

# **Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition Fact Sheet**

## **History**

LCHC was formed July 2008 by the Louisiana Justice Institute effort with participation from the following: Colette Pichon Battle, Moving Forward Gulf Coast Inc.; Carrie Broussard, Tobacco Free Living; Alice Craft-Kerney, Lower 9th Ward Clinic; Dr. Joia Crear-Perry; Tanya Harris, ACORN; Russell Henderson; Pastor Edward Jones, Galilee Baptist Church; Mary Joseph, Children's Defense Fund; Nancy McPherson, AARP; Rosia Metoyer, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation; Pastor Charles Smith, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church; and Dr. Beverly Wright, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice.

## **Mission**

The LCHC works for the creation of a consumer-centered health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable, accessible, culturally competent, high quality care and consumer education for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We work to achieve this through multi-disciplinary, collaborative efforts in public policy, advocacy, education and service to consumers in Louisiana.

## **What we do**

- Advocate for and provide access to consumer friendly data on health care quality and patient safety
- Organize consumer support for the adoption public policy changes that:
  1. Increases transparency and consumer input in the governance and reform of the Medicaid and other public health care programs;
  2. Expands access to primary care services; and
  3. Eliminates health care disparities
- Provide journalist, policy makers, and consumers with timely information from the perspective of health care consumers
- Hold community hospitals accountable for meeting their nonprofit community benefit obligations by promoting local support for transparent hospital charity care and other community benefit policies

## **Organizational Partners**

### **Louisiana Partners**

AARP Louisiana  
Louisiana Justice Institute  
Children's Defense Fund Louisiana  
Health Law Advocates Louisiana  
PICO-LIFT  
Louisiana Budget Project  
Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic  
Agenda For Children  
Alexandria Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation  
Acadiana Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation  
New Orleans Medical Association

### **National Partners**

Community Catalyst  
Families USA  
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities  
Herndon Alliance

### **Funders**

Public Welfare Foundation  
Nathan Cummings Foundation

### **Staff and Leadership**

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