

**A Path Forward On Health Care Redesign  
And a Modern LSU Teaching Hospital In New Orleans**

We believe that the two important goals of fundamentally redesigning our old two-tier Charity health care system and building a modern LSU teaching hospital in New Orleans can both be achieved, and we propose the following path forward:

1. The LRA proceed with, and we all support, the \$74 million CDBG funding request for preliminary work toward an LSU teaching hospital in New Orleans.
2. At the same time, all interested parties redouble work on health care redesign with the goal of endorsing a detailed outline of a redesign plan, including consensus population and cost figures and funding strategies, within three months. In this work, we believe that the optimal goal is providing meaningful coverage and choice for as many currently uninsured as possible with adequate health care for all.
3. After that, the LSU system submit to the LRA a detailed plan for a modern teaching hospital in New Orleans sized and designed in a way which is consistent with the health care redesign plan, and backed by a rigorous business plan consistent with that redesign plan.
4. The LRA then submit an additional CDBG funding request to HUD which is appropriate based on these plans.

We believe this path forward makes two things perfectly clear:

- I. It is crucial that we fundamentally reform the old two-tier Charity health care system in Louisiana.
- II. A modern LSU teaching hospital in downtown New Orleans can and will be built in that context.

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