

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Interim
June 25, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Rick Edmonds, chairman of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Rick Edmonds, chairman
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Barbara Freiberg for Representative Wheat
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Senator Regina Ashford Barrow
Senator Heather Miley Cloud
Senator Franklin Foil for Senator Patrick McMath
Senator Bob Hensgens

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.
Senator Jimmy Harris
Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr., vice chairman
Senator Patrick McMath

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Chas Nichols, budget analyst
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant
Nevonda S. Reed, division director
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Fate Mitchell, sergeant at arms
Anthony Lombard, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION**Other Business**

Michael J. Waguespack, Louisiana legislative auditor, P.O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (985) 637-6392, spoke for information only on the duties assigned to his office by House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 of the 2021 Regular Session.

Update from disability services system providers on current challenges in service delivery

Jennifer Hebert, Magnolia Community Services, 100 Central Avenue, Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 731-1324, spoke for information only.

Laurie Boswell, Holy Angels, 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 797-8500, spoke for information only.

Janet Connell, Support Coordination, 641 Papworth Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 609-9164, spoke for information only.

Kelly Monroe, The Arc of Louisiana, 610 Colonial Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 383-1033, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Caroline Meehan, Community Provider Association, 4324 Banks Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (202) 374-8695, spoke for information only.

Jacquelyn Blaney, Louisiana Supported Living Network, 1468 Applewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 335-8904, spoke for information only.

Roma Kidd, ARCO, A Community Resource, 901 North 4th Street, Monroe, LA 71201, no phone number provided, spoke for information only.

Brian Hensgens, LARC Lafayette, 308 New Hope Road, Lafayette, LA 70548, (337) 296-0313, spoke for information only.

Tom Costanza, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2431 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (504) 874-7829, spoke in support of developing long-term plans for the sustainability of disability services system providers.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

Discussion of legislative intent expressed in HCR No. 127 of the 2021 Regular Session

Ruth Johnson, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Julie Foster Hagan, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Robin Wagner, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Representative Bacala in the chair.

Chairman Edmonds in the chair.

Lynette Fontenot, Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs (GACDA), 108 Adair Lane, Lafayette, LA 70508, disability.affairs@la.gov, spoke for information only.

Chairman Edmonds read into the record an excerpt from a prepared statement by Lynette Fontenot, which is included in the committee records.

Denise Bottcher, AARP Louisiana, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 368-6120, spoke for information only.

Tory Rocca, Disability Rights Louisiana, 8325 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (800) 960-7705, spoke for information only.

Update from the La. Department of Health on hospital payment reform

Ruth Johnson, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Report on status of implementation of the TEFRA option provided for in Act No. 421 of the 2019 Regular Session

Ruth Johnson, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Kathryn Smitherman, 3023 Nottingham Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 564-3393, spoke in support of services for individuals with disabilities.

Concerns of parents of children with intellectual/developmental disabilities and other advocates for the I/DD population regarding access to services

Minh Tran, 502 Dumbarton Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106, (925) 719-2840, spoke in support of access to quality in-home nursing services for families with medically fragile children.

Kathryn Smitherman, 3023 Nottingham Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 564-3393, spoke in support of access to quality in-home nursing services for families with medically fragile children.

Stephen Kneip, 537 Cumberland Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106, (251) 401-2306, spoke in support of access to quality in-home nursing services for families with medically fragile children.

Kathy Dwyer, 1525 Papworth Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 833-2439, spoke for information only.

Kim Smith, 125 West Dunbar Avenue, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 793-0012, spoke for information only.

Brandon Mondor, 125 Ridgeview Drive, Broussard, LA 70518, (337) 453-1248, spoke for information only.

Steve Russo, LDH, 628 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

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Update on modernization of the state's Medicaid management information systems

Chairman Edmonds announced that the committee will postpone hearing the update on modernization of the state's Medicaid management information systems until the next meeting of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

Update on closure of Robinswood intermediate care facility

Chairman Edmonds announced that the committee will postpone hearing the update on closure of the Robinswood intermediate care facility until the next meeting of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Rick Edmonds
Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee

Date adopted: