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**LOUISIANA BUREAU OF EMS TASKFORCE
MINUTES**

Meeting Date:

March 8, 2022

Bureau of EMS

7273 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

1:00pm

Item	Presenter	Explanation	Action Taken
I. Welcome	Susan Bailey		
Pledge of Allegiance	Susan Bailey		
Attendance	Susan Bailey	Members - Jeffery Anderson – Virtual Louisiana Approved Education Program - Justin Arnone – Virtual Military Medic - Ryan Brown - Virtual EMS Certification Commission - Dr. Avery Callahan – Absent NAEMSP La Chapter - Kirk Coussan – Virtual - Brent Crawford - Present Licensed Paramedic - Carl Flores – Virtual Ambulance Safety - Gavin Hall – Present Licensed Paramedic - Aaron Johnson – Present Ambulance Service District Administrator - Kirk Lacour – Present CAAHEP EMS Education Program - Preston Landry – Present Fire EMS Provider - Brian Lindberg - Absent Fireman’s Association - Marco Macera – Absent Private EMS Provider - Chad Major – Present	

		<p>Professional Fire Fighters Association of LA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Naomi Majors – Virtual Louisiana Ambulance Alliance- Richard McGuire - Virtual APCO/NENA- Dr. Andre Mouledoux – Absent American College of Emergency Physicians- Brian Regan – Absent Industrial EMS Practitioner- Bill Salmeron – Virtual Municipal EMS Provider- Ceirra Smith – Absent Licensed EMT- Evon Smith – Present LANREMT- Wendi Worsham – Absent High School Educator <p>State Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Butch Browning – Absent Office of the State Fire Marshal- Paige Hargrove – Present Louisiana Emergency Response Network- Kimberly Hood – Absent Office of Public Health- Myra Lowe – Absent Office of Public Health- Amanda Perry – Virtual EMS for Children- Traci Travis – Absent Office of the State Fire Marshal	
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II. Public Comments	Naomi Majors		No public comment
III. Approval of January 11, 2022 minutes	Naomi Majors		Aaron Johnson motion to approve 2 nd Brent Crawford Motion carried.
IV. Bureau of EMS Reports a. Bureau Reports - Licensing Report	Katherine Robillard	Reports have been distributed.	No questions.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMS Certification Commission Report - Exam Report - Education Report - 911 Communications Report - Ambulance Standards - Administrative Report 	<p>Stacy Barbay Ryan Brown</p> <p>Doug Champlin</p> <p>John Cavell</p> <p>Lisa MacDonald</p> <p>Molly Terebieniec</p> <p>Susan Bailey</p>		<p>No questions.</p> <p>No questions.</p> <p>No questions.</p> <p>No questions.</p> <p>No questions.</p> <p>No questions.</p>
<p>V. 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 	<p>Kim Hood Myra Lowe</p> <p>Butch Browning Traci Travis</p> <p>Paige Hargrove</p>		<p>Absent.</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>No significant report. Moving the organization to public safety campus hopefully by August – located in the Office of Management and Finance – 2nd floor. Getting ready for legislative session. St. Francis provisional Level 3 trauma center designation. OLOL is moving from Level 2 to Level 1 trauma center designation and is moving toward Comprehensive Stroke Center designation. Ochsner in New Orleans is moving to Comprehensive Stroke Center</p>

<p>d. EMS for Children</p> <p>e. Department of Education</p>	<p>Amanda Perry</p> <p>Jessica Vallelungo</p>		<p>designation.</p> <p>Advisory board met a few weeks ago and voted to create a pediatric professional recognition. The application is being developed. Will be requesting LAA, LERN and the Bureau of EMS to assist with getting the application out. The plan is to present the award on EMSC day at the state capitol.</p> <p>No report.</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</p>	<p>Kirk Lacour</p> <p>Naomi Majors</p> <p>Dr. Andre Mouledoux</p> <p>Evon Smith</p>	<p>Absent</p>	<p>Accreditcon will be held June 1-5 in Louisville, KY. The clinical waiver for the Paramedic programs has been extended.</p> <p>LAA is back to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be at the new location in St. Gabriel on March 17. The Southern EMS Expo is a joint endeavor with Arkansas. It will be held the week of May 11 in Hot Springs, AR. There are several projects in the works – EMS Week, legislative session grants, and hurricane applications. The Executive Director will be leaving at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>No report</p> <p>LANREMT has taken a hard hit due to</p>

