

# REGION 1 OPH WETMORE TB CLINIC 2014 update\*

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\* Specific statistics available

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# Post Katrina History

1855 Ames Boulevard  
Marrero, LA



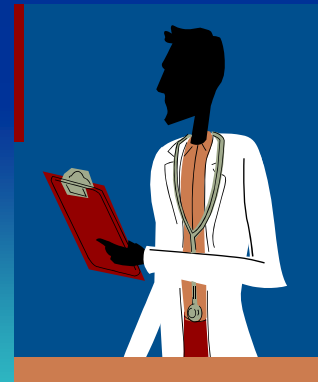
*From a Trailer with a makeshift clinic to.....*

Present location  
3308 Tulane Avenue  
New Orleans, LA



# Structure of team at clinic

- Office Staff
- Nursing Staff
- TB Control/Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) team
- Clinic Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Radiography personnel
- Trainees
- Physicians



# Process of Patient /Client flow and service dealing with \*\*

- Patient check-in
- Pre-interview with nurse
- Trainee/Physician evaluation
- Post-interview with nurse
- Lab tests, Medication Directly Observed Treatment ( DOT) arrangement, where applicable, follow up appointment and scheduling
- Referral to other clinics as indicated



\* Active TB , suspect TB , Latent TB , contacts of TB etc

# Regular Academic affiliations



Section of Pulmonary Medicine –LSU School of  
Medicine (SOM) , New Orleans

Section of Pulmonary Medicine – Tulane SOM

Section of Infectious Disease – LSU SOM

Section of Infectious Disease – Tulane SOM

Dept of Pediatrics , Tulane U HSC

# A day at the clinic

- Patient services and preparation for MD visit
- MD visit, completing data base
- DOT planning
- Nurse conferences
- T-Spot testing & other lab tests
- Sputum collection
- Chart preparation
- Patient referrals & scheduling
- Documentation and statistical collection
- Coordination of follow up and care



# Clinical patient service Partnerships

LSU-Interim LSU Medical Center  
and Public Hospital/ UH

Referrals through EHR  
CLIQ Medical  
Records

Private MDs/ VA  
Community  
Clinics /Hospitals

HIV Out patient Clinic

Transitional  
Homes  
Homeless  
Shelters





# Specific Community liaison

## Homeless Shelters

Ozanam Inn

Bridge House

Salvation Army

New Orleans Mission

## Community Clinics

Covenant House

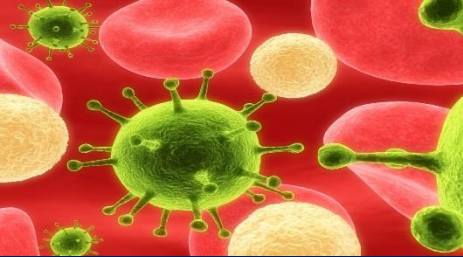
Healthcare for the Homeless

New Orleans Health Unit (other than OPH)

Urgent Care Clinic at ILH

Drug Rehab Centers





“State of the art” medical practice



- TB Spot test (new blood test for TB)
- Treatment drug level testing\*
- Updated Imaging i.e. CT scan referrals
- Digital X-ray svcs and Access (courtesy WF)
- Negative Pressure sputum induction room
- Culture and Sensitivity testing
- Coordination with special labs and centers
- Dealing with Drug resistant TB

\* To ensure adequate and effective Rx

# Research and academic partnerships through appropriate regulatory channels

- NIH funded LSU Pulm Section study\*
- Tulane Public Health student class practicum\*\*
- Rotation of students/trainees from Tulane school of Public Health /Academic venues

\*\* Result in presentations of papers and Publications in the past and present



# Commitment of Medical Staff

- Multi-disciplinary faculty
- Drawn from both LSU and Tulane
- Academic approach
- Standard of care as best as “administration” and “budget” allows
- Time commitment way beyond the constraints of contractual obligations with inadequate compensation to MDs

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# Clinic Nursing Leadership and staff

- Ensuring efficient practice and flow of patient and health care delivery
- Close liaison with all staff and Health care delivery team
- Working with all Health Units



# Role of DIS field staff

- Implementation of the medical and treatment plan
- Contact screening measures
- Ensure compliance with Rx
- Identify patient issues and other road blocks to implementation
- Assure follow up
- Personnel challenges



# TB control staff and leadership

- Ensure and monitor compliance of program as per policy and procedure as per national guidelines
- Liaison of and with public health and patient health care delivery team
- Work with medical leadership



# Social and support services through MV

***Regular proactive and energetic problem solving approach***

***Working closely the Wetmore Foundation to provide for those patients in need***

***Address their social and societal issues while they are being medically treated at Wetmore.***

***Be a patient advocate***





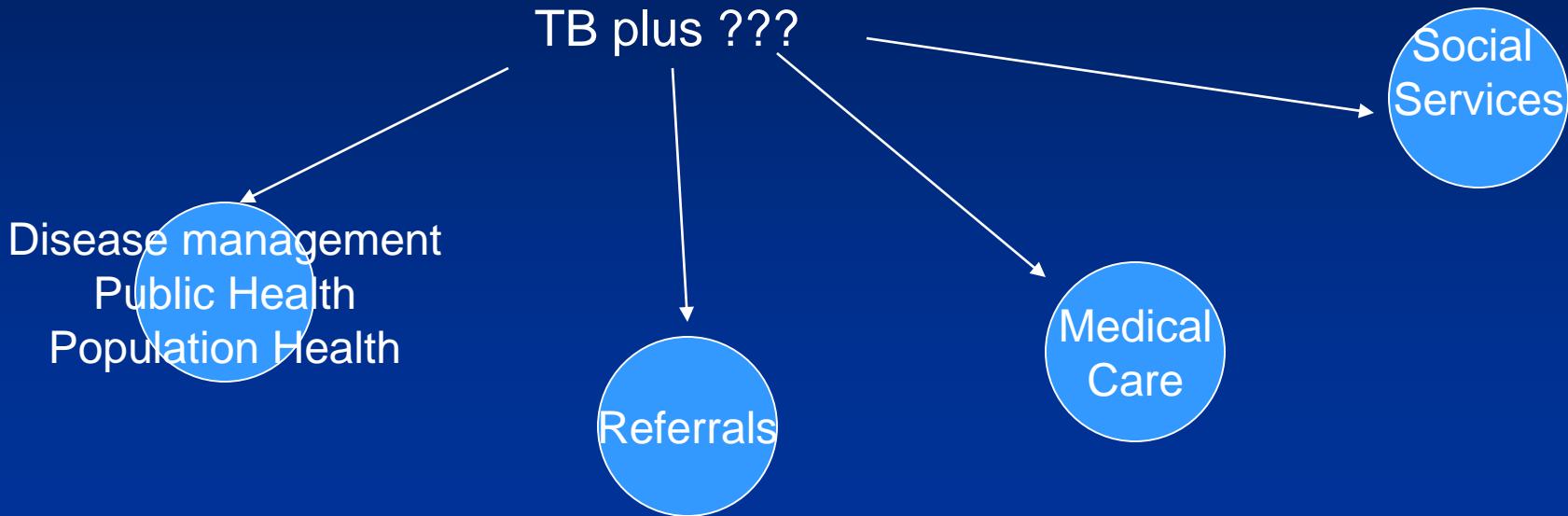
# Role of Wetmore TB Foundation

- Patient Centered Involvement and engagement
- Tremendