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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE
AGENDA**

Meeting Date:
July 14, 2020
Shreveport Fire Training
6440 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport, LA 71119
1:00pm

Item	Presenter	Action taken	Responsible Party
I. Welcome and Introduction Pledge of Allegiance Attendance	Kirk Lacour, Chair Susan Bailey	Members - Jeffery Anderson - present - Justin Arnone - absent - Jacob Colbert - present - Dr. Angela Cornelius - present - Kirk Coussan - zoom - Rob Daughdril - present - Dr. Jeff Elder - absent - Carl Flores - zoom - Maylyn Geissler - zoom - Aaron Johnson - present - Kirk Lacour - present - Brian Lindberg - present - Marco Macera - present - Chad Major - absent - Daniel McDonnell - present - Richard McGuire - zoom - Dr. Andre Mouledoux - absent - Donna Newchurch - present - Brian Regan - absent - Evon Smith - present - Jessica Trichel - absent - Wendi Worsham - present State Partners: - Dr. Alex Billioux - absent - Amanda Perry - present - Butch Browning - absent - Gail Gibson - absent - Paige Hargrove - zoom - Myra Lowe - zoom - Traci Travis - absent	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jessica Vallelungo - zoom BEMS Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Susan Bailey - present - Stacy Barbay - zoom - John Cavell - present - Katherine Robillard - zoom - Lisa MacDonald - zoom - Douglas Champlin - present Guest(s) present: Dr. Toni Gross	
II. Review and submit for approval the EMS Task Force Minutes from January 14, 2020	Kirk Lacour	Rob Daughdril made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. 2 nd Jeff Anderson Motion carried	
III. Public Comment		No comment	
IV. Bureau of EMS Reports			
a. State of the Bureau Report	Susan Bailey	The Bureau of EMS welcomes Katherine Robillard as Credentialing Coordinator and Doug Champlin and Compliance Coordinator.	
b. Licensing Report	Katherine Robillard	Kirk asked if a provisional licensed practitioner has to function with fully licensed practitioner or can they function as a fully licensed practitioner? John read NREMT's response to this question and a provisionally licensed practitioner can function as a fully licensed practitioner.	
c. EMS Certification Commission Report	Stacy Barbay Jeff Elder	Implementation of fines effective 8/1/2020. Donna asked when the minutes will be posted. Stacy explained that minutes are posted after they are approved by the Commission which makes posted	

<p>d. Emergency Response/Preparedness Report</p> <p>e. Compliance Report - Examination - Ambulance Standards</p> <p>f. Education Report</p> <p>g. 911 Communications Report</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Doug Champlin</p> <p>John Cavell</p> <p>Lisa MacDonald</p>	<p>minutes 2 months behind. Aaron requested to post unofficial minutes after the meeting to fill the gap between meetings. Susan stated that this request will be brought before the Commission.</p> <p>Susan and Doug will be attending the DRC and HPP meetings and Doug will be fulfilling the ambulance placarding duties.</p> <p>Submitted</p> <p>Submitted</p>	
<p>V. 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>d. EMS for Children</p> <p>e. Department of Education</p>	<p>Myra Lowe</p> <p>Chief Browning Traci Travis</p> <p>Paige Hargrove</p> <p>Amanda Perry</p> <p>Jessica Vallelungo</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>ACOS will be doing pediatric verification at Ochsner Shreveport. This will be pushed back one year.</p> <p>In person meeting held in February via zoom. Laid groundwork for pediatric recognition program of EMS agencies similar to the ED departments program. 100% response from license agencies that transport patients. 92% total from all providers. On ED side surveys will be sent out to gauge pediatric readiness.</p> <p>As part of “Strong Start 2020” there is a weekly working group for jump start, John Cavell presented the process for a Hybrid EMR/EMT program. EMR/EMT has been updated. Many schools use this when exploring the idea of starting a new program.</p>	

<p>VI. Stakeholder Reports</p> <p>a. CAAHEP/CoAEMSP</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. Louisiana Profession Firefighters Association</p> <p>f. Fireman’s Association</p> <p>g. APCO/NENA</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p> <p>Donna Newchurch</p> <p>Dr. Angela Cornelius</p> <p>Evon Smith</p> <p>Chad Majors</p> <p>Brian Lindberg</p> <p>Richard McGuire</p>	<p>Numerous communications have come out with generalized guidelines for education programs during the pandemic. Everything except team leads can be performed in the lab environment.</p> <p>Communicating changes to policy/reimbursement during the pandemic. Approval of medical protocols. If there is a non-functioning society in the parish, the medical director can approve the protocols. Cost data collection deadline has been extended for a year.</p> <p>The steering committee is working on the virtual annual meeting. There are a couple of resolutions, some involving EMS, that they are looking at. She will communicate any that need the Task Force attention. Motion by Jeff Anderson to add an NASEMSP Louisiana Chapter to the stakeholder organizations. 2nd by Angela Cornelius. Motion Carried.</p> <p>EMS Week activities were cancelled. LANREMT conference has been cancelled. In the late fall/early winter LANREMT will hold one-day conferences - one in south Louisiana and one in north Louisiana.</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>Annual conference has been cancelled. Meeting are being prepared to be held virtually.</p> <p>Interagency discussions among groups concerning COVID-19. Annual symposium is still scheduled but it may be postponed or cancelled until next April.</p>	
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h. Other			
VII. Sub-Committee Report a. Clinical Care SubCommittee b. Education SubCommittee c. Military Relations SubCommittee d. Legislative SubCommittee f. Workforce SubCommittee	Dr. Angela Cornelius Jeff Anderson Justin Arnone Kirk Lacour Dr. Angela Cornelius Evon Smith Wendi Worsham	No activity. Offline meetings with medical directors throughout the state to discuss keeping the standards up. There was a discussion about recertification requirements. Concern/confusion about the process. Jeff will share the best practices documents on Paramedic Program google docs with Susan. Absent 1. Background checks. No activity 2. Regulation of Practitioners who are treating patients but not working for a transporting agency. (Where in LDH and what are other states doing?) No activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating with insurance commission to explore the possibility of reducing vehicle insurance so that younger Practitioners can be hired. In progress. • Obtaining a driving simulator grant. In progress 	
VIII. Old Business a. Pediatric restraint system	Amanda Perry	Additional information about the pediatric restraint system. Received positive feedback from EMS Providers who have purchased pediatric restraints. Jeff requested packages regarding Pediatric education and add it to the LCCR list. Amanda introduced Dr. Toni Gross who is a guest at the meeting. Recent guidelines from NHTSA provided data and there is a work group addressing crash worthiness of ambulances.	

<p>b. EMS Certification Commission</p> <p>c. Ambulance Standards Administrative Rule</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACOS appointment – no action • LFCA appointment – no action • Ready to go to OPH for processing. EMSC recommended some changes. 	
<p>IX. New Business</p> <p>a. NREMT ID Numbers</p> <p>b. Air Ambulance Advisory Committee</p> <p>c. Other New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frontline work rebates - Distance education waiver from NREMT 	<p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Donna Newchurch</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p>	<p>Has any additional information come out about this? No additional information from NREMT.</p> <p>Susan provided a list of members and the objective of the committee. The First meeting will be held in the near future.</p> <p>Donna asked the Bureau to distributed the information that the frontline work rebates are available.</p> <p>Susan stated that NREMT will be making a decision about allowing 100% online continuing education for the March, 2021 renewal cycle. There was a discussion about whether this should be changed to be allowed regardless of the pandemic. There was a recommendation that the Task Force create a position statement regarding distance education and regulations of skills competency verification by EMS Practitioners. Jeff will put together a letter to NREMT from the EMS Task Force about Louisiana’s opinion concerning continuing education.</p> <p>Evon suggested that there be a discussion about the value of keeping the NREMT requirements for recertification.</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Evon Smith</p>

		Both items will be added to old business on the next meeting's agenda.	
X. Adjourn Next meeting: October 13, 2020 Bureau of EMS 7273 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806		Motion to adjourn by Rob Daughdril 2 nd by Jeff Anderson Motion carried.	