

# LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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# HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

The Louisiana Health Care Commission was created in 1992 (La. R.S. 22:2161). The Louisiana Health Care Commission is a 47 member multi-disciplined advisory board which undertakes comprehensive review of complex health care issues facing Louisiana. The Commission examines certain health policy developed by the Louisiana Department of Insurance as well as other issues addressing reform of the health care and health insurance systems in Louisiana. The Commission's intent is to examine the affordability and accessibility of health care in the state of Louisiana.

Through public meetings and forums, the Commission receives testimony, reports and informational presentations from regional and national experts about the availability and affordability of health care and health insurance coverage in the state. The Commission openly solicits, encourages and receives public comment at all meetings. The Commission coordinates its efforts with other study commissions, state agencies and executive initiatives.

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

The Louisiana Health Care Commission is composed of a great variety of health care experts and stakeholders, including health care payers, providers, employer organizations and community leaders. Members are also nominated from the governing boards of Louisiana's colleges and universities, and the Senate and House Insurance Committees; as well as at-large appointments designated by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Since its inception in 1992, the Louisiana Health Care Commission has included as many as 50 members.

During the 1995 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 594 revised and re-enacted the authorizing legislation to expand the Commission to 39 members and extend its work until June 30, 1999. During the 1997 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 869 increased the membership of the Commission to 44 members. During the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 446 was passed, which further increased the number of commission members and transferred the Louisiana Health Care Commission to the Louisiana Department of Insurance by La. R.S. 36:686(B).

During the 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 495 amended La. R.S. 22:9 removing one dissolved organization and adding six new organizations to the Commission, expanding the membership to 50 members. The 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature brought Act 271 which amended La. R.S. 22:2161 removing four dissolved organizations, reducing the membership to 46 members.

During the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, Act 90 amended La. R.S. 22:2161, removing one dissolved organization, changing the names of two organizations and adding two others. The current membership of the Louisiana Health Care Commission is 47.

# LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION MEMBER LIST

The following is a list of Louisiana Health Care Commission members, along with the organizations they represent, as of December 31, 2015.

**Ms. Robelynn Abadie**

NAIFA Louisiana

**Mr. Jeff Albright**

Independent Insurance Agents &  
Brokers of Louisiana

**Eric T. Baumgartner, MD, MPH**

At-Large Appointment

**Ms. Amy David**

At-Large Appointment

**Ms. Diane Davidson**

Louisiana Business Group on Health

**Rachel Durel, DDS**

Louisiana Dental Association

**Rusty Eckel, PT**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Association

**William L. Ferguson, PhD, CLU, CPCU, ARM**

A list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

**Ms. Lisa Gardner**

Louisiana Nursing Home Association

**Ms. Lauren Gleason**

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

**Mr. Thomas "Kyle" Godfrey**

A domestic commercial health insurance issuer.

**Mr. Arnold M. Goldberg**

At-Large Appointment

**Anthony M. Grieco, MD, MBA**

Louisiana Association of Health Plans

**Faye Grimsley, PhD, CIH**

A list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

**Mr. Korey Harvey**

Louisiana Department of Insurance

**Ms. Linda P. Hawkins**

League of Women Voters of Louisiana

**Ms. Hedy S. Hebert**

Louisiana Association of Health Underwriters

**Marlon D. Henderson, DDS**

National Dental Association

**Jesse Lambert, PsyD**

Louisiana Psychological Association

**Eva Lamendola, OD**

Optometry Association of Louisiana

## MEMBER LIST

**Mr. Jesse McCormick**

America's Health Insurance Plans

**Ms. Jennifer McMahon**

Louisiana Hospital Association

**Rachel Moore, MD**

Louisiana State Medical Society

**Ms. Barbara Morvant**

AARP, the nominee of which shall be a volunteer representative.

**Mr. Andrew Muhl**

AARP Louisiana

**B. Ronnell Nolan, HIA, CHRS**

Health Agents for America, Inc.

