

This Week at MCL

A Memorandum to the Employees of the Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans
Charity Campus ■ University Campus

July 7-13, 2003

New Medical Center of Louisiana: A Major Step Toward Reality!



Walter R. Adams, CEO, Adams Project Management, makes a presentation about his company's findings to legislators and hospital officials.

After years of dreaming, the long sought hopes for a state-of-the-art full-service health-care facility are going forward. "We are 'on board a fast moving train!'" exclaimed Dr. Dwayne Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center of Louisiana, as he and a leadership corps representing the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Louisiana State Legislature, the LSU Health Sciences Center, and the LSU and Tulane schools of medicine met to present an exciting action plan that



State Senator Diana Bajoie and Dr. Dwayne Thomas, Medical Center of Louisiana's Chief Executive Officer, celebrate the good news about a proposed new hospital at the kickoff luncheon June 26 on University Campus. Senator Bajoie, along with State Representative Karen Carter, both long-time supporters of the Charity Hospital System, secured \$1.8 million dollars to fund a Master Plan for a new hospital.

will move us toward actual construction, which consultants on the project visualize to be well underway toward completion in 2008.

The first giant step toward the realization of turning this dream into reality was taken just a few days ago when Louisiana State Senator Diana Bajoie, along with State Representative Karen Carter, longtime supporters of the Charity Hospital System, announced that they had secured \$1.8

(continued next page)

(continued from previous page)

dollars in the Capital Budget to fund the creation of the Master Plan for the project.

Consultants working with Dr. Thomas estimate that the entire program will cost upwards of \$350 million dollars and will create for Greater New Orleans an entirely new comprehensive health-care facility which will, in effect, replace Charity Hospital as we know it today and turn University Hospital into a totally modern outpatient center and graduate medical education facility.

“The Adams group’s recommendation was that a new replacement 600-bed health-care center become the centerpiece of a bold, new Medical Center of Louisiana.”

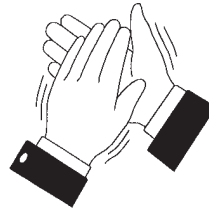
At a kickoff luncheon in the University Hospital Auditorium Walter R. Adams, President/CEO of Adams Project Management, revealed that he and his associates had recently completed a full assessment of both the Charity and University campuses and have recommended to the LSU Health Sciences Center Chancellor Dr. John Rock, LSU Health Sciences Center leaders, and Dr. Thomas the replacement or relocation of the Charity Campus and a full renovation of the University Campus for an alternate use.

Adams remarked that Charity Hospital has significant facility issues including life safety, water infiltration and severe exterior deterioration. The Adams group’s recommendation was that a new replacement 600-bed health-care center become the centerpiece of a bold, new Medical Center of Louisiana.

Dr. Rock applauded the efforts of the Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans. “Our great Charity Hospital is slowly but surely aging,” he told the kickoff audience. “We must move forward! The Medical Center of Louisiana is critical to graduate medical education in our state, for both LSU and Tulane.”

Dr. Thomas expressed his deep gratitude to Senator Bajoie at the gathering for her unflinching support of the Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans and for always being a legislative leader

who cares deeply for her constituents. “We have always known the Senator to be a champion of Charity,” Dr. Thomas added.



Applause! Applause!

■ **Sister Clare Gaynor, OP**, Clinical Chaplain, Pastoral Care, is the June Employee of the Month for University Campus. Her nomination reads, “Sister Clare is a warm,

caring person who truly lives Our Core Values, especially in her work in our maternity unit. There she treats mothers with respect and dignity. She is particularly compassionate when a mother loses a baby during delivery or shortly thereafter, offering spiritual support to both the mother and family. Sister is most inventive in organizing and conducting the semi-annual memorial services for the families who have lost a child. These services, conducted at Christmas and in the spring, have been most sustaining to these still-grieving families and are well-attended by the families as well as staff from Maternity, Pastoral Care and other supportive staff. The Bereavement Program is particularly successful because of Sister Clare’s zealous preparation and encouragement. She also is most qualified and current in her training as a Bereavement Facilitator. She carries out all her duties with loving care and concern for others.”

