

Interim Administrator Named at Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center

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Baton Rouge, LA (February 15, 2006) - Louisiana State University System Executive Vice President Donald Smithburg announced today that LeVern Meades has been named interim Hospital Administrator at Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center (LCMC) in Houma, LA. Meades succeeds Danny Trahan, a 27 year veteran of LCMC, who retired in January after serving five years as Hospital Administrator.

“LeVern has done an outstanding job as administrator of both the Bogalusa Medical Center and Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center,” says Smithburg, “we look forward to his continued success at Chabert.”

Along with his duties as interim Hospital Administrator, Meades will continue his position as CEO of the LSU Northshore Medical Services which oversees Lallie Kemp Medical Center and Bogalusa Medical Center.

In 1998, Meades was named Hospital Administrator of the Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center in Independence, LA. During his tenure he founded the Lallie Kemp Foundation, a non-profit organization that maintains all fund-raising for employee education and recognition activities, as well as improvements to the facility.

In addition to his duties at Lallie Kemp, in 2003 Meades was named Hospital Administrator at Bogalusa Medical Center in Bogalusa, LA. The Hospital has since implemented full time Gastroenterology services and 24 hours a day surgical physician coverage.

“I’m excited and honored by this opportunity,” says Meades, who adds “I am privileged to lead an outstanding team who are committed to excellence and dedicated to assisting all of our managers and staff to carry out our missions effectively.”

Smithburg says a search committee has been named to assist in the appointment of a permanent Hospital Administrator. The Louisiana State University System plans to have the new appointment in effect by mid-year.

The LSU Health Care Services Division hospital and clinic system is the largest provider of health care in Louisiana, with more than 1.2 million patient visits annually to 350 outpatient clinics, and 46,000 admissions to eight hospitals.