

**Louisiana Health Care Commission
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Working Group
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April 11, 2014**

Members present: Eric Baumgartner, Roderick Campbell, Linda Hawkins, David Hood, Steve Spires and Alma Stewart.

Members absent: Robelynn Abadie, Mike Bertaut, Scott Broussard, Jonathan Chapman, Donna Fraiche, Holley Galland, Brenda Hatfield, David Hood, Bridgette Jamison, Donna Mayeux, Rachel Moore, Andrew Muhl, Ron Nezat, Sandra Slifer, Jeremy Stillwell, Cheryl Tolbert, and Jenny Valois.

Staff present: Crystal Marchand Campbell, Kristen Kieren and Vanessa Vince

The meeting began at 1:35 p.m. with member introductions and opening remarks by Chairperson Eric Baumgartner. A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 21, 2014 by Ms. Linda Hawkins and seconded by Chairperson Baumgartner.

Mr. Brian Richmond with the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum (LHCQF) advised that the organization was established in 2007 through legislation. He stated that the LHCQF focuses on several health care issues including administrative simplification and electronic medical records. The LHCQF currently has three major programs going on: Louisiana Health Information Technology, ensuring meaningful use of electronic health records; Louisiana Health Information Exchange, transforming health information communication among providers and organizations in our state; and Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment, facilitating end-of-life care to ensure that the patients' wishes are respected. Mr. Richmond indicated that there were over 190 organizations participating in the LHCQF programs. He also stated that they are currently working on gathering data from their research in order to share their findings with other entities. Mr. Richmond hopes to have further information as to how they can help support the ACA Working Group's mission at the next meeting.

Mr. Thomas Thompson with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals discussed Medicaid eligibility. He stated that the numbers currently available may be skewed as enrollment processes were changed in January 2014. He advised that the number of uninsured individuals newly eligible for Medicaid has increased because of those accessing the health care marketplace and learning of their eligibility.

The ACA Working Group members discussed several issues regarding who are the uninsured and Medicaid eligibility for the uninsured. The members also discussed researching what other states are doing for the uninsured and utilizing resources such as the Commonwealth Fund and Kaiser Foundation for information.

Mr. David Hood mentioned his concern for "the out of control cost of health care" and wants an LDI perspective.

The ACA Working Group members also discussed sending the ACA Related Issue Submission Form to all the members for completion and ask that the form be returned by May 2, 2014 so that the responses may be compiled before the regular LHCC meeting on May 30, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.