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## Advances in Public Healthcare Policy

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This educational activity is designed for registered nurses and other healthcare providers who are interested in keeping abreast of current issues in healthcare policy.

### LEARNING OUTCOME

To educate learners regarding the effects of current healthcare legislation and explain how they can become involved in efforts to transform healthcare and impact legislative policy.

### OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this educational activity the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the purpose of the Louisiana Action Coalition and its initiatives to impact healthcare transformation.
2. Identify ways nurses can lead and shape healthcare transformation.
3. Discuss current national and state healthcare hot topics.
4. Discuss Louisiana's laws concerning the use of medical marijuana.
5. Explain the opportunities and partnerships created by the WON (Work Out Now) Louisiana bill.
6. Discuss health policy related to licensing boards and commissions and collaborative practice agreements.
7. Describe the work being done through the Louisiana Department of Health and the Act 88 Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education, relative to the opioid crisis in Louisiana.
8. Explain the Louisiana Department of Health's strategic plan and goals for the next two years.
9. Understand how public policy influences local community healthcare through an update on Region IV Office of Public Health.
10. Differentiate between policy and politics.
11. Describe criteria for identification and tracking of specific pieces of legislation.
12. Identify reputable state and national resources to access current legislative information.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Today's national and state healthcare system is in trouble with no quick solution in sight. As nurses, we are on the forefront of this turmoil; however, we have the intelligence and the power in numbers to influence and advocate for quality, cost-effective health policy change. How knowledgeable are you about current healthcare issues? How can you make a difference on the local, state, and/or national level?

Join us as we delve into this complex topic with state officials and nursing health policy advocates who will help us make sense of what our patients face in terms of policies, laws, and regulations now and in the future.

## AGENDA

August 10, 2018

7:30-8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:10	Welcome and Announcements <i>Robbie Stefanski, MSN, RN</i>
8:10-9:40	Nurses Influencing Transformation of Healthcare <i>Lisa Deaton, BSN, RN</i>
9:40-9:55	Break
9:55-10:55	LDH Update: Overview of Current Issues and Upcoming Initiatives <i>Pete Croughan, Chief of Staff Louisiana Department of Health</i>
10:55-11:05	Break
11:05-12:05	Update: Recent Developments from the Louisiana Legislature <i>Senator Fred Mills &amp; Christine Arbo Peck</i>
12:05-1:05	Lunch Break (Available on site through the Petroleum Club, \$18.00 cash or check payable to Petroleum Club or participant may leave and return at 1:05 PM)
1:05-1:35	Office of Public Health Region IV Update <i>Tina Stefanski, MD</i>
1:35-1:40	Break
1:40-2:40	Health Policy: Nurses Making a Difference <i>Georgia Johnson, MS, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ Melody Eschete, RN, DNP</i>

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Louisiana State Board of Nursing – Provider # 9.

To receive 5.0 contact hours, the participant must attend the entire program, and complete and submit the Contact Hour and Evaluation forms.

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## FACULTY

### Lisa M. Deaton, BSN, RN

Ms. Deaton retired from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals after serving as Director of Health Standards. She has been serving on the core leadership team for the Louisiana Action Coalition since its designation by Robert Wood Johnson in 2011. She served as the Health Policy Chairman for Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) for seven years. Currently, she is the chair of the Louisiana's Nurses Political Action Committee. In all of these and other roles, she has participated in the legislative process, assisted in writing proposed legislation, testified before the legislature, and monitored proposed legislation.

### Pete Croughan, Chief of Staff, Louisiana Department of Health

Mr. Croughan is the Chief of Staff at the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). He works with the Secretary and other Senior Staff to coordinate policy development, quality improvement, communications, external affairs, and legislative affairs for the department. He also serves as the primary liaison with the Governor's Office on health care related matters. Mr. Croughan served as Policy Director for LDH last year. He was born and raised in Crowley and is a graduate of Yale University with a major in History of Science and Medicine. He then worked at PolicyLab at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where he helped academic clinicians increase the real-world impact of their research. Mr. Croughan recently completed 3 years of medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, where he served as president of the student body. He is currently on leave from medical school to serve his state in this role.

### Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr.

Senator Mills has represented Senate District 22 in the Louisiana Legislature since 2011. In 2016, he was appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, overseeing the physical, behavioral, and social healthcare policy and legislative directives. He also serves on the Senate committees governing criminal law and local and municipal affairs. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he represented House District 46 in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2007-2011. He has been the author of several pieces of monumental legislation regarding behavioral healthcare, access to physical therapy, medical marijuana, and numerous bills tackling the opioid crisis. In addition to his public service, Senator Mills has been the President and CEO of Farmers Merchants Bank and Trust for sixteen years and a pharmacist and owner of Cashway Pharmacy. He has received countless prestigious awards for his outstanding commitment not only to the people of his Senate District but throughout the entire state. Senator Mills is a graduate of Breaux Bridge High School and University of Louisiana at Monroe, College of Pharmacy.

### Christine Arbo Peck

Ms. Peck is a Senior Attorney with the Louisiana Senate who has served as the attorney for the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare under Chairman Fred H. Mills, Jr. since January 2016. In this role, Ms. Peck advises the Chairman, committee members, and full body on all matters regarding healthcare policy, legislation, and administration, including oversight of the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services. Prior to joining the Senate, Ms. Peck spent sixteen years with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals where she served in various executive leadership positions under the direction of three governors and six secretaries. As an attorney, Ms. Peck represented the state on numerous complex cases involving the Medicaid program in administrative tribunals and state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court. She has served as Chief Advisor to the Secretary, Senior Healthcare Policy Advisor, and for more than six years as the Director of Legislative and Governmental Relations. Ms. Peck graduated cum laude from Southeastern Louisiana University and received her Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

### Tina Stefanski, MD

Dr. Stefanski is the LDH/Office of Public Health Regional Medical Director and Administrator for the Acadiana Region of the OPH. In this role, she medically and administratively supervises the operations of the nine public health units in the region and serves as the medical incident commander for disaster response in this region. She also serves as the statewide Medical Director for OPH's Center for Community and Preventive Health.

### Georgia Johnson, MS, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ

Ms. Johnson is a senior leader in healthcare management with forty-five years' experience in the public and private sector, in behavioral health and primary care setting. She has proven expertise in the design and implementation of organization-wide quality management programs; specializing in the integration of clinical operations and regulatory readiness with fourteen successful Joint Commission Hospital accreditations and four Ambulatory Care. Ms. Johnson is currently President of the LA State Nurses Association and former secretary, Secretary of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association-LA Chapter, President of the Northshore District Nurses Association. She has recently been appointed to a four year term on the Board of Commissioners St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2.

### Melody Eschete, RN, DNP

Dr. Eschete is a DNP and FNP Graduate from the University of Loyola New Orleans. She is the recipient of the top Scholar Award for Loyola's College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Post-BSN Doctor of Nursing Practice. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and the exclusive Jesuit honors society Alpha Sigma Nu. In 2016, she earned the competitive and prestige's Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners Student of the Year Award. Dr. Eschete was an appointed member of Governor Bobby Jindal's Hospice Advisory Committee and she has presented at local, regional and national conferences. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. Her Canadian roots grounded her passion for community advance care planning, palliative care and the promotion, improvement and protection of professional nursing. Dr. Eschete is a proud member, district president and Louisiana State Nurses Association volunteer. She is also the first Louisiana American Nurses Advocacy Institute Fellowship graduate.

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### REGISTRATION CAPACITY WILL BE LIMITED

*Early Registration Submission is Suggested.*

(CHECK ONE)

#### REGISTRATION

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_____ Subscriber Participant	\$20.00
_____ Retired RN	\$30.00
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8:00 AM – 2:40 PM

Contact Hours: 5.0

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