<p>Nationally Registered EMTs</p> <p>e. Professional Firefighters of Louisiana</p> <p>f. Louisiana State Fireman’s Association</p> <p>g. APCO/NENA</p> <p>h. NAEMSP Louisiana Chapter</p> <p>i. Other</p>	<p>Chad Majors</p> <p>Brian Lindberg</p> <p>Richard McGuire</p> <p>Dr. Avery Callahan</p>		<p>COVID. They are working on restructuring the organization and moving forward.</p> <p>The organization is mostly back to normal. They will be submitting a nomination in the near future to fill the seat on the EMS Certification Commission.</p> <p>No report</p> <p>APCO/NENA will be hosting the annual Symposium on April 24-27 in Marksville. They are working on a few pieces of legislation for telecommunicators.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>VII. Sub-Committee Reports</p> <p>a. Credentialing</p> <p>b. Education</p>	<p>Evon Smith Katherine Robillard</p> <p>Jeff Anderson John Cavell</p>	<p>Letter to NREMT.</p> <p>Susan will put the letter on Task Force letterhead and get Naomi to sign.</p>	<p>No activity. Justin Arnone volunteered to be on the subcommittee.</p> <p>Subcommittee is rebuilding. Aaron Johnson made a motion to send the letter to NREMT. 2nd Brent Crawford Motion carried.</p>

<p>c. Examination</p> <p>d. 911 Communications</p> <p>e. Ambulance Standards</p> <p>f. EMS Certification Commission</p>	<p>Gavin Hall Doug Champlin</p> <p>Richard McGuire Lisa MacDonald</p> <p>Carl Flores Molly Terebieniec</p> <p>Ryan Brown Stacy Barbay</p>		<p>No activity. Will be discussing having more exam sites and examiner training.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Two meetings have been held and safety standards are being drafted. A draft to present to the Task Force is expected to be ready at the May meeting. There have been several requests for membership to the subcommittee.</p> <p>There was a meeting on February 7 to discuss regulating non-transporting EMS Providers. They are working on identifying objectives for these agencies. Contact with these agencies are being made to obtain more information.</p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p> <p>a. Nominations for seats on EMS Certification Commission</p>	<p>Naomi Majors Stacy Barbay</p>	<p>Nominations from Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jeff Anderson - 2,3 ✓ Justin Arnone - 2,3 ✓ Ryan Brown - 2,3 ✓ Dr. Avery Callahn - absent ✓ Kirk Coussan - 2,3 ✓ Brent Crawford - 2,3 ✓ Carl Flores - 2,3 ✓ Gavin Hall - 2,3 ✓ Aaron Johnson - 2,3 ✓ Kirk Lacour - 2,3 ✓ Preston Landry- 2,3 	<p>Results of the voting will be sent in an email on March 9. The Commissioners will remain seated until after the legislative session as appointments are not made while the legislature is in session.</p>

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<p>IX. New Business a. Legislation</p>	<p>Susan Bailey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 245 – A peace officer accompanied by an EMT is authorized to take a minor into protective custody without a court 	<p>*As of 8:00am on 3/7/2022. Found by looking for key words: emergency medical services, emergency medical technician, paramedic, ambulance.</p>

		<p>order (current law). Requires that an official who seeks to remove a minor from a school to take him into protective custody provide the minor’s first and last name, address, and date of birth to a school administrator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB 253 – Adds to R.S. 40:1133.1.C regarding discrimination “or vaccination status or immunity status, as those terms are defined in R.S. 51:2232.”• HB 314 – technical corrections• HB 334 – adds Subsection E in limiting the hiring of ambulance personnel or nonlicensed persons who have convictions of certain offenses.• HB 420 – technical corrections• HB 505 – provides for a certified ambulance operator• HB 624 – add behavior health services to telehealth access• HB 633 – Revenue Sharing Distribution• HB 706 – adds menacing to the definition of hate crimes• HB 731 – includes EMS in EP plans for juvenile detention facilities• SB 18 – Adds authority for LERN during disasters• SB 29 – Provides that a licensed healthcare professional shall not be adversely affected for any of the	
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		<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Treating a patient with any healthcare treatment, procedure or product administered with the consent of the patient ✓ Speaking publicly about any healthcare or tangential topic ✓ Accepting or rejecting a healthcare procedure, treatment or product ✓ Exercising free speech • SB 31 – Repeals R.S. 40:1135.13 – ambulance transport alternatives task force authority • SB 34 – allows for LSBME advisory committee to meet virtually • SB 136 – adds additional penalties to assault of personnel 	
X. Announcements	<p>Susan Bailey</p> <p>Carl Flores</p> <p>Justin Arnone</p>	<p>Public health emergency as it relates to virtual meetings has expired. Task Force members must be present for future meetings to be able to vote.</p> <p>There are 10-20 burn push packs that will be available throughout the state on Monday. Funding is through the HPP grant. Starting a process to utilize LERN to regulate burn bed counts.</p> <p>NASEME Level 1 Instructor Course held at St. George Fire Department.</p>	
XI. Adjourn		Motion by Kirk Lacour	

Next meeting: May 10, 2022 Bureau of EMS 7273 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806		2 nd Preston Landry Meeting Adjourned at 2:06pm.	
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