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### **LSU Opens Community Health Clinics in Neighborhoods Throughout New Orleans**

**Baton Rouge (March 28, 2008)** – The Interim LSU Public Hospital is opening community health clinics throughout New Orleans, offering comprehensive primary health care and access to specialty care, preventing minor illness from becoming major.

The press conference and ribbon cutting for the clinics will be at the **LSU - HCSD Community Clinic - Frederick Douglass Senior High**, 3815 Burgundy St., at 10:30 AM, Monday, March 31, 2008.

“LSU has long pursued the development of medical homes,” said Dr. Michael K. Butler, acting CEO of the LSU Health Care Services Division. “These community clinics are another step in the provision of this concept of care.”

Clinic staff includes a physician, family nurse practitioner, licensed practical nurse, and a behavioral health specialist.

“These clinics are available throughout the city, affording quality primary health care to those who might otherwise be constrained by transportation or financial issues,” said Dr. Dwayne Thomas, hospital administrator of the Interim LSU Public Hospital.

With an emphasis on prevention, the **LSU- HCSD Community Clinic - Murray Henderson**, 1911 Hendee, **LSU- HCSD Community Clinic - Frederick Douglass Senior High**, 3815 Burgundy St., and the **LSU- HCSD Community Clinic - Martin Behrman**, 725 Vallette St., provide comprehensive routine examinations, internal medicine, pediatrics, sports physicals, hearing and vision screens, immunizations, injury prevention, evidence-based chronic disease management (treatment for hypertension, obesity, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and asthma), nonemergent acute care, sexually-transmitted disease screenings and treatment, stop-smoking programs, access to specialty care, injury prevention, telemedicine services, and assistance with obtaining needed medications.

The **LSU- HCSD School Based Health Center - O Perry Walker**, at 2832 General Meyer Ave., provides the aforementioned services but is available only to students.

With an emphasis on prevention, the **LSU HCSD Community Clinic - Jackson Barracks**, 6460 N. Claiborne Avenue, and the **LSU HCSD Community Clinic – New Orleans East**, 5501 Read Blvd., provide direct family-centered services including

internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, telemedicine services, access to behavioral health, pharmacy assistance, and prenatal care.

**LSU also has the following clinics at 1450 Poydras Street** in the building that had housed the Lord and Taylor department store: dermatology, internal medicine, neurology, podiatry, endocrine, orthopedics, general surgery, plastic surgery, allergy, Coumadin, neurosurgery, rheumatology, ophthalmology, radiology, physical, speech and occupational therapy, vascular, physical medicine and rehabilitation, telemedicine services, the Stroke and Heart Attack Prevention Clinic and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Clinics have a total of 96 exam rooms and 12 eye exam areas. A full-service pharmacy is also on site for LSU patients.

Clinic services are available from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The LSU Health Care System is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 60,000 admissions, 350,000 patient days, 1 million outpatient visits, and over 350,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1700 residents from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 4,000 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU facilities.

LSU is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana. LSU hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.6 billion in asset business activity, \$918 million in personal earnings, and support over 10,000 jobs.

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