■ **Shawlet Walker**, Health Information Processor, Medical Record Services, is the June Employee of the Month for Charity Campus. Her nomination reads, “Shawlet is prompt and eager to work in her assigned section. No matter what is asked of her, she willingly gets the job done. She is always in competition with herself to do more than is expected of her. She is a Shining Star because she is committed to excellence. She strives to meet the production in her daily load and goes over the expected number of documents to file per day. Shawlet is a team player and motivator, has initiative, is cost conscious and committed to self development, has consistent exemplary work behavior, and is a positive role model.”

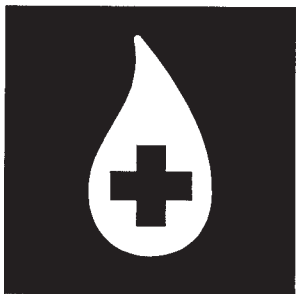
■ All MCL Hospital Police officers are required to attend a police academy for formal training in law enforcement. The training enhances the efforts of

the department in providing a professional police force to better serve MCL patients, employees, staff and visitors. The most recent graduates are:

Officers Audrey Boskent, Murray Henderson and David Winger, who were graduated from the Lafourche Police Academy, and **Officer Jeffrey Fauria**, from the Harbor Police Academy.

■ Gail Joseph, Section Manager, W404, sends the following message: "The nursing staff on our unit practiced superb teamwork holding the unit together during the weekend of June 21-22. Applause to: **Clara Crockett**, Assistant Section Manager; **RNs Ann Edmonson, Ronda Edwards-Badie and Sheila Lucia**; **Kim Celestine**, Nursing Assistant; and **Nora Foster**, Chief Clerk."

Blood Drive Set This Week.



Khalil Bab, 7-year-old grandson of Lillie Antoine, Environmental Services, has leukemia and hopes to receive a bone marrow transplant from his brother this month. When the transplant is scheduled, he will rely on regular blood transfusions of

both platelets and red blood cells. The MCL Blood Drive on Friday, July 11, will be devoted to Khalil. Under a theme of "Hawaiian Luau" it will take place Friday, July 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., University Auditorium. All blood types are needed, especially type O. Donors must be in good health, at least 17 (no upper age limit) and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. For medical questions call The Blood Center at 592-1573. Each successful donor will receive a gym bag, in addition to the regular incentive: a choice among the replacement for Khalil, coverage for your family, a T-shirt, or a donation in your name to the Kids Cancer Camp.

Happenings & Deadlines.

■ **LSU/Tulane Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Conference.** Each Monday, 4-5 p.m., 1542 Tulane Avenue, room 507. Physicians who wish to have a case presented, call Christy Durbin at 568-4765.

■ **Health Call.** Dr. Ben DeBoisblanc will talk about the growing crisis of SARS on Health Call this week. He welcomes your calls during the

program which is broadcast live on July 10, WLAE TV, 8 p.m.; the show is then rebroadcast at 12:30 p.m. on July 13.

■ **Tuition Exemption Deadline.** 4 p.m, July 11 – for all completed application paperwork for the Fall 2003 semester. Participants of the Spring Semester 2003 who have not submitted grades are not eligible to apply for the program until grades are received by Education/Staff Development. Call Mary Fontenelle, 2-0865, for more information.

■ **CPR Classes. Health-care Provider** – July 31, 7:30 a.m.-noon; **Heartsaver** – August 27, noon-4 p.m. In Staff Development, C-900, Charity Campus. Must register in person with \$4 per class, payable by check or money order to MCLNO Foundation. Call 2-2854 or 2-2057.

■ **Exercise Classes. Exercise** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m, Education, 9 center, Charity Campus. □ **Tai Chi** – Thursdays, noon-1 p.m., Lions Clinic, Neuroscience Center. Free.

■ **Employee Assistance Programs.** All the following groups meet at LSU Lions Clinic, 2020 Gravier Street, 5th floor. Call 568-3931 with questions or for full details: **Codependency Anonymous**, Mondays at noon; **AA**, Tuesdays at noon; **a psycho-educational group** for those who may be chemically dependent or have family members who are, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., \$10 per week for 10 weeks.

Welcome to MCL!

