

**LEGISLATIVE AUDIT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**December 17, 2015**  
**Senate Committee Room A-B**  
**State Capitol Building**

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be part of the minutes herein.

Senator Mike Walsworth called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Liz Martin called the roll confirming quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Senator Mike Walsworth, Chairman  
Senator Robert Adley  
Senator Edwin Murray  
Senator John R. Smith  
Representative Julie Stokes, Vice Chairman  
Representative Dalton Honoré  
Representative Clay Schexnayder

**Members Absent:** Senator Ben Nevers  
Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Ledricka Thierry

**Also Present:** Daryl G. Purpera, Legislative Auditor (LLA)

**Approval of Minutes**

Senator Murray made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 29, 2015, meeting and with no objection, the motion was approved.

**Extension Requests**

Senator Adley moved to approve the nonemergency extension request from Morehouse Parish School Board, and with no objections, the motion was approved.

Representative Stokes moved to approve the extension request from Pine Hills Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., and with no objections, the motion was approved.

**Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program – Department of Health and Hospitals – Performance Audit Issued December 2, 2015**

Chris Magee, LLA Performance Auditor, presented an overview of the audit and explained the findings. The auditors have cited the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for potentially improper payments in the Non-Emergency Transportation (NEMT) program for seven years, and determined that DHH did not always provide sufficient oversight of the NEMT program for the reasons outlined in the audit. Beginning December 1, 2015, DHH moved NEMT into its managed

care model (Bayou Health), and its role shifted from administering the program to overseeing the Managed Care Organizations' (MCOs) administration of the program.

Secretary Kathy Kliebert acknowledged the findings and their efforts to provide all the necessary services and prior authorizations. She pointed out that approximately 40,000 – 50,000 people utilize the NEMT program across the state. Senator Walsworth asked if the MCOs will still be audited. Secretary Kliebert responded affirmatively and that DHH will monitor the contracts. Senator Walsworth asked DHH to work with LLA to benefit the state, and understands that DHH has lost many employees due to budget cuts so hoping that MCOs will take care of the people in a cost effective manner.

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Health Care Services Division (LSUHSC-HCSD) – Financial Audit Issued November 25, 2015**

Mr. Wesley Gooch, Assistant Director of Financial Audit Services, presented the highlights and main points of the audit. Dr. Wayne Wilbright, M.D., M.S., Chief Executive Director of LSUHSC-HCSD; Mr. Jerry W. Jones, Director of Facility Planning and Management; and Lanette Buie, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, testified and answered the Council's questions. Mr. Jones explained that they realistically could not inventory a two million square foot facility because of lack of manpower but are diligently working to receive and enter the inventory into their database. He said that hospitals are different than other state agencies because healthcare is first priority so much more difficult to maintain inventory records.

**Other Business**

Senator Walsworth presented resolutions from Senate President John A. Alario to the Council members commending and congratulating them upon the completion of their respective terms of dedicated service to the people of Louisiana as members of the Council during the 2012-2016 legislative term.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Stokes offered the motion to adjourn and with no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Approved by LAAC at their meeting on September 15, 2016.