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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE
MINUTES**

Meeting Date:
October 13, 2020
Bureau of EMS
7273 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806
1:00pm

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traci Travis - Absent - Jessica Vallelungo - Virtual BEMS Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Susan Bailey - Present - Stacy Barbay – Present - John Cavell - Present - Katherine Robillard – Present - Lisa MacDonald – Absent - Douglas Champlin – Present Guest(s) present: None Present	
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. Justin Arnone 2 nd the motion. Motion carried.	
III. Public Comment		None	
IV. Bureau of EMS Reports			
a. State of the Bureau Report	Susan Bailey	Donna Newchurch complimented the Bureau’s efforts on increasing paramedic education, and complimented Susan Bailey on her Presidential Leadership award from NAEMT.	
b. Licensing Report	Katherine Robillard	Katherine Robillard commented about the extension of EMR licenses to 12/31/2021	
c. EMS Certification Commission Report	Stacy Barbay Jeff Elder	The EMS Certification Commission voted to only post minutes after they have been approved. Donna Newchurch asked about posting the agenda for the Commission meetings. Stacy Barbay clarified that a revised agenda is posted, minimally, one week before the meeting.	
d. Emergency	Susan Bailey	The Bureau of EMS has completed virtual placarding	

<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>Myra stated that Dr. Billoux is no longer with the Office of Public Health and Dr. Joseph Canter is the interim assistant secretary</p> <p>Not in attendance</p> <p>There were no updates to provide. Susan Bailey commented that the Bureau of EMS joined LERN in the TOC during recent events and that it has been a positive experience. Paige thanked the Bureau staff for assisting.</p> <p>EMSC is working on the National Peds ready hospital assessment to get 100% response rate. EMSC is taking EMS data from LERN to link to hospital data to help with following a patient from prehospital care through to hospital care and the overall outcome of the patient.</p> <p>The Department of Education has been working with Dr. Welch to ensure school are opening safely and have a strong start to the year</p>	
<p>VI. Stakeholder Reports</p> <p>a. CAAHEP/CoAEMSP</p> <p>b. Louisiana Ambulance Alliance</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p> <p>Donna Newchurch</p>	<p>Kirk stated there were no updates. Susan spoke about the CoAEMSP extension of alternate clinical and field internship methods to July 2021 and that the Bureau of EMS will follow the extension for all education programs.</p> <p>Donna spoke about being awarded a distance learning grant to purchase distance learning technology which will be placed throughout the state. LAA has purchased a building and remodeling is scheduled to be</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. American College of Emergency Physicians d. Louisiana Association of Nationally Registered EMTs e. Louisiana Professional Firefighters Association f. Fireman’s Association g. APCO/NENA h. NAEMSP Louisiana Chapter i. Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Angela Cornelius Evon Smith Chad Majors Brian Lindberg Richard McGuire Susan Bailey 	<p>completed by June 1, 2021. They will be keeping the downtown office. They have responded to COVID-19 and 3 hurricane surge requests.</p> <p>The ACEP conference will occur virtually this month. There are many resolutions in the pipeline but none to be brought forward at this time.</p> <p>Evon spoke about response efforts following the hurricanes and LANREMT has participated with providing food for the Practitioners.</p> <p>Not Present</p> <p>Not Present</p> <p>Not present</p> <p>Dr. Avery Callahan NAEMSP Chapter President has been contacted and will call a meeting to identify a representative. Dr. Cornelius reported that NAEMSP will conduct a virtual meeting in January.</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>VII. Sub-Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clinical Care SubCommittee b. Education SubCommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Angela Cornelius Jeff Anderson 	<p>Nothing new to report. Susan commented that there was no update on Administrative Rule Process.</p> <p>A draft document has been distributed to the subcommittee. John and Susan had provided feedback. Jeff will present the draft for additional feedback.</p>	

c. Military Relations SubCommittee	Justin Arnone	Justin had no report but requested clarification on whether EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics can administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Susan Bailey responded that the Commission will be discussing this at their meeting on Friday.	
d. Legislative SubCommittee	Kirk Lacour Dr. Angela Cornelius	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background checks – may not be an issue depending on the outcome of SB13. 2. Regulation of Practitioners who are treating patients but not working for a transporting agency. (Where in LDH and what are other states doing?) Kirk Lacour requested that this be added to the next meeting’s agenda. He will talk with Susan before this meeting to get more details. Jeff Anderson commented about home health and the existing regulations with other professions. Evon Smith stated that she will contact Health Standards and Medicaid to determine if there is any regulation in these departments. 3. SB 13- Donna Newchurch commented that Susan provided testimony before the senate committee with unbiased information. The bill is on the Senate floor. Sen Luno was concerned about the liability clause and made an amendment. 	
f. Workforce SubCommittee	Evon Smith Wendi Worsham	<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. • Obtaining a driving simulator grant. <p>Evon had no updates at this time.</p>	
VIII. Old Business			

<p>a. EMS Certification Commission</p> <p>b. Ambulance Standards Administrative Rule</p> <p>c. Distance Education</p> <p>d. NREMT Requirements for recertification and license renewal.</p>	<p>Susan Bailey Stacy Barbay Dr. Elder</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Evon Smith</p>	<p>Additional information about the pediatric restraint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACOS appointment - no action <p>Susan stated no recommendations and will send another reminder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFCA appointment - Toby Henry appointed <p>Dr. Elder complimented Stacy and Susan on their work with the Commission. Susan thanked Dr. Elder for his availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being processed by OPH - no responses have been received yet. • Draft of a position statement regarding distance education and regulations of skills competency verification for EMS Practitioners. <p>Jeff Anderson spoke to Mark Terry at NREMT to revise the rules and future rules change. No draft has been written.</p> <p>Susan commented that NREMT has formed a workgroup to meet at the end of Oct. and she will be representing CAPCE on the workgroup and will provide any updates from the workgroup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evon Smith suggested that there be a discussion about the value of keeping the NREMT requirements for recertification. <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
<p>IX. New Business</p>			

<p>a. Commissioners on Task Force</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>	<p>Susan stated that there are currently no rules written and is requesting guidance from the Task Force to come up with rules. Should there be a statement in the Procedural Rules regarding EMS Certification Commissioners being on the EMS Task Force?</p> <p>Rob Daughter made a motion to add a procedural rules stating that members of the EMS Certification Commission, with the exception of the Chair, shall not serve on the EMS Task Force while simultaneously serving on the EMS Certification Commission. 2nd by Jeff Anderson Motion carried.</p>	
<p>b. Term limits</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>	<p>A robust discussion revealed that most believe that term limits should be implemented but a consensus on how to implement them could not be drawn.</p> <p>Carl Flores made a motion to form a Subcommittee to set terms and have a proposal at the next meeting. 2nd by Jeff Anderson. Motion carried.</p> <p>Subcommittee members include: Jeff Anderson, Chair Rob Daughdril Angela Cornelius Susan Bailey, Bureau of EMS representative</p> <p>Current Task Force members will remain in place until a procedural rule is in place.</p>	
<p>c. Next year's meeting dates</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>		

		<p>Meeting dates for next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- January 12, 2021- April 13, 2021- July 13, 2021- October 12, 2021 <p>Zoom/Bureau of EMS meetings location until proclamation is lifted.</p>	
X.	<p>Adjourn Next meeting: October 13, 2020 Bureau of EMS 7273 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806</p>	<p>Donna Newchurch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Kirk Coussan. Meeting adjourned.</p>	