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LSU Opens Community Outpatient Clinic for Adults and Children

Baton Rouge (January 30, 2008) – Interim LSU Public Hospital has opened the LSU HCSD Community Clinic—Frederick A. Douglass Senior High, at 3815 Burgundy, in New Orleans. It will serve anyone of any age in the community and the students of Frederick A. Douglass Senior High School and Dr. Charles Richard Drew Elementary School.

“We cannot overemphasize the importance of preventive health care and early intervention,” said Dr. Michael Kaiser, acting chief medical officer of the LSU Health Care Services Division and a pediatrician. “Having immediate access to quality health care is the key to good health, and this clinic will provide that access.”

The health center will be open 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, year round except for holidays recognized by the LSU Health Care Services Division.

The health center will have a physician, family nurse practitioner, and licensed practical nurse. A behavioral health specialist will soon be hired. Once the full complement of staff is hired, it will be able to provide comprehensive primary care.

With an emphasis on prevention, the clinic will provide comprehensive routine examinations, internal medicine, sports physicals, hearing and vision screens, immunizations, injury prevention, evidence-based chronic disease management (treatment for hypertension, obesity, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and asthma), nonemergent acute care, sexually-transmitted disease screenings and treatment, stop-smoking programs, and assistance with obtaining needed medications.

“The primary care services that the clinic provides will be a first resource for many in the community,” said Dr. Dwayne Thomas, hospital administrator for Interim LSU Public Hospital. “As we rebuild our health care delivery system, we’re extending our services directly into areas where the need is the greatest.”

The clinic will offer integrated behavioral health services with comprehensive primary care.

For patients under 18 years of age, the clinic will collaborate with Children’s Hospital and the pediatrics departments of the LSU and Tulane health sciences centers to provide diagnostic imaging, procedures, and labs; hospitalization and subspecialty access; and dental care through public-private partnerships.

All LSU HCSD physicians and nurses are certified by the American Heart Association in basic and advanced life support.

To schedule an appointment, call 504.903.2373.

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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