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**LCMC Health Congratulates Staff Recognized as Healthcare “Ones to Watch”**

**New Orleans, LA** – LCMC Health is proud of the five individuals across the LCMC Health system recognized as Healthcare “Ones to Watch” in the February 2, 2018 issue of New Orleans CityBusiness.

The “Ones to Watch” include:

**Alicia Franck, Vice President, Development, Children’s Hospital:**

Franck maintains primary responsibility and provides strategic direction for the planning, management and execution of all fundraising activities in support of Children’s Hospital, including leading the development functions for Children’s \$300 million transformation campaign. She works to develop an enhanced advancement structure while managing, motivating and directing her team of fundraising professionals.

**Ben Whitworth, AVP Hospital Operations, Children’s Hospital:**

Whitworth holds direct management responsibilities for more than 200 full-time employees with 10 direct reports. He serves as the hospital’s Executive Champion for Epic Electronic Medical Record transformation projects and leads enabling efforts for Children’s Hospital’s \$300 million capital construction campus transformation – the largest in the hospital’s history, including department relocations of existing spaces, initiating communication efforts, and campus operations and logistics.

**Dr. Meredith Maxwell, Family Medicine Physician, Touro’s Crescent City Physician’s, Inc.:**

Maxwell has been with Crescent City Physicians since 2010 and specializes in family medicine where she treats the whole family. She is the first person a patient sees when seeking health care services and examines and treats patients with a wide range of conditions and refers those with serious ailments to a specialist or appropriate facility. Maxwell is a regular spokesperson for Touro, representing the hospital in monthly media segments, including a twice-monthly WVUE-TV morning news appearance where she discusses a variety of important health topics

for the community, such as a healthy lifestyle, cancer prevention, nutrition, health screening recommendations and more.

**Dr. Jeffrey Carter, Director of the Burn Center, University Medical Center:**

Carter is leading the development of the Burn Center aimed at providing the latest multidisciplinary surgical and non-surgical care for patients suffering burn injuries. He is also an associate professor of surgery at LSU Health New Orleans. The most critical center will enable those in need of burn care to receive treatment in New Orleans.

**Dodie McElmurray, Chief Operating Officer, West Jefferson Medical Center:**

McElmurray manages the following departments for West Jefferson Medical Center: allied services, AVP plant maintenance/construction, retail, fitness centers, AVP facilities management, pharmacy and EMS.

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**About LCMC Health**

*Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](#) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.*