

# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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## LSUHSC grant to improve patient safety

Sheila Chauvin, PhD, has been awarded a \$534,000 grant to evaluate the influence of simulation on enhancing teamwork and a culture of patient safety in the operating room environment. The project was funded by HHS's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Chauvin's project takes interdisciplinary team training to the actual hospital leaders and staff in the surgical setting.



The project will utilize the highly innovative training model developed in the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD Student Learning Center and combine it with a mobile mock operating room with interdisciplinary teams at their own hospital sites. Equally important, the project will focus on both the process of change and improvement and how the transfer of training to everyday practice is influenced by individual and organizational features within the actual hospital setting. The goal is to learn how to best effect successful and long-lasting change resulting in better outcomes and improved patient safety.

## University Hospital reopens

University Hospital opened at 7:30 this morning with 85 med-surg beds, the Emergency Department and ICU. Phase I services include the Blood Bank, Admit, Core Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology with CT, MRI and an Angiography Suite. The Emergency



Support Unit at Lord and Taylor closed last night and transitioned over to UH. Six patients were admitted within forty-five minutes of the doors opening. Ambulance runs were cleared to begin at 12:00 noon and by 12:45, the first one had



## LSUHSC hosts mental health stakeholders meeting

Dr. Howard Osofsky arranged for the Health Sciences Center to host the stakeholders meeting for Governor Blanco's Louisiana's Plan for Access to Mental Health Care this week. The ninth of twelve such public meetings, the planning effort is under the direction of DHH. The

arrived, closely followed by the second and third.

Work continues on Phase II which includes a new state-of-the-art trauma unit. Phase II is expected to be completed by the end of the year when the Trauma Center will move from Elmwood to UH.

A Reopening Celebration is planned for Monday, November 20th at 1:30 p.m. at the front entrance of the hospital. Governor Kathleen Blanco will be the Keynote Speaker. Festivities include special recognition of a number of groups for their rescue efforts during the flooding after Katrina including the HCSD staff, Wildlife and Fisheries, State Troopers, National Guard, NOPD and Warren Reuther, Chairman of the Board of the Convention Center as well as music, sponsored by the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic.

Plan to address mental health needs statewide is expected to be released next spring.