**Mr. Daniel Paquin**

A domestic mutual, nonprofit health service and indemnity company.

**Mr. Ed Parker**

Louisiana AFL-CIO

**Ms. Katie Parnell**

Louisiana Primary Care Association

**Mr. Clay Pinson**

Louisiana Association of Business and Industry

**Ms. Debra Rushing**

Louisiana's Medicare Peer Review Organization as designated by the Health Care Financing Administration

**James C. "Butch" Sonnier, BS, DC**

Chiropractic Association of Louisiana

**The Honorable Ledricka Johnson Thierry**

House Committee on Insurance

**Mr. Chris Vidrine**

A list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

**Mr. Bryan Wagner**

At-Large Appointment

**The Honorable Rick Ward, III**

Senate Committee on Insurance

**Mr. Thomas N. Wright**

Louisiana Association for Justice

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**Ms. Crystal Marchand Campbell**, Executive Director

**Ms. Kristen M. Kieren**, Assistant Director

# BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## ARTICLE ONE

### NAME

The name of this commission shall be the Louisiana Health Care Commission, created under the provisions of R.S. 22:2161, as created by Act 1068, Section 1 of the 1992 Legislative Session, and as subsequently amended from time to time. The commission shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge.

## ARTICLE TWO

### PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this commission is to:

- 1) Study the availability and affordability of health care in the state;
- 2) Examine the rising costs of health care in the state, including but not limited to the cost of administrative duplication, the costs associated with excess capacity and duplication of medical services, the cost of medical malpractice and liability;
- 3) Examine the adequacy of consumer protections, as well as the formation and implementation of insurance pools that better assure citizens the ability to obtain health insurance at affordable costs and encourage employers to obtain health care benefits for their employees by increased bargaining power and economies of scale for better coverage and benefit options at reduced costs;
- 4) Examine the implementation issues related to national health care reform initiatives;
- 5) Conduct public hearings to receive testimony about the availability and affordability of health care in the state;
- 6) Receive further information and testimony from regional and national experts, when necessary, on health care access issues;
- 7) Serve as an advisory body to the commissioner and shall submit to the commissioner its recommendations on all matters which it is charged to examine;
- 8) Submit a yearly report on health care and health insurance, which takes into consideration the recommendations, actions and studies of the commission, to the legislature prior to each annual regular session.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE THREE

#### MEMBERS

A. Membership of the commission shall be comprised as follows:

- 1) Three members appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities;
- 2) One member of the Senate Committee on Insurance appointed by the President of the Senate as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- 3) One member of the House Committee on Insurance appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- 4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals;
- 5) Five at-large members appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance;
- 6) The Commissioner of Insurance or his designee, shall serve as ex officio;
- 7) The remaining members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance from a list of nominees, one nominee to be submitted by each of the following:
  - (1) The Louisiana Insurers' Conference.
  - (2) Louisiana Association of Health Plans.
  - (3) America's Health Insurance Plans.
  - (4) A domestic mutual, nonprofit health service and indemnity company.
  - (5) Louisiana State Medical Society.
  - (6) Louisiana Association for Justice.
  - (7) Health Agents for America.
  - (8) Agenda for Children.
  - (9) Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana.
  - (10) AARP Louisiana.
  - (11) The National Federation of Independent Businesses.
  - (12) Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 271, §2.
  - (13) Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association.
  - (14) AARP, the nominee of which shall be a volunteer representative.
  - (15) Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
  - (16) Louisiana Health Plan.
  - (17) NAIFA Louisiana.

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- (18) League of Women Voters.
- (19) Louisiana Hospital Association.
- (20) Louisiana Primary Care Association.
- (21) Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 90, §2.
- (22) A domestic commercial health insurance issuer.
- (23) Chiropractic Association of Louisiana.
- (24) Louisiana AFL-CIO.
- (25) Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.
- (26) Louisiana State Nurses Association.
- (27) Louisiana Dental Association.
- (28) Louisiana Nursing Home Association.
- (29) Louisiana's Medicare Peer Review Organization as designated by the Health Care Financing Administration.
- (30) Louisiana Business Group on Health.
- (31) Louisiana Association of Health Underwriters.
- (32) Louisiana Psychological Association.
- (33) Optometry Association of Louisiana.
- (34) Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 271, §2.
- (35) National Medical Association.
- (36) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
- (37) Repealed by Acts 2012, No. 271, §2.
- (38) Louisiana Council on Human Relations.
- (39) National Dental Association.

B. All members shall be confirmed by the Senate.

C. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

D. The members shall serve for a term of two years.

E. Vacancies

- 1) Vacancies in the offices of the members shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the unexpired portion of the term of the office vacated.
- 2) Any member who misses four (4) meetings in any given year or three (3) consecutive meetings shall be considered vacating that seat.
- 3) Vacancy may be declared upon the resignation, death, incapacity, or non-qualification of a member.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE FOUR**

#### **OFFICERS**

- A. The Commissioner of Insurance shall appoint a chairman and vice-chairman.
- B. Term of office for chairman and vice-chairman is two years.

### **ARTICLE FIVE**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- A. The function of the Executive Committee is to exercise the powers of the Commission which arise between regularly scheduled Commission meetings or when it is not practical or feasible for the Commission to meet.
- B. The Committee will consist of the Commission Chair, the Vice-Chair and three Commissioners representing the following groups: provider, insurer and consumer. Except for the Chair and Vice-Chair, members will serve two year staggered terms. Members will be selected by the chair.
- C. The Committee shall meet as necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Key Responsibilities
  - 1) Setting the agenda for commission meetings.
  - 2) Strategic Planning
  - 3) Performance Measures
  - 4) Proposing subcommittee assignments (including proposed Chairs) to the commission and coordination of the work of the subcommittees.
  - 5) Any emergency planning or implementation between regularly scheduled meetings.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE SIX**

#### **MEETINGS**

A. A quorum for the transaction of business by the commission shall be 40 percent of the filled seats, excluding the ex-officio members.

B. All official actions of the commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum.

C. The commission shall meet twice in any one calendar year and may meet on the call of the chairman or upon the request of any three members.

### **ARTICLE SEVEN**

#### **COMMITTEES**

The commission may establish committees, in such areas as may be directed by its membership. The chairman shall appoint the members of such committees and shall designate the chairman of each such committee. The duties and responsibilities of the committee will be determined by the commission membership. Each appointed committee shall make reports as the committee may deem appropriate.

### **ARTICLE EIGHT**

#### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

A reasonably current version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for this commission.

### **ARTICLE NINE**

#### **AMENDMENT**

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the membership. Amendments shall be made by a quorum of the membership at such meeting, PROVIDED proper notice is given to the members, together with a copy of the proposed changes, prior to the meeting. These bylaws may be further amended at any time in which the provisions of R.S. 22:2161 are amended.

### **ARTICLE TEN**

#### **NOTICE**

All notices relative to this commission are posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

# MEETINGS OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

The Louisiana Health Care Commission conducted three meetings during the calendar year, January 1 – December 31, 2015. Throughout the year, the Commission heard from various experts on health care issues that are of importance to the state of Louisiana. The Commission also closely monitored federal health care reform legislation and its impact on Louisiana residents.

The Executive Committee for the Health Care Commission consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair and three commission members representing health care providers, insurers and consumers. The mission of the LHCC Executive Committee is to plan the agenda for Louisiana Health Care Commission meetings, schedule any emergency meetings necessary between regular meetings and to propose subcommittee assignments. The LHCC Executive Committee held three meetings during the calendar year, January 1– December 31, 2015.

## **January 30, 2015 Meeting**

The first meeting of the Louisiana Health Care Commission during the calendar year was held on January 30, 2015. Representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Smoking Cessation Trust Fund gave presentations to the members of the Commission.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Dallas Regional Office representatives gave an update on the marketplace and data on enrollment numbers and outreach efforts. They discussed enrollment numbers released in early January 2015; 9.5 million consumers enrolled nationwide; 132,000 in the state of Louisiana; and advised that nine out of ten individuals in Louisiana received assistance from the federal government to pay for insurance premiums. This is higher than the national average of eight out of ten individuals receiving federal assistance.

