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Forum Features Medical Homes, Academic Health Systems, and Excellence in LSU Health Outcomes

Baton Rouge (January 8, 2009)—The twelfth annual LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) Health Care Effectiveness Forum, entitled “Medical Homes and Academic Health Systems: Fostering Excellence in Health Outcomes in the LSU Health System,” will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Baton Rouge Marriott, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, La.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Atul Grover, who is assistant vice president and director of governmental relations of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

His presentation, “Stopping Medical 'Homelessness': Academic Health Systems' Role in the Medical Home,” will examine how the AAMC and academic health systems are successfully creating and implementing the medical home model and how medical home models of relationship-centered care can support the LSU pursuit of comprehensive quality care.

Dr. Grover authored the AAMC position statement on the medical-home model of care in March 2008, calling on academic health systems to lead the way in defining, implementing, and teaching the medical home and other innovative approaches to care.

His session will examine what teaching physicians and hospitals are doing to implement the medical-home model and how their actions might be incorporated into education and training. Dr. Grover will discuss how this new model might fit with what patients, purchasers, and policymakers expect from the healthcare system of the future and what role academic medicine will play.

“Academic medicine is the cornerstone of all medicine,” said Dr. Michael Butler, acting HCSD CEO. “The academic medical center is where future health care professionals acquire their skills and where research is conducted and results are implemented, advancing the practice of the profession.”

Besides a report on the status of and plans for LSU hospitals from Dr. Butler, HCSD will present its annual awards to its staff and programs, and staff will report on programs throughout HCSD.

The six staff presentations reflect the six major components of quality care: effectiveness, efficiency, equity, safety, timeliness of care, and patient-centered care. Dr. Kathy Willis will discuss the Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center FAST Clinic; Dawn Hinton, RN, the Surgery Prepare Center at W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center; and Dr. Ron Horswell Assessing Equity in Access to Healthcare and Quality of Care.

Also, Dr. Wayne Wilbright will present The Expanding Role of Computerized Clinical Information Systems at HCSD; Jane Herwehe, MPH, will present HCSD, DHH/OPH and the Louisiana

Public Health Information Exchange; and Dr. Brent Hemelt will present Cancer Screening at Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center.

The forum is free and open to the public, but preregistration is required. To do so, go to www.lsuhs.edu/hcsd/cmo/hcet.

The LSU Health System - Health Care Services Division is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 31,000 admissions, 180,000 patient days, 981,000 outpatient visits, and over 270,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1100 residents and fellows from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 2,200 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 HCSD hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.4 billion in asset business activity, \$568 million in personal earnings, and generate over 12,000 jobs.

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