



# **Bogalusa Regional Medical Center gets Interim Administrator**

Search is underway for a permanent replacement

## **For Immediate Release**

Baton Rouge, LA (August 21, 2006) The LSU Health Care Services Division announces the appointment of Chris Barnette as Interim Hospital Administrator at Bogalusa Medical Center.

“We are excited to have Mr. Barnette on-board,” says Don Smithburg, Executive Vice President LSU System, CEO LSU Health Care Services Division. “Mr. Barnette brings strong leadership skills and extensive experience in hospital administration to the job.”

Barnette replaces LeVern Meades who has served as Hospital Administrator since 2003. Meades will remain as Hospital Administrator of the Lallie Kemp Medical Center and will also assist the LSU HCSD headquarters office on special projects at the request of the CEO.

Mr. Barnette is retired from Covenant Health System in Lubbock, Texas and formerly served as the Executive Vice President of General Health System in Baton Rouge.

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 early 2007.

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