

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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New mental health resource helps meet needs

We celebrated the addition of new mental health beds at the former DePaul Hospital on Tuesday morning. The LSU Interim Hospital cut the ribbon opening the temporary 33-bed inpatient psychiatric care unit. LSUHSC's Dr. Mark Townsend is the unit's Medical Director.



These new beds will help address the need for inpatient psychiatric care in the city while the new LSU / VA teaching hospital is being built.

Dr. John Lombardi, LSU System President, and new LSU System Vice President



Dr. Mark Townsend

Dr. Fred Cerise joined us for the press conference which was followed by a tour of the unit. City Council District A Member Shelley Midura was there in addition to Children's Hospital leaders from whom the facility is leased.



Center for Advanced Practice is center of attention

The Center for Advanced Practice under construction on the 5th floor of 2020 Gravier garnered attention



this week from media and business and community leaders alike.

Dr. Russell Klein and I hosted Warren Reuther, Jr., President of the Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority,



and Caitlin Cain, Economic Development Director of the Regional Planning Commission, for a briefing on the project and a tour of the space. The Center is a new economic resource for the city which will bring physicians to town



for CME and advanced training.

Just before the event, Dr. Klein was interviewed live on WWL-TV's noon news.

Construction of the \$6 million project of the LSU Medical Alumni Association and the Health Sciences Center is progressing and will be completed in January.

Fall Fest team building block party coming up

Plans for the LSUHSC Fall Fest are being finalized and the event is shaping up to be one of our best yet. It will be held on our downtown campus in the 500 block of Bolivar Street on Friday, October 26 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Boogie Men will be playing and there will be entertainment for the kids including clowns with balloons and an airbrush tattoo artist.



We'll have great food and refreshments.



The event is sponsored by the LSU Medical Alumni Association, the School of Medicine and my Office.

Faculty, staff, and students of all schools and families are invited.