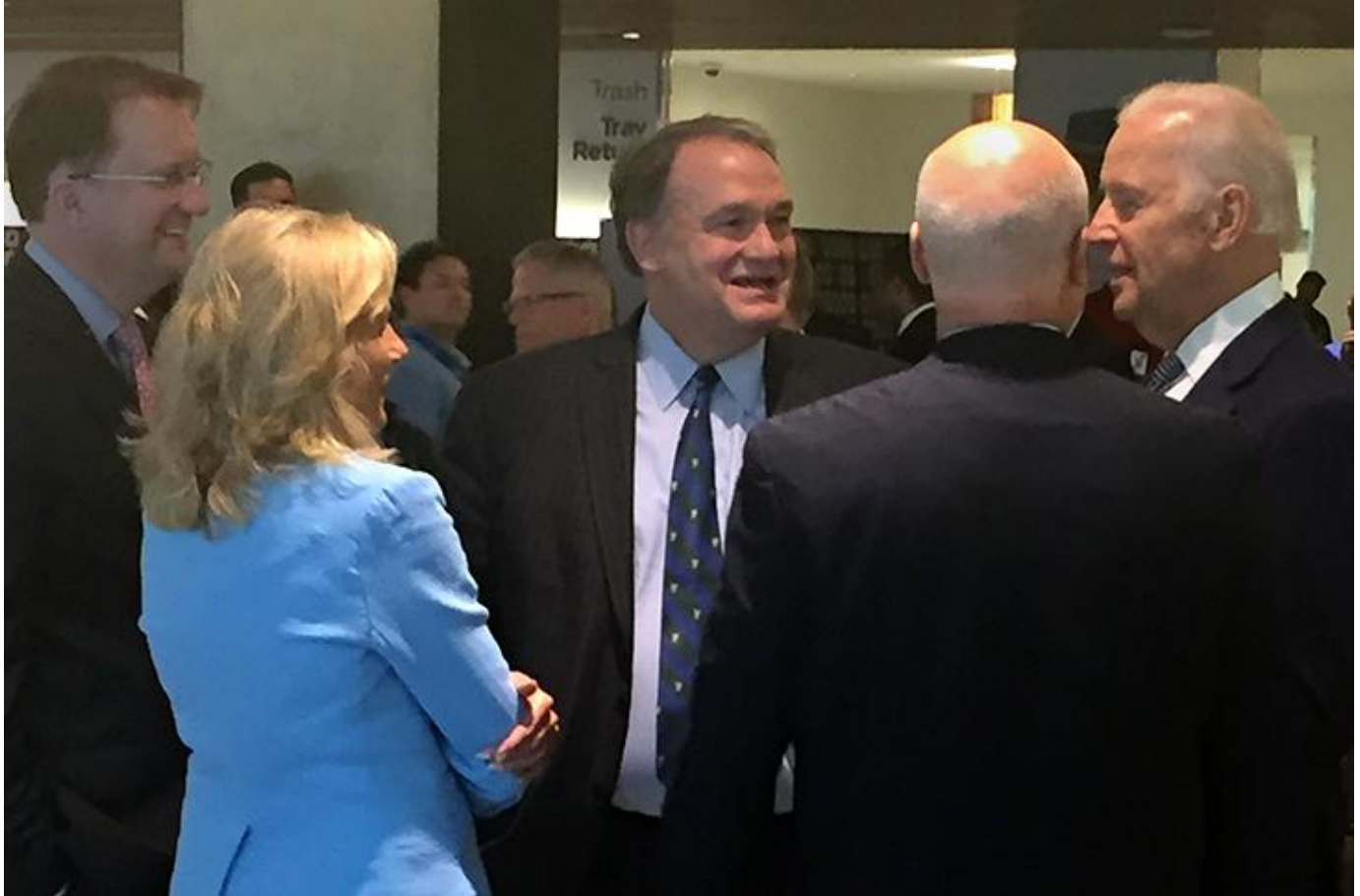


Tulane president joins Joe Biden in hospital tour

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When Vice President Joe Biden, far right, visited New Orleans on Wednesday (April 20), he was joined by dignitaries including Tulane University President Mike Fitts, center, for a tour of University Medical Center New Orleans. Also joining the vice president are Greg Feirn, far left, CEO of LCMC Health, which manages UMCNO; Jill Biden, second from left; and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (from back). Fitts spent two hours with the vice president, including a tour of the cancer infusion center at UMCNO and a round-table discussion with nurses, a social worker, a patient and Dr. Cindy Leissinger, professor of medicine and chief of the Hematology/Oncology Division at the Tulane School of Medicine. After that meeting with cancer caregivers, Jill Biden tweeted, "You give so many patients and their families hope. Thank you."

Joe Biden was the keynote speaker Wednesday afternoon for a meeting of the American Association of Cancer Researchers at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. President Obama recently chose Biden, who lost his son to cancer last year, to lead a "moonshot" attempt to cure cancer.

Dr. Cindy Leissinger, center, professor of medicine at Tulane, takes part in a round-table discussion of cancer caregivers and patients at University Medical Center New Orleans, which included Vice President Joe Biden. (Photo from University Medical Center New Orleans)

Vice President Joe Biden, flanked by his wife, Jill, adds to a discussion by cancer caregivers at University Medical Center New Orleans on Wednesday (April 20). While in the city, he also spoke at a meeting of several thousand members of the American Association of Cancer Researchers. (Photo from University Medical Center New Orleans)