

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Arbitration process moves forward

The three administrative judges on the panel arbitrating the issue of FEMA reimbursement for the damages to Charity hospital convened to hear testimony in Washington DC this week. The State of Louisiana presented its testimony first, and FEMA wraps up theirs today.

LSU System general counsel Raymond Lamonica led the state's legal team. Paul Rainwater, the former head of the Louisiana Recovery Authority who is now Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Jindal, had high praise for Mr. Lamonica's efforts.



The judges now have 60 days or more, since this may be considered to be a complex case, to render their decision. In any event, Governor Jindal has stated that if the amount of reimbursement decided by the panel falls short of the amount owed, he has been assured by Washington that there are other federal funding sources.

HCSO holds 13th Healthcare Effectiveness Forum

I was pleased to present the Merv Trail Memorial Lecture on a vision for a health system and its implications for manpower, quality, and cost at the 13th Annual Healthcare Effectiveness Forum on Tuesday.

The well attended forum featured a keynote presentation on the impact of national health care reform on safety net



hospitals and their patients by Dr. Stephanie Woolhandler, Professor of Medicine at Harvard and Co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program.

There were presentations on patient safety improvement initiatives, patient satisfaction, and

hospital improvement projects including clinical redesign and operation improvements, as well as quality of care innovation.



Moeller earns board certification

Dr. Laurie Moeller, Associate Professor of Prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry, has become the fourth board certified prosthodontist in the State of Louisiana.

Certification by the American Board of Prosthodontics establishes that the individual has successfully completed a four-part examination and is subjected

to re-certification every eight years to insure that he/she is current in practices that affect the specialty.



Diplomates are committed to lifelong learning and a lifetime of ethical practices, value the doctor/patient relationship,

respect those with philosophical, cultural or physical differences and are committed to the advancement of prosthodontics.