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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE
MINUTES**

Meeting Date:
November 14, 2023
Bureau of EMS
7273 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806
1:00pm

Item	Presenter	Explanation	Action Taken
I. Welcome	Bill Salmeron		
Pledge of Allegiance	Bill Salmeron		Meeting called to order 1:07 PM by Stacy Barbay
Attendance	Bill Salmeron	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justin Antarikananda - A Louisiana Approved Education Program - Blance Bankston - P Fireman’s Association - Shane Bellard - P LANREMT - Clint Braud - P Private EMS Provider - Eric Coley - A Industrial EMS Practitioner - Kirk Coussan - A Flight Medic - Brent Crawford - P Licensed Paramedic - Timothy Dronet - A CAAHEP EMS Education Program Program - Amy Fowler - A Professional Fire Fighters Association of LA - Jade Gabb - P APCO/NENA - Gavin Hall - P Licensed Paramedic - Preston Landry - P Fire EMS Provider - Naomi Majors - P 	Pledge -

		<p>Louisiana Ambulance Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jessalyn Qualls - A Licensed EMT- Bill Salmeron - A Municipal EMS Provider- Sean Scott - A Licensed EMT- Otha Schamburg - P EMS Certification Commission- Dawn Young - A High School Educator <p>State Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Doris Brown - A Office of Public Health- Glennis Gray - A Office of Public Health- Dan Wallis - A Office of the State Fire Marshal- Paige Hargrove - Chris Hector Present Louisiana Emergency Response Network- Cindy Duplessis - A EMS for Children- Jessica Vallelungo - A Department of Education <p>BEMS Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Susan Bailey - A Director- Stacy Barbay - P Deputy Director- John Cavell - P	
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		Education Manager - Katherine Robillard - P Credentialing Coordinator - Lisa MacDonald - P 911 Communications Coordinator - Douglas Champlin - P Compliance Coordinator - Molly Terebieniec - P Ambulance Standards Coordinator -Juanne Porter- Present Guest(s) present:	
II. Public Comments	Bill Salmeron		No public comments
III. Bureau of EMS Reports a. Bureau Reports - Administration - Licensing Report - EMS Certification Commission Report - Exam Report	Susan Bailey Katherine Robillard Stacy Barbay Doug Champlin	Reports have been distributed.	Introduction of Juanne Porter newest member of BEMS by Stacy Barbay No Questions or comments Stacy added that 11/1/23 background checks moved to Identogo. On average reports are received within 3 hours. Preston Landry asked about background checks being used for employment and paying again for licensure. Stacy reassured him that background checks for licensure is not the same as background checks for licensure.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Report - 911 Communications Report - Ambulance Standards 	<p>John Cavell</p> <p>Lisa MacDonald</p> <p>Molly Terebieniec</p>		
<p>IV. State Partner Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Office of Public Health b. Office of the State Fire Marshal c. Louisiana Emergency Response Network d. EMS for Children 	<p>Doris Brown Glennis Gray</p> <p>Dan Wallis</p> <p>Paige Hargrove</p> <p>Cindy Duplessis</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>	<p>LERN- Chris stated that LERN has a new stroke protocol that will be implemented 1/24. Additional information that will be gathered and accessed. There will be webinar to go over the protocol and explanation of changes. Webinar will be recorded and available on LMS for individuals to review. Nov. 27th 10:30-12PM. Hired Vince and he has been a good addition. MCI boot camps will be held in the future. Hurricane planning has been slow over the past year. Wildfires were the biggest concern over the past year. Chris shared feedback received from different teams stating that all help was greatly appreciated and the efforts put forth were noticed.</p>

e. Department of Education	Charmaine Cureton	No report	
V. Stakeholder Reports			
a. CAAHEP/CoAEMSP	Timothy Dronet	Absent	<p>LANREMT- Shane stated that there is a board meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening. Discussing opportunities for training and next year’s conference.</p> <p>LSFA- Blance had no report. Stated that FETI is going to have an online hybrid EMR class where the FM will pay. EMR portfolio will be completed.</p> <p>APCO/NENA- Jade no major update provided. Jade stated that his area just completed MCI with LERN and were able to learn a lot. Jade indicated that there is a need for people to attend and teach classes for APCO/ NENA</p>
b. Louisiana Ambulance Alliance	Naomi Majors	No update	
c. Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered EMTs	Shane Bellard		
d. Professional Firefighters of Louisiana	Amy Fowler	Absent	
e. Louisiana State Fireman’s Association	Blance Bankston		
f. APCO/NENA	Jade Gabb		
VI. MCSUB-Committee Reports			
a. Credentialing	Katherine Robillard Dawn Young	✓ Meet with the Department of Insurance to determine if there is a	No report.

