. Frank Hoffman        | LA House of Representatives                | Absent   |
| Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD | University of Louisiana at Monroe          | Present  |
| James Hussey, MD          | LDH-Office of Behavioral Health            | Present  |
| Mark Keiser               | Access Health Louisiana                    | Present  |
| Lyn Kieltyka, PhD         | Office of Public Health/CDC                | On Phone |
| Madelyn Meyn, MD          | Aetna                                      | Present  |
| Senator Fred Mills, Jr.   | LA State Senate                            | Absent   |
| Julie Morial, MD          | United Healthcare                          | Present  |
| Mary Noel                 | HCA Louisiana                              | Absent   |
| Raymond Poliquit, MD      | Healthy Blue                               | Present  |
| Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD    | Louisiana Hospital Association             | Present  |
| Tara Roberts, PT          | Louisiana Nursing Home Association         | Absent   |
| Joe Rosier                | The Rapides Foundation                     | Present  |
| Steve Spedale, MD, FAAP   | Infamedics                                 | Absent   |
| Shelia Sterling, LMSW     | Volunteers of America                      | Present  |
| John A. Vanchiere, MD     | Physicians – Shreveport                    | Absent   |
| Craig Vitrano, MD         | FMOLHS                                     | On Phone |
| Rodney Wise, MD           | AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana           | Present  |

**Call to Order**

- The Medicaid Quality Committee was called to order at 1:11 pm by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber.

**Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

- Welcome and introductions were made by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber
- Herbert Twase conducted the roll call of Quality Committee members. A quorum was confirmed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes of the November 22, 2019 Meeting – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**

- Mark Keiser motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Dr. Giorlando seconded. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

**Dr. Michael Giorlando**

- Spoke to the committee regarding the passing of Dr. Robert Barsley. He stated Dr. Robert Barsley was a fixture and a very important voice on issues of oral health in Louisiana. Dr. Robert Barsley, was a member



of the Medicaid Quality Committee and a Chair of the Medicaid Dental Subcommittee. He will truly be missed.

**Introductions of Presentations of Special Topics of Interest or Quality Related Studies/Activities – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**

- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber introduced Dr. Ben Hamlin from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Dr. Ben Hamlin’s presentation centered on Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) and Emerging Digital Quality Ecosystem (EDQE)- The Pathway to a High-Value Quality Measurement Enterprise.
  - Dr. Ben Hamlin stated that NCQA is working to support ECDS and HEDIS in different states. The launch of the Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) and Emerging Digital Quality Ecosystem (EDQE) is delayed due to technological issues; therefore, the launch has been moved to 2020.
  - The Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) should be functional and extensible.
  - Dr. Ben Hamlin mentioned that a newsletter will be published and can be found at [www.ncqa.org/dmc](http://www.ncqa.org/dmc).
  - Dr. Marcus Bachhuber asked about the key highlights Medicaid Programs should know about ECDS and EDQE.
    - Dr. Ben Hamlin responded;
      - States should embrace technology.
      - NCQA, is trying to restructure the Quality measurement instead of having a series of rules and regulations, as well as verifying quality gaps. They need the support of the Medicaid plans to participate.
- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber introduced Terry Birkhoff with LSUHS/TACL and Rodney Anthony with the Office of the Secretary, presenting on ***TACL’s Journey and Path Forward (Taking Aim at Cancer Louisiana)***
- Terry Birkhoff mentioned that in 2018, Governor John B. Edwards and Dr. Rebekah Gee launched a statewide initiative grant for TACL. Dr. Rebekah Gee convened stakeholders from around the state to come together to spread the word regarding Taking Aim at Cancer Louisiana (TACL). Terry Birkhoff outlined:
  - TACL’s goals aim to improve cancer outcomes in Louisiana, however, we are not able to make a significant statewide impact in the State as we expected. We lack the scale and the depth to be able to reach the highest goals since implementation.
  - The TACL initiative uses existing community health workers and navigators, who provide education and awareness about the need for cancer screening and follow-up visits.
  - Terry Birkhoff communicated TACL has a Data Committee that explores ways to help make TACL a success. The committee has created a 5-year plan, as well as a statewide screening registry.
  - Rodney Anthony helped to coordinate the Breast Cancer Screening Campaign at Louisiana Department of Health in partnership with TACL in October 2019. Stakeholders took part in this event, which was a success.
  - Terry Birkhoff reported in October 2019, TACL collaborated with Mary Bird Perkins and the Woman’s Hospital, in setting up a mobile unit at LDH to conduct Breast Screenings.
    - 34 women were screened
    - 2 women were referred for a follow-up clinic visit with a physician
    - Most women that were screened had not had a breast screening in two to five years.
  - Terry Birkhoff stated on October 3, 2019, TACL held a Health Plan Summit, it comprised 9 health plans and 14 representatives of those plans.
  - The Health Plan Summit focused on three priorities.
    - I. Look at how they could share data for the cancer screening registry
    - II. Collaborate with Community Health workers.



- /// Find more resources and outlets to bring awareness to the State of Louisiana.
- **Open Forum:**
  - Kolynda Parker mentioned that the 2020 Medicaid Quality Committee Meeting schedule will be held in February, May, August and November. Invites will be sent to the Committee Members with dates and times.

**Meeting adjourned by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**

**2020 Medicaid Quality Committee Meeting Schedule**

February 21, 2020

May 15, 2020

August 21, 2020

November 20, 2020