

February 22, 2017

MEMO

To: EMS Task Force Members

From: EMS Board and Funding Subcommittee of the EMS Task Force

RE: Subcommittee formal recommendation

Committee Meetings conducted since Senator Mills convened parties on 11- 30-17

January 10, 2018

January 17, 2018

January 24, 2018

January 30, 2018

Committee Composition: George Alamond, Susan Bailey, Terry Blanchard, Butch Browning, Nancy Bourgeois, Rob Daughdrill, Jeff Elder, Chad Guillot, Curry Landry, Kirk LaCour, John Lane, Arthur Lewis, Chad Major, Mark Majors, Asbel Montes, Donna Newchurch, Gary Peters, Skip Pinkston, Chad Roberson, Traci Travis, Evon Smith, Jeff Watson, and Tracy Wold.

Committee Participation Criteria: none / open to any interested person

SubCommittee Recommendation:

Establish Free-Standing Board of EMS with composition, minimal requirements, and nominating entities as detailed on pages 2-4 of this memo, and an 18-24 month transition with formal establishment target date of January 2020.

On January 11, 2018, Jeff Watson, Bossier City Fire, motioned that the Subcommittee recommend to the EMS Task Force that a free-standing board of EMS be established and required legislation developed, filed, and moved through the legislative process with a second by George Alamond, Shreveport Fire. Members present voted unanimously in favor with Susan Bailey abstaining from the vote.

Present and participating in the formal recommendation: *George Alamond (Shreveport Fire); Susan Bailey (BEMS); Nancy Bourgeois (LA ACEP); Jeff Elder, MD (EMS Certification Commission); Chad Guillot (BR EMS); Kirk LaCour (EMS Task Force); Curry Landry (LAA); John Lane (Shreveport Fire); Mark Majors (Med Express); Donna Newchurch (LAA); Gary Peters (Advanced EMS); Chad Roberson (LA Fire Chiefs Assn); Collin Sommerfeld (BR EMS); Traci Travis for Butch Browning (OSFM); Jeff Watson (Bossier City Fire Dept); and Tracy Wold (Pafford EMS)*

Salient Points

Board Composition

A Free-Standing Board Composition and Qualifications Worksheet was distributed to all Committee Members via e-mail on January 19th. Rob Daughdrill, Evon Smith, and Tracy Wold returned the worksheet; Susan Bailey and Curry Landry provided information from and research on EMS Board Composition in other states.

On January 30, 2018, a Motion by Rob Daughdril, seconded by Gary Peters, with all present in favor, to recommend the following Board of EMS composition and qualifications:

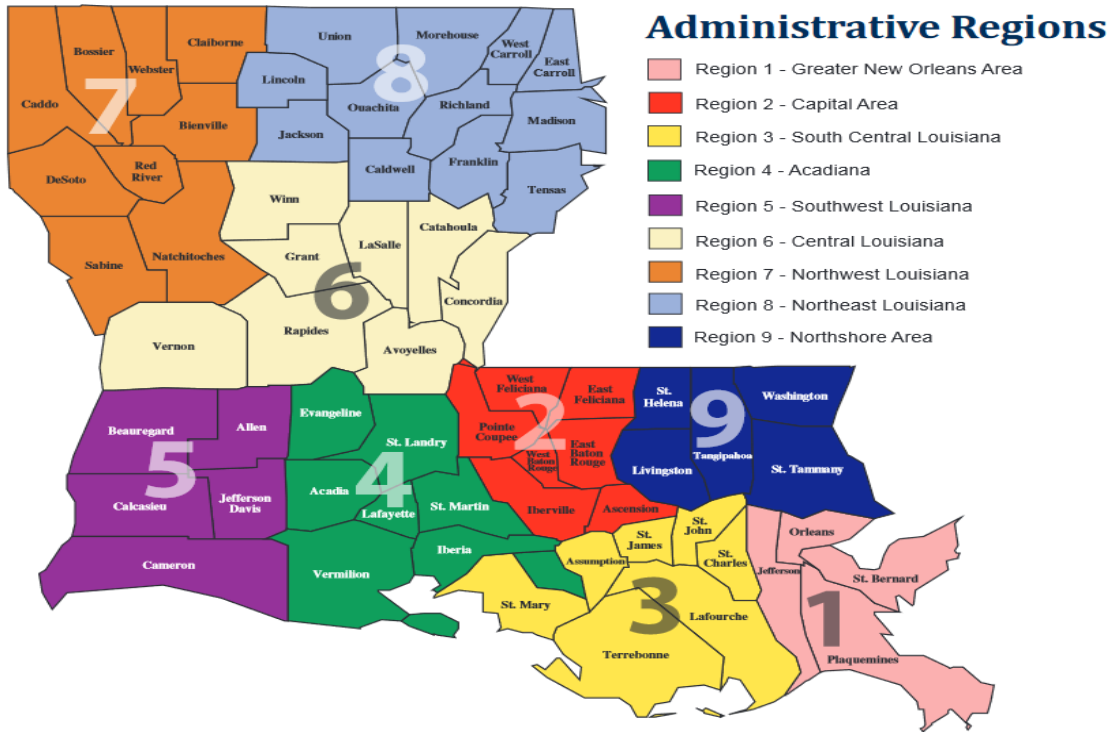
Free Standing Board Composition and Qualifications Worksheet

