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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative for the purpose of advising the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) in the development and implementation of a practical blueprint for an evidence-based, quality driven health care system for the Orleans Region consisting of the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines, to assist in guiding overall health care policy and system development in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, health care reform is a great challenge for the state of Louisiana, ranking forty-eighth overall in health status among the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Health Care Reform Panel was created in 2004, and since that time, significant progress has been made in improving health information technology, increasing access to preventive and primary care services, decreasing the rate of uninsured citizens, enrolling more children from low-income families into health coverage programs, expanding health education and promotion opportunities, and establishing performance outcomes utilizing evidence-based principles; and

WHEREAS, in August 2005, Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Louisiana gulf coast drastically altering the way of life for many of Louisiana's citizens, as well as devastating the health care resources and systems of care available to them; and

WHEREAS, in March 2006, during the final meeting of the Governor's Health Care Reform Panel, the governor charged the secretary of DHH to continue the reform work already underway and move forward in redesigning a model system of health care in Louisiana, with an initial emphasis on ensuring the most appropriate system of care in the geographic areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, in response to the critical health care system crisis created by the hurricanes of 2005, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Secretary Michael O. Leavitt has charged Louisiana, through the secretary of DHH, with creating an inclusive forum and process for comprehensive health care system development driven by need, guided by shared principles, and resulting in a quality and efficient health care system for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Leavitt requested the formation of a redesign collaborative to serve as a single body to develop both short- and long-term health care recovery plans, in order to ensure that Louisiana secures the most effective engagement of assistance and resources of HHS; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the Workstream on Redesign of the Louisiana Recovery Authority's Public Health and Health Care Task Force has adopted guiding principles for the development and redesign of the health care system in Louisiana and that the principles and the membership of the workstream will be incorporated into the activities of the collaborative within DHH.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative to serve as an advisory body to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals for the development of recommendations and plans for the redesign of the Orleans Region's health care system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative shall have a maximum of forty members consisting of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, who shall serve as the chair.
- (2) The current priority leader for the Louisiana Recovery Authority's Public Health and Health Care Task Force Workstream on Redesign.
- (3) The chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee or her designee.
- (4) The chair of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee or his designee.
- (5) One representative of the Louisiana State Medical Society.
- (6) The executive director of the Maternal and Child Health Coalition.
- (7) One representative of the Louisiana Medical Association.
- (8) The dean of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans or his designee.

(9) The dean of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport or his designee.

(10) One representative of the Tulane School of Medicine.

(11) The chief executive officer of the Ochsner Clinic Foundation.

(12) One representative of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association.

(13) One representative of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.

(14) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana State University – Health Care Services Division.

(15) The executive director of the Capital Area Human Services District.

(16) The executive director of the Metropolitan Human Services District.

(17) The executive director of the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority.

(18) The executive director of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority.

(19) Three representatives of consumer advocacy organizations, one for individuals with developmental disabilities, one for behavioral health, and one for the elderly designated by the chair.

(20) One representative of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

(21) One representative of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

(22) One representative of the Business Group on Health or the Louisiana Healthcare Alliance designated by the chair.

(23) One consumer representative from the greater New Orleans community at large designated by the chair.

(24) The director of the New Orleans City Health Department.

(25) One representative of a federally qualified health center from an area severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

(26) One representative of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacists Association.

(27) One member from the Louisiana Healthworks Commission designated by the chair.

(28) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.

(29) The executive director of the Louisiana Rural Hospital Coalition.

(30) A representative of Louisiana's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization as designated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

- (31) The chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority or his designee.
- (32) A representative of the HomeCare Association of Louisiana.
- (33) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (34) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (35) Other members as considered appropriate to be selected by the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the direction of the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative shall be guided by a charter which shall be agreed upon and signed by its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members shall participate actively and professionally in discussions and serve as spokespersons for their constituencies and shall solicit the views of their respective constituents and submit such views to the collaborative for consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborative, through the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, shall consult and communicate directly with the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborative, through the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, shall seek public input regarding the proposed redesign plan through the regional health care consortia and other avenues as deemed necessary to ensure a broad base of understanding and accord by the general public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborative shall conduct such research and solicit technical assistance and input as it shall deem appropriate to carry out its work and that the collaborative shall submit its recommendations and plan for health care system redesign to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals who shall then submit an annual report to the governor, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, and the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual report shall be made available to the public at large not later than December 31, 2006. The collaborative shall complete its study and submit a final report no later than December 31, 2007. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall provide periodic updates to the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Healthcare Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborative shall establish a committee within the Department of Health and Hospitals that shall focus on health care issues relative to the areas affected by Hurricane Rita in Region Five consisting of the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis. The committee shall also develop a final report no later than December 31, 2007. The committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee who shall also serve as chair of the committee.
- (2) The chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee or her designee.
- (3) The chair of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee or his designee.
- (4) The chair and vice chair of Region 5 of the Regional Health Care Consortia.
- (5) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (7) Other members from the areas affected by Hurricane Rita, particularly local government and health care officials, as considered appropriate to be selected by the secretary.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE