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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Date:**

**March 11, 2025**

Bureau of EMS

**7273 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

**1:00 pm**

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| **Item** | **Presenter** | **Explanation** | **Action Take** |
| **I. Welcome**  **Pledge of Allegiance**  **Attendance** | **Bill Salmeron**  **Bill Salmeron**  **Bill Salmeron** | **Members:**   * **Justin Antarikananda- A**   **Louisiana Approved Education Program**   * **Blance Bankston-P**   **LSFA**   * **Shane Bellard-P**   **LANREMT**   * **Eric Coley-P**   **Industrial EMS Practitioner**   * **Kirk Coussan -P**   **Flight Medic**   * **Brent Crawford -A**   **Licensed Paramedic**   * **Timothy Dronet -P**   **CAAHEP EMS Education Program**   * **Amy Fowler -A**   **PFFA of LA**   * **Jade Gabb- A, Lisa Macdonald -P**   **APCO/NENA**   * **Gavin Hall -P**   **Licensed Paramedic**   * **Kevin Jura-P**   **NAEMSP La Chapter**   * **Preston Landry-P**   **Fire EMS Provider**   * **Bill Salmeron-P**   **Municipal EMS Provider**   * **Sean Scott -A**   **Licensed EMT**   * **Otha Shamburg -A**   **EMS Certification Commission**   * **David Wells- A**   **Louisiana Ambulance Alliance**   * **Dawn Young -P**   **High School Educator**  **State Partners**   * **Glennis Gray- A**   **Office of Public Health**   * **Paige Hargrove -P**   **Louisiana Emergency Response Network**   * **Cindy Duplessis -A**   **EMS for Children**   * **Charmaine Cureton-P**   **Department of Education**  **Bureau of EMS Staff**   * **Susan Bailey -P**   **Director**   * **Stacy Barbay- P**   **Deputy Director**   * **John Cavell -P**   **Education Manager**   * **Katherine Robillard -P**   **Licensing Coordinator**   * **Shawnda Butler -A**   **Certification Coordinator**   * **Douglas Champlin -P**   **Competency Coordinator**   * **Molly Terebieniec -P**   **Compliance Coordinator**   * **Aimee Hall -P**   **JSYH Act Coordinator**   * **Rachael Jordan- P**   **Financial Officer**  **Guest(s) present:**  **JP Lane**  **Curry**  **CJ Rojas**  **Lisa McDonald** | **Pledge** |
| **II. Public Comment** | **Bill Salmeron** |  |  |
| **III. Elections** | **Susan Bailey** | **Chair**  **Vice-Chair** | **Nominations: Kevin Jura nominated Brent Crawford for Chair and Gavin Hall 2nd the motion. A vote was cast and the motion passed for Brent Crawford to be the Chair.**  **Kevin Jura made a motion to nominate himself as vice chair and Blance Bankston moved to 2nd the motion. A vote was cast and passed for Kevin Jura to be Vice Chair.** |
| **IV. Bureau of EMS Reports**  **a. Licensing**  **b. EMS Commission**  **c. Competency**  **d. Education**  **e. Ambulance Standards f. *Jump Start Your Heart* Act** | **Katherine Robillard**  **Stacy Barbay**  **Doug Champlin**  **John Cavell**  **Molly Terebieniec**  **Aimee Hall** | **Report submitted**  **Report submitted**  **Report submitted**  **Report submitted**  **Report submitted**  **Report submitted** | **Katherine discussed the status of applications for the license renewal season.**  **Aimee Hall was recognized for her effort in the JSYHA. Paige H, asked questions regarding the requirements for JSYHA programs and the CPR certifications for instructors.**  **Dawn Y asked Aimee if she needed copies of the renewed BLS certification.** |
| **V. State Partner Reports**  **a. Office of Public Health**  **b. Louisiana Emergency Response Network**  **c. EMS for Children**  **d. Department of Education** | **Glennis Gray**  **Paige Hargrove**  **Cindy Duplessis**  **Charmaine Cureton** |  | **Glennis- Absent**  **Paige did not have any major updates to report. She stated that everything was status quo.** |
| **VI. Stakeholder Reports**  **a. CAAHEP/CoAEMSP**  **b. Louisiana Ambulance Alliance**  **c. Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered EMTs**  **d. Professional Firefighters of Louisiana**  **e. Louisiana State Firemen’s Association**  **f. APCO/NENA**  **g. NAEMSP** | **Timothy Dronet**  **David Wells**  **John Lane**  **Amy Fowlers**  **Blance Bankston**  **Jade Gabb**  **Kevin Jura** |  | **TJ- Town Hall meeting link info can be requested from Susan.**  **Curry had nothing to report.**  **JP didn’t have anything to report for LAREMT. He did mention the finalization for the upcoming conference.**  **Amy – A**  **LSFA- susan mentioned the conference.**  **APCO- A**  **Kevin Jura- introduced himself as he is head of the NAEMSP chapter.** |