		Motion by Rob Daughdrill; seconded by Gary Peters, all present in favor, that the composition, minimum requirements, and nominating entities of a free-standing EMS Board should be:
1	Position	Public Practitioner
	Qualification 1	Governmental/not for profit agency
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
2	Position	Private Practitioner
	Qualification 1	Private for profit agency
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
3	Position	Fire Service Practitioner
	Qualification 1	Fire-based transport provider
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana
4	Position	State Credentialed Educator
	Qualification 1	State Certified Instructor
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements

	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	LA EMS Educators Society
5	Position	Industrial Practitioner
	Qualification 1	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 2	
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	La. EMS Industrial Society (modified at 2/21 meeting)
6	Position	EMS Medical Director
	Qualification 1	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 2	
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	La. Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (technical change at 2/21 meeting)
7	Position	Paramedic
	Qualification 1	Employed by a State Licensed ALS Provider
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	LaNREMT
8	Position	EMT
	Qualification 1	Employed by a State Licensed ALS Provider or BLS Provider
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	LaNREMT
9	Position	EMS Practitioner (modified at 2/21 meeting)
	Qualification 1	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 2	
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association (modified at 2/21 meeting)
10	Position	Aeromedical Practitioner
	Qualification 1	State Licensed Air Ambulance Provider

	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
11	Position	Volunteer Fire Service Practitioner
	Qualification 1	Volunteer EMS provider (first responder or transport)
	Qualification 2	*minimal requirements
	Qualification 3	
	Nominating Entity (if any)	Louisiana State Firefighters Association

*minimal requirements
Four year staggered terms.
Limited to two full consecutive term.
Initial terms (four year/two year terms) will be decided by random drawing at the first meeting.
Shall be a resident of Louisiana for at least one year,
Three years' experience in his respective field of practice,
Actively engaged in the practice of emergency medical services
No member shall be employed by the same provider at time of appointment
Louisiana licenced practitioner
Preferred minimum three members from each of the tri regional DHH Administrated division (Region 1,3,9, Regions 2,4,5, Regions 6,7,8)



Fee Schedule

Committee members agree that Fee Schedule should be adopted annually by the Board and approved by state legislature prior to implementation. Fee schedule in place at time of formal transfer (January 2020) would remain in place for the initial year of the Board of EMS.

EMS Task Force

Task Force members would rotate off as their terms expire and eventually the Task Force would cease to exist.

EMS Certification Commission

The EMS Certification Commission will stay in place as the disciplinary body and have the same function and powers as detailed in current statute.

Models that Work / Best Practices

Establishment of Human Service District Boards and MOU executed between DHH (now LDH) and those boards.