<p>b. Education</p> <p>c. Examination</p> <p>d. 911 Communications</p> <p>e. Ambulance Standards</p>	<p>John Cavell Timothy Dronet</p> <p>Doug Champlin Gavin Hall</p> <p>Lisa MacDonald Jade Gabb</p> <p>Molly Terebieniec Brent Crawford</p>	<p>way to reduce the insurance rate for young EMTs</p>	<p>No Report</p> <p>No Report</p> <p>No Report</p> <p>Molly stated that during the last round of inspections a unit passed inspection in accordance with the law but in the back of the truck there were some places that felt like people could possibly fall through. The only state law regulating road worthy would be state inspection stickers. Neighboring states are not required to have state inspection stickers. Molly proposes that this problem be addressed to the subcommittee to solve the problem. Gavin Hall asked if Molly would decide if the ambulance would be road worthy. Molly stated that she would like to a policy put in place that if something didn't seem safe, the unit to be checked out by a mechanic for road worthiness. Several people indicated that state inspection certification does not look at the back of the transport units. Otha suggested to check into school bus inspection stickers to see what is required.</p>
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<p>f. EMS Certification Commission</p>	<p>Stacy Barbay Otha Shamburg</p>		<p>Molly indicated that there needs be policy, law, etc. for the Bureau or Molly as inspector take action. Preston Landry suggested certified EVT to look into any issues. Jade suggested reaching out to LSP and DOT for them to review any issues found. Molly stated she would like to move it to the subcommittee during a future meeting. Anyone interested on serving on the subcommittee should reach out to Brent Crawford.</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>VII. Old Business a. Legislation</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>	<p>✓ Unfunded mandate AEDs in schools</p> <p>✓ Technical changes to R.S. 40</p>	<p>Susan explained the purpose of Act 234 and that no funding was provided to LDH for compliance and regulation. Senator Fields is aware and says that funding will be made available in FY 25 when compliance will need to be regulated.</p> <p>The LDH Executive Management Team has approved the changes to be forwarded to the Governor’s Cabinet after inauguration of the Governor-Elect.</p>
<p>b. Continuing competency credit for successful clinical skills</p>	<p>John Cavell Katherine Robillard</p>	<p>✓ Credits will be provided for successful skill completion.</p>	<p>Nothing update</p>

<p>c. Policy change of auditing AEMT Programs</p>	<p>Doug Champlin John Cavell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of a policy to monitor AEMT minimum competencies 	<p>Doug and John are looking at a process to implement into the classes moving forward.</p>
<p>d. Expiring Members</p>	<p>Stacy Barbay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reappointment of expiring members 	<p>Letters of reappointment for Brent Crawford, Preston Landry, Gavin Hall and Bill Salmeron were sent on October 30. Recommendation from LAA on their representative is forthcoming.</p> <p>Current members will keep their positions until a decision is made. May not happen until after the Governor-Elect takes office.</p>
<p>VIII. New Business a. Ambulance Standards</p>	<p>Molly Terebieniec</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vehicles license in another state ✓ Safety clearance required by a mechanic or Louisiana inspection sticker ✓ Possible policy update 	<p>Molly stated that during the last round of inspections a unit passed inspection in accordance with the law but in the back of the truck there were some places that felt like people could possibly fall through. The only state law regulating road worthy would be state inspection stickers. Neighboring states are not required to have state inspection stickers. Molly proposes that this problem be addressed to the subcommittee to solve the problem. Gavin Hall asked if Molly would decide if the ambulance would be road worthy. Molly stated that she would like to a policy put in place that if something didn't seem safe, the unit to be checked out by a mechanic for road worthiness. Several people indicated that</p>

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IX. Adjourn Next meeting: January 16, 2024 Bureau of EMS 7273 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806			Stacy adjourned meeting at 1:43PM