## DOM NEWS BLAST

## The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

## Governor John Bel Edwards Visits LSUHSC

On Wednesday September $6^{\text {th }}$, Governor John Bel Edwards came to LSUHSC for a brief visit and lots of DOM folks attended.

Shout out to Dr. Peter Deblieux (Emergency Medicine) who created a sim case for the Governor to experience of a man who overdoses on fentanyl at the office. Great teaching case to drive home the point that Louisiana is \#3 in fentanyl overdose deaths in the nation, surpassed only by West Virginia and Tennessee. Strong work Dr. Deblieux!

Thanks also to our unofficial photographer, Dr. Sanjay Kamboj (Hospital Medicine).


Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) and her collaborators were recently awarded a $\$ 480,0004$-year award from the CDC. Project PrOVIDE will evaluate implementation strategies to address barriers and increase uptake of and persistence on PrEP among Black cisgender women in six distinct EHE priority counties. Dr. Clement will be also be a subrecipient with Tulane on a $2^{\text {nd }}$ CDC Application entitled STIIRC RPTOP: Egocentric Sexual Network Study to Inform HIV, Mpox and other STI. Activities conducted are intended to produce the research needed to increase knowledge about sexual activity and sexual networks among diverse groups to inform the content and methods for interventions related to achieving STI prevention and health equity impact.


Great job, Dr. Clement.

Dr. Gala True (Community \& Population Health) recently published in the Archives of Suicide Research, a paper on receipt of services to address social determinants of health and suicide mortality among veterans. While there was not a statistically significant association between service use and suicide mortality, the study did find significant correlates including race other than African American., low or no service connected disability compensation, and suicidal ideation/attempt during the observation period.

Congratulations, Dr. True!


