Mobile Medical Unit Rolls to Health Fair

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Tulane School of Medicine's mobile medical unit, "Tulane Community Health On the Road," will participate in U.S. Representative Anh "Joseph" Cao's AAA (Affordable, Accessible, Accountable) Health Fair at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans East on Saturday (Jan. 16) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 7300 Crowder Blvd. The health fair is free to residents of the 2nd congressional district.



"Tulane Community Health On The Road," the Tulane mobile medical unit, will visit a health fair organized by Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao in New Orleans East on Saturday (Jan. 16). (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Organized by the office of the congressman, the health fair will offer residents a variety of screening, educational and referral services. Along with the Tulane School of Medicine, numerous organizations will participate in the fair, including the NO AIDS Task Force, the New Orleans Health Department, the Daughters of Charity, HMK Amen, Pharma, First Place 4 Health and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Tulane mobile medical unit will offer screening and counseling on diabetes (glucose checks), high blood pressure (blood pressure checks), and weight and

nutrition (body mass index checks).

Additional services, education, screenings and referrals also will be available at the fair including eye examinations, HIV/AIDS screening, de-stressing techniques, reviews of Veterans Affairs claims and benefits, assessment of prescription medicine needs, hearing testing, pregnancy screening and oral health checks. Free adult H1N1 immunizations will be provided by the New Orleans Health Department.

Conceived after the catastrophic flooding associated with Hurricane Katrina, Tulane's mobile medical unit serves the health needs of adults and children in neighborhoods around New Orleans that do not yet have brick-and-mortar clinics. The <u>mobile unit</u> provides much-needed community health services, including primary care, behavioral health care and social services, aimed at populations within New Orleans that have limited access to health care.