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## **PRESS CONFERENCE LOGISTICS**

Date: February 6, 2018

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Southeast Community Health Systems, 6351 Main Street, Zachary, LA

## **MESSAGE**

With Congress' failure to prioritize the extension of Community Health Center funding and the looming cuts to healthcare in Louisiana, the future of Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Centers are left in a precarious position.

Serving 385,000 patients, Louisiana's Community Health Centers (CHCs) play a vital role in our state's healthcare system. While CHCs are known for providing high quality preventive and primary health care to patients, they also work to stimulate economic growth with an economic impact of \$567 million and generate cost savings for communities across Louisiana. Despite these accomplishments, their very existence is threatened as Congress continues to delay funding reauthorization and as our state threatens cuts to healthcare.

Today, we are sending a RED ALERT, as we stand in solidarity with CHCs across the country to send our message to Congress: "No more delays! Fund CHCs and make healthcare a priority!" Today we wear red to support CHCs and the millions of patients they serve across the country.

## **TIME**

## **AGENDA**

**10:00AM**

### **Welcome**

Dr. Alecia Cyprian

*CEO, Southeast Community Health Systems*

**10:05AM**

### **Invocation**

Michael Martin

*Board President, Southeast Community Health Systems*

**10:10AM**

### **Value of Community Health Centers: The Economic & Human Impact of CHCs**

Dr. Shondra Williams

*CEO, Jefferson Community Health Care Centers*

*LPCA Board President*

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- 10:20AM**                    **Call to Action: Congress We Need You to Fix the Cliff Now!**  
Noel Twilbeck,  
*CEO, CrescentCare*
- 10:30AM**                    **Introduction of Governor John Bel Edwards**  
Dr. Alecia Cyprian,  
*CEO, Southeast Community Health Systems*
- 10:35AM**                    **The Importance of Sustaining Louisiana's Safety Net**  
Gov. John Bel Edwards  
*Governor, State of Louisiana*
- 11:00AM**                    **Questions & Closing**  
Dr. Shondra Williams  
*CEO, Jefferson Community Health Care Centers*  
*LPCA Board President*

Following the press conference, the staff of Southeast Community Health Systems will be on hand to conduct tours of the health center.