(RNA = Registered Nurse Applicant) **Erin Ancar, RNA**, Fast Track, UH; **Patricia Chatham, RN**, Surgery Clinic; **Phyllis Cordier**, Medical Records; **Viola Delaney**, Pathology; **Ira Frye**, Neurology; PACU, CH – **RNs Dawn King and Kathleen Lorenzo**; Nursery Level 3 – **RNs Bobbi Jo Landry, Kimberly Matthis and Jaime Rush**; EMS-Adult – **RNs Irina Maltezos, Deidre Stokes and Ashley Vezina**, and **Crystal Ulmer**; **Karen Martin**, OB Observation; **Huong T.D. Phan, RNA**, Pediatric Inpatient; 5-West – **Tyra Pleasant, Jean Sylve and Cheryl Valenti**; **Christopher Revelle**, Patient Escort; **Carol Sabine, RNA**, 6 East; **Stephanice Stephen, RN**, ER, UH; **Katrina Williams, RNA**, Operating Room. **RN Pool: Norris Warner**, Dialysis. **Westaff: Michael Hutton**, Facility Maintenance.



Performance Improvement
Code Gray:
Families & Dependents

I am on the Activation Team. Can I bring my family with me when I report for duty?

The Medical Center of Louisiana will provide accommodations for the Activation Team members only, and **only** if one of the following situations exists:

- ▶ An Activation Team member is a single parent responsible for a child or children and is unable to make other arrangements.
- ▶ Two married Activation Team members are responsible for a child or children and are unable to make other arrangements.
- ▶ An Activation Team member is responsible for an ill or elderly spouse or family member and is unable to make other arrangements.

Important Guidelines for Guests.

- Accommodations for family members are intended as a last resort and should not be utilized when other arrangements can be made. Only those on a predetermined guest list will be allowed accommodations. If a family member meets the conditions to be placed on the guest list, it is important that you speak with your supervisor well in advance.
- All family members or dependents must provide their own food, water, medication and bedding. MCL will not supply these items.
- All guests must be registered and wear the assigned identifying arm band.
- All guests must remain in the designated areas and maintain the areas in satisfactory condition at all times.
- All able-bodied guests not responsible for another guest are expected to work in the Labor Pool.

This information was submitted through Education & Staff Development. Direct comments to the Employee Opinion Line at 2-3801.

From the Mailbox.

Thank you to the wonderful nurses at University Hospital who made my four-day stay so pleasant, specifically **Bridget Gasaway**, **Rose Green** and **Jean Jackman** on 3 West, and **Suzanne Manint** in the Nursery, who took care of my baby, Lazaro. You were the best! I couldn't have asked for better treatment. Thanks.

– *Denisa Vargas, New Orleans*



Revised Policies as of 6/30/2003.

0052 - Requests for Space Allocation and/or Construction Projects: a major revision to update the contents with the most current information.
0101 - Educational Leave: to correct the type of leave to be used within the MCL TACS system for attendance at educational offerings within the Department of Education and Staff Development. The leave code to be used is LLT not CNG.

The following policies were updated with the most current information: **0001 - Organizational-Wide Policy Development, Review, Revision & Issuance System; 0013 - Procurement of Maintenance for MCL Equipment & Service; 0015 - Use of the Public Address System; 0034 - Utilization of State Property; 0061 - Reservation of a Meeting Location; 1301 - Professional, Personal & Consulting Contract Procurement; 4008 - Fire Marshall Inspections; 4010 - Flame Resistant Requirements for MCL Property; 5005 - Child Abuse; 5008 - Prisoner Care; 5014 - Control of MCL Prescription Blanks; 5035 - Radiological Services; 5043 - Infant/Child Abduction; 8002 - Equal Employment Opportunities; 8010 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace; and 8142 - MCL's Right to Conduct an Investigation.**

A revised Table of Contents dated June 2003 - A is also included on the U drive. If you have any questions or concerns about these policies or finding the policies on the U drive, please call 2-4761.

■■■

This Week at MCL is published through the Medical Center of Louisiana Marketing & Public Relations Department, suite 518, 2025 Gravier Street, New Orleans 70112, Jerry Romig, Director, Lynn Lorando, Editor. All items submitted must have prior supervisory approval. Please send information to Lynn Lorando on e-mail to mloran@lsuhsc.edu; by fax to her attention at 903-3699; or to her attention through interoffice mail. Thank you.