

LSUHSC/MCLNO Take Part in Health Screening for the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus

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Gail Gibson, RN with Representative Diane Winston of District 77, serving St Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes. Rep. Winston sits on the following committees including; *Commerce; Health and Welfare; House Special Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery & Long-Term Revitalization.*



From L to Right: Pam Wright, RN with Representative Sydnie Mae Durand of District 46, St. Martin Parish. *Representative Durand is Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee.* Gail Gibson, RN standing next to Representative Nita Rusich Hutter of District 104, serving St. Bernard Parish. *Representative Hutter sits on several committees including the Health and Welfare Committee and the House Special Committee on Disaster Planning, crisis Management, Recovery & Long-Term Revitalization.*

Other members of the caucus visited with were: Representative Monica H. Walker of District 28 from Avoyelles Parish; Representative Shirley D. Bowler of District 78 from Jefferson parish, Representative Regina Ashford Barrow of District 29 from East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge Parishes and Senator Ann Duplessis of District 2 from New Orleans East.

Women Helping Women

Dr. Mary Abell, Gail P Gibson, Pam Wright, Jeralyn Thomas, Lynn Williams, Leigh Ann Burns, Coletha Riley and Catherine Goux met with members of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus to conduct a mini health fair while they were on retreat at the Astor Crown Plaza. This was a fabulous opportunity for staff members to visit with the legislative body and discuss the planned reopening of University Hospital. The legislators were impressed with information shared with them regarding MCL's Maternal Child Service, Trauma Unit and the soon-to-open Terrytown Outreach Clinic. Many legislators expressed plans to attend the grand opening of UH as they were told invitations would be sent to them as soon as plans were firmly in place. Phyllis Mayo, Special Assistant to the Governor on Women's Policy and Kimberly Lewis Robinson, Special Counsel to the Governor generously spent time learning about the services MCL offers women in the New Orleans area. They too expressed interest in the grand opening of UH and stated they would share the information with the Governor and extend our personal desire for her to attend the event if possible. Ms. Mayo felt sure the Governor would attend the grand opening if her planned trip to China does not conflict with the event. The women from the caucus were impressive and a pleasure to visit with.

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