The Dallas Regional Office provides assistance to consumers by caseworkers, through a call center, in premium payment and cost sharing; enrollment and re-enrollment in health insurance plans; and cancellation or termination of plans. Outreach and education efforts by the Office include partnerships with the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, 504 HealthNet, the City of New Orleans Health Department, Louisiana Primary Care Association and League of Women Voters, among others. The representatives also discussed Coverage to Care, an effort to help educate consumers about their new coverage and to connect them with primary care and preventive services which are right for them. Coverage to Care resources are available online at <https://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/c2c.html>.

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A representative with the Smoking Cessation Trust Fund discussed the Trust and its creation. In 2010, a Court of Appeal affirmed the \$180 million settlement decision in the Scott v. American Tobacco Co., et al class action lawsuit. The settlement funds the Smoking Cessation Trust, which was started in 2011 and provides smoking cessation programs for Louisiana residents who began smoking cigarettes prior to September 1, 1988.

He discussed the components of the Program as defined by the Court:

- » Telephone quit-lines
- » Health system interventions
- » Intensive cessation programs
- » Reimbursement for smoking cessation nicotine replacement therapy and related medications, including prescriptions

More information on the Trust can be found at [www.smokingcessationtrust.org](http://www.smokingcessationtrust.org).

The Chair of the ACA Working Group briefly discussed the Group's new partnership with the Louisiana Public Health Institute. The Baptist Community Ministries contracted with the Louisiana Public Health Institute to conduct analysis of primary and secondary data on health, economic and other implications of the Affordable Care Act in the state of Louisiana. The Louisiana Public Health Institute will take over the work of the ACA Working Group to continue to identify local data sources, share and discuss findings and make accessible the information gathered.

## MEETINGS

### May 1, 2015 Meeting

The next meeting of the Louisiana Health Care Commission was held on May 1, 2015. The meeting consisted of presentations and open discussion of the state budget and how it will affect the state's health care market.

The Commissioner of Insurance began the meeting by thanking the membership of the Commission for their service, as well as the panelists for their attendance at the meeting. The panelists were the Executive Director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association; the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals; the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association; and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Each panelist gave a brief introduction of their own before the meeting was opened to the Commission members for questions. Key points from each panelist:

- » The Executive Director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association gave an overview of the work of the organization: it oversees the operations of 30 federally qualified health care centers, representing over 300,000 patients, which amounts to over one million individual visits. He noted that the two largest groups of individuals who receive care in federally qualified health care centers are Medicaid patients and the uninsured – each representing 40 percent of the total patient base. He pointed out that the Louisiana Primary Care Association operates more under a business model structure, as they are not a state agency. As such, the state budget issues are affecting the way the organization operates. They are currently looking for other partners.
- » The Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals briefly discussed the changes the Department is making in light of the budget, including cuts to staff and funding for additional projects. The Department of Health and Hospitals faces a \$136 million cut in funding for the next fiscal year; this represents \$60 million in state general fund dollars and federal match dollars. In addition to the cuts, the Department is awaiting the approval of \$154 million in state general fund dollars in supplemental funding. Without the passage of the funding, there would be a two percent, across the board cut to services with the exceptions of cuts to nursing homes, pharmaceuticals and hospitals. The Secretary stated that if the supplemental funding (\$154 million) is not received, the biggest impact would be a one-third funding cut to the budget for the public-private partnerships. She noted that a cut this large would result in a reduction of services or private partners pulling out.

