

**Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC)
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Working Group
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
May 30, 2014**

Members present: Dr. Robert Barsley, Eric Baumgartner, Brian Burton, Roderick Campbell, Donna Fraiche, Calder Lynch, Linda Hawkins, Hedy Hebert, Dr. Rachel Moore, Ron Nezat Debra Rushing, Sandra Slifer and Steve Spires.

Interested Parties: Rev. Alexis Anderson and Ileana Ledet

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

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. with opening remarks by Chairperson Eric Baumgartner.

The ACA Working Group members reviewed the charge of the ACA Working Group. Ms. Donna Fraiche advised that the mission of the charge is extremely ambitious. She stated that she thought the directive to originally create the workgroup arose from questions about the ACA implementation in Louisiana and there was a need for a response to address those questions. Ms. Fraiche stated that the members could address their concerns to the LHCC regarding the ACA implementation and forward to the ACA Working Group for clarification.

Chairperson Baumgartner commented that the specified scope may be outreach or communication around implementation and those individuals may not be sure where to address their questions and concerns. He reviewed the ACA Working Group Submission Form and stated everyone can list their ideas, concerns and thoughts and a possible resource or contact to address the problem.

Mr. Ron Nezat suggested focusing on a few key issues that can affect change and impact Louisiana, and bring it to the LHCC as recommendations.

The members discussed the following ideas:

- Create a link (to be added to the LDI website) containing useful resources of information and provide it in a simple format.
- Prioritize and focus on current communication aspects as top priority for next ACA Working Group meeting.
- Acceptance of submission forms with ideas and concerns from individuals does not mean the LHCC will assume the burden of solving the issue but that it can be considered to form the LHCC agenda.
- LHCC staff can compile and maintain a master list of ACA concerns and issues.

Ms. Fraiche suggested bringing awareness of the next ACA open enrollment period and addressing any questions.

Chairperson Baumgartner suggested optimizing the ability of individuals that may be eligible to participate in the next marketplace enrollment and promote education that better prepares individuals who are newly insured so that they can interact in the system in a way that is meaningful for them.

Vice Chair Hawkins suggested defining the charge at each upcoming ACA Working Group meeting and asking individuals to submit questions and comments in order to determine possible patterns.

Additional comments included continuing the development of the dashboard using past presentations and information already available. The ACA Working Group members also discussed the Champions for Coverage program under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and if the LHCC is able to participate. Mr. Nezat suggested emailing the LHCC members to determine if the LHCC should join the Champions for Coverage program. Ms. Crystal Campbell suggested that the LHCC would be able to join the program as a separate entity. Also, the possibility of contacting organizations involved in outreach efforts to determine the types of assistance their offices provide and if the Working Group could assist in furthering those efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.