| **VII. Sub-Committee Reports**  **a. Licensing**  **b. Education**  **c. Competency**  **d. Certification**  **e. Compliance**  **f. EMS Commission** | **Katherine Robillard**  **Dawn Young**  **John Cavell**  **Timothy Dronet**  **Doug Chaplin**  **Gavin Hall**  **Vacant**  **Jade Gabb**  **Molly Terebieniec**  **Brent Crawford**  **Stacy Barbay**  **Otha Shamburg** |  | **Dawn spoke about the meeting with Kirby Smith. Mr. Smith is working with the subcommittee to help lower insurance rates for licensees who are 18-21.**  **Susan provided an update regarding LA Wallet. Applicants must have LA driver’s license to have the license in the app.**  **John provided Education update: HS programs- super summer training is provided by NEMSA to train teachers to EMR. HS districts are not finding out information late and finding a hard time to finding instructors. Preston Landry asked for information to be shared about super summer to the Task Force. CEU’s for clinical practice updated.**  **Gavin and Doug didn’t have information to provide.**  **Certification- nothing at this time.**  **Compliance- Molly went over safety issues that were presented to the subcommittee. There was no reasonable resolution to agree upon. No change was made.**  **Gavin Hall questioned the process of how to amend the administrative rule. Bill S revisited his previous statement of disgust of not being able to regulate ambulances that are unsafe. Kevin Jura asked about KKK standards and revoking the previous TF’s decision to not bring up safety with the Compliance subcommittee. NFPA ambulance standards were mentioned in trying to see if there was anything Fire has in their rule. Eric asked if Molly could make the agency’s insurance aware. Molly stated she could not. Bill S asked what actions Molly takes during inspection and what type of action she would like to take. Molly responded to Bill’s question with the compliance report. She also stated that she collaborates with Susan with taking an active agency to provisional agency. Kevin Jura asked if the Bureau and TF spoke to the state attorney regarding this issue. Blance made a motion to refer this back to the subcommittee until there is a response from legal on what liability the Bureau/ state/ and/or TF has. Dawn Young 2nd the motion. Susan clarified that the motion is to send back to the subcommittee until additional information received. A vote was cast – and passed.**  **Gavin Hall abstained.**  **Stacy asked a clarifying question if it is a safety issue or is this only for floorboards.**  **EMSC- Stacy mentioned the new appointment of Troy Gauthier. There is still one available seat. Several positions are expiring this year. Stacy will send out an email and then applications will be brought to the Task Force for a vote.** |
| **VIII. Old Business**  **a. Continuing competency credit for successful clinical skills**  **b. Policy change of auditing AEMT Programs** | **Susan Bailey**  **Doug Champlin**  **John Cavell** | * **Credit will be provided for successful skill completion** * **Development of a policy to monitor AEMT minimum competencies** | **Susan gave credit to Brent, John, and Gavin for the CEU document. She went over that the 2026 renewal cycle will be able to begin using the CEUs on 4/1/2025. Susan explained the audit process for licensees added to the course roster. Curry provided industry input- stating he has had positive feedback. He mentioned that he had one small provider mention that it will not help their service out. Gavin asked Molly if the CEU would be used in the inspection. Molly said most would fit what she is checking.**  **Doug discussed the AEMT portfolios. He stated that while LA is below national average that LA does have a 71% first time pass rate. Doug mentioned how he is completing QA on AEMT classes and cross referencing with NREMT.** |
| **IX. New Business**  **a. Traffic Incident Management Course**  **b. Certification Coordinator**  **c. Procedural Rule update** | **Susan Bailey**  **Susan Bailey**  **Bill Salmeron** | **NHTSA’s Office of EMS focuses on post-crash care and has requested that the State EMS offices recommend this course as part of the continuing education requirements.** | **Susan brought up the post crash care course. Susan asked that the Education subcommittee take a look at this course and provide information for continuing education.**  **Part of the grant money that was awarded, was the TIMS class. Currently NHTSA has a hold on funding.**  **Susan discussed Rachel’s upcoming job transfer and her contributions to the Bureau.**  **Susan addressed the questions regarding attendance for the Task Force. Susan requested that the TF look at the two issues, first being lack of attendance and second being the lack of response, who gets punished? Procedural rule currently states that if you are missing 3 meetings, you would be removed. Kevin Jura brought up virtual meeting. Paige discussed how LERN does not qualify because of RS. Kevin continue to insist that the TF needs to set protocols for virtual. Susan asked everyone to review the documents provided and bring to comment back to Susan before the May meeting so that she can begin to start a draft at the next meeting.**  **Susan provided the date for the EMS memorial- May 18th. Susan asked for additional names that may need to be added to the list. A tree was donated to the Bureau of EMS. All unclaimed orniments have been hung to remember the fall EMS practitioners.**  **Eric- a group is being created for industry medics. Eric will provide updates for that information.**  **Bill thanked everyone as the outgoing chair. Blance made the motion to adjurn with Gavin moving to second the motion. The motion passed.** |
| **X. Adjourn**  **Next meeting:**  **May 20, 2025** | **Bill Salmeron** |  |  |