## MAY 1, 2015 MEETING

- » The Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association gave a brief overview of the Executive Budget cuts to hospitals, stating that the total cuts amounted to \$165 million. The cuts include \$10 million in reductions to outliers programs; \$7.3 million in Medicaid disproportionate share hospital pool dollars; \$142 million in funding shortfall in public-private partnership hospitals. He stated that the Department of Health and Hospitals supplemental funding awaiting passage in the Legislative Session of \$526 million includes state general funds and federal match dollars. He noted that without the passage of the supplemental funding, there would be a reduction of \$407 million to hospitals, amounting to a ten percent cut in Bayou Health reimbursements; 33 percent in cuts to Medicaid pricing; a ten percent reduction in funding to rural hospitals; and a 33 percent reduction to the public-private partnership funding.
  
- » The President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana spoke about how the private sector is addressing some of the challenges of the state budget. He stated that his organization in affect represents 15,000 employers across the state; he noted that the cuts to the state budget are felt in private sector through cost shifting.

In addition to the opening remarks of each of the panelists, an open questions and answers session took place. Topics included, but were not limited to patient care, medical school funding cuts, higher education cuts, pharmaceutical costs and palliative care.

## MEETINGS

### August 28, 2015 Meeting

The final meeting of calendar year 2015 was held on August 28, 2015.

The Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Health, Life and Annuity for the Louisiana Department of Insurance led the meeting as Acting Chair. He began the meeting by explaining La. R.S. 42:3.2 and the limitations it poses on years of service on the commission as well as other state boards and commissions. He opened the floor to the new members and invited them to introduce themselves. He then introduced outgoing members and recognized them for their service as members of the Louisiana Health Care Commission.

The Acting Chair also introduced the Commissioner of Insurance. The Commissioner presented each of the outgoing members with Honorary Insurance Commissioner certificates and thanked them individually. He invited the Outgoing Chair to give remarks to the outgoing members and new members.

The Commissioner turned the meeting back over to the Acting Chair who introduced the next item on the agenda – the Pharmaceutical Working Group Draft Resolution Review and Discussion. The purpose of the working group would be to review and study the costs of pharmaceutical drugs as well as current reports and studies taking place; to report back to the commission as a whole and eventually make recommendations for possible changes to the legislature. He asked members to review the draft resolution and offer suggestions of edits.

# **SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

## **Access to Care Brochure Subcommittee**

The Louisiana Health Care Commission Access to Care Brochure Subcommittee was created in 2011 and began its work in 2012. When the Subcommittee was formed, the members agreed to create regional brochures for the uninsured population throughout the state listing local health care resources. During this reporting period, a seventh brochure for the Southwest Louisiana area was created, consisting of five parishes. An eighth brochure for the Acadiana Louisiana area was created, consisting of seven parishes. Approximately 10,000 brochures were printed for each region and electronic copies of the brochures have been made available on the Louisiana Department of Insurance website. Brochures for all nine Medicaid regions have been created, printed and distributed. Of the 105,000 resource brochures printed, over 82,000 have been distributed.

## **Affordable Care Act Working Group**

The Affordable Care Act Working Group of the Louisiana Health Care Commission was created to study the Affordable Care Act, including serving as a repository for information, comment and receiving questions from the public. The ACA Working Group met three times during this reporting period. Ultimately, the work of the Group was continued in depth by the Louisiana Public Health Institute in conjunction with their initiative to create a health care data dashboard.

## **Pharmaceutical Drug Cost Working Group**

The Pharmaceutical Drug Cost Working Group of the Louisiana Health Care Commission was created to study and examine the rising costs of pharmaceutical and prescription drugs.

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ANNUAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE

The Louisiana Department of Insurance held its Annual Health Care Conference on March 10, 2015, in Baton Rouge. There were approximately 525 consumers, health care providers, academics, government and business representatives from Louisiana and surrounding states in attendance. There were also 18 exhibitor booths at the conference.

Local and national speakers discussed health care issues that could affect many Louisiana policyholders, employers and providers. Conference panel topics included a status of Louisiana's public health care system, a federal health care reform update, a panel discussion of mental health and addictive disorders, a panel on producers' issues within the new Marketplace and Louisiana's private health insurance market. The keynote luncheon speaker was Peter Katzmarzyk, PhD, the Associate Executive Director for Population and Public Health for the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

# ANNUAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

The following is a list of presentations given during the 2015 Annual Health Care Conference; each listed presentation contains a link to the Louisiana Department of Insurance website where the PowerPoint presentations can be accessed in their entirety.

