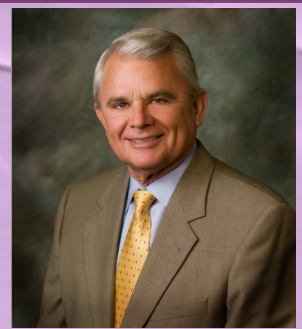


CHANCELLOR'S Notes

June 25, 2010



Chancellor Larry Hollier, MD

Fontham invited to White House

Dr. Elizabeth Fontham, Dean of our School of Public Health, was invited to join President Obama in the



With HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (l)

East Room of the White House Tuesday as he unveiled the Patient's Bill of Rights.

Safeguards announced include guaranteed coverage for children with pre-existing conditions, a ban on lifetime coverage limits and guaranteed choice of primary care physicians and pediatricians from a plan's network. They will apply to most health plans renewing on or after September 23.

Last week, Dr. Fontham was a featured speaker at the Gulf Oil Spill Disaster Response



Summit in Mobile, AL.

LSUHSC participates in at IOM Health Effects workshop

Dr. Howard Osofsky, Chair of Psychiatry, was invited to present

both days at the Institute of Medicine Workshop on Assessing the Human Health Effects of the Gulf of



Dr. Osofsky, far right, answers a question

Mexico Oil Spill this week. A number of our faculty participated in the workshop including Dr. Ed Trapido, Associate Dean in the School of Public Health who is coordinating research and who also made remarks.

The public workshop was held at the request of the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Preparedness and

Response, the same office our own Dr. Janet Leigh has been assigned to as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow. Dr. Leigh helped plan the meeting.

The possible health impact was thoroughly examined, and Dr. Leigh and

her LSUHSC colleagues continue to work on the issues.



Drs. Leigh, Cormier, Backes, Osofsky, Trapido, Williams, Lirette, Simonsen & Harrington

VA Medical Center breaks ground

Dr. John Lombardi, LSU System President, represented us on the



platform at the groundbreaking for the new VA Medical Center today.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki launched construction of



the 30-acre, 1.7 million square foot, \$800 million complex. The complex will house 300 exam rooms, 200 hospital rooms, 20 intervention and surgery rooms, an emergency room, rehabilitation services, and mental health. It is scheduled to open in 2013.