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Quality Forum’s DuFour Appointed Chairman of Telehealth Access Task Force

BATON ROUGE, LA – (Dec. 16, 2015) – Lonnie DuFour, Director of Client Services for the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum, has been appointed Chairman of Louisiana’s Telehealth Access Task Force, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

DuFour is a recognized champion of telehealth in Louisiana and has spoken at numerous state and regional conferences about the value of telehealth in advancing access to quality, connected health care for patients. He has been a member of the task force for several years and serves as the Louisiana Project Coordinator for the Texas/Louisiana Telehealth Resource Center, based at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

“It is an honor to have been named chairman of the state’s telehealth access task force. As an advocate for telehealth access and expansion, I will continue to work diligently on behalf of Louisiana residents to promote the integration of telehealth services into our health care delivery system,” says DuFour.

The Telehealth Access Task was created through Louisiana House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 (HCR 88) as an advisory body to the legislature and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) on policies and practices that expand access to telehealth services. The task force is required to report to the governor and the legislature on the status of telehealth access in Louisiana.

Quality Forum CEO Cindy Munn says, “We are proud of Lonnie’s accomplishments and his dedication to advancing the use of health information technology and telehealth to improve health outcomes for the residents of our state.”

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum
The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its focus areas include quality measurement and analytics, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home/care coordination model, an advanced care planning/Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) education program, health information technology (IT) and community outreach. With regard to health IT, the Quality Forum supports health care providers and critical access/rural hospitals as they adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records and serves as the State-Designated Entity to administer the state’s health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhcqf.org.