## **Louisiana's Public Health Care System**

### **Secretary Kathy Kliebert**

Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/secretary-kathy-kliebert-department-of-health-and-hospitals.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

## **Federal Health Care Reform Update**

### **Gaye Humphrey**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/gaye-humphrey-centers-for-medicare-and-medicaid-services.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

### **Jolie Matthews**

Senior Health and Life Policy Advisor, National Association of Insurance Commissioners

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/jolie-matthews-national-association-of-insurance-commissioners.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

## **Mental Health and Addictive Disorders**

### **A Closer Look at Coverage Issues**

#### **Tasha Bergeron**

Director of Population Health, Office of Group Benefits, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/tasha-bergeron-blue-cross-and-blue-shield-of-louisiana.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

#### **Richard Dalton, MD**

Chief Medical Officer, Magellan Health of Louisiana

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/mental-health-panel-richard-dalton.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

#### **Mark Keiser, MBA, MHA, MPH**

Chief Executive Officer, Access Health Louisiana

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/mental-health-panel-mark-keiser.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

## POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

### **Keynote Speaker**

#### **Working Towards a Healthier Louisiana**

**Peter Katzmarzyk, PhD, FACSM, FTOS, FAHA**

Associate Executive Director for Population and Public Health

Pennington Biomedical Research Center

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/working-towards-healthier-louisiana.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

### **The Private Insurance Carrier Perspective**

**Mike Bertaut, MBA, CHC, PAHM**

Healthcare Economist and Exchange Coordinator, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/private-carrier-perspective-mike-bertaut.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

**Tony Cimino**

Director of Sales and Marketing, Louisiana Health Cooperative

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/private-carrier-perspective-tony-cimino.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

**Billy Justice**

Director of Marketing, Member Services and Enrollment, Vantage Health Plan

<http://www.lidi.la.gov/docs/default-source/documents/health/lhcc/private-carrier-perspective-billy-justice.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Louisiana Health Care Commission will continue to study, monitor and make recommendations related to the availability and affordability of health care and health care coverage to the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Louisiana Health Care Commission will continue to study the issue of the uninsured and underinsured in order to make recommendations to further expand coverage options.

The Louisiana Health Care Commission will continue to monitor all federal and state legislation and make recommendations accordingly.

The Louisiana Health Care Commission will continue to monitor the implementation of federal health care reform as policies develop at both a state and national level.

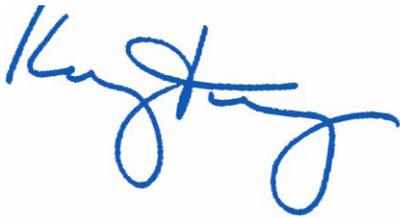
The Louisiana Health Care Commission will coordinate and host the Louisiana Department of Insurance Annual Health Care Conference scheduled for April 12, 2016 in Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Health Care Commission will hold meetings on January 29, April 29, August 19 and November 4 in 2016.

# CONCLUSION

We trust that this report is both informative and enlightening to our state legislators. The Louisiana Health Care Commission remains committed to addressing the many health policy issues that play a part in ensuring that Louisiana citizens have access to affordable, quality health care. The Commission will continue to educate and encourage discussion of all stakeholders in the debate of the provision of health care for all Louisiana citizens.

The Commission looks forward to playing a role in the search for more effective and efficient solutions for the delivery of health care in Louisiana.



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For more information about the Louisiana Department of Insurance and the Louisiana Health Care Commission, you may access the Department website at [www.lidi.la.gov](http://www.lidi.la.gov). Lists of Louisiana Health Care Commission members and meeting dates are available on the website.

# APPENDIX

The following is a list of Louisiana Health Care Commission members, along with the organizations they represent and contact information, as of December 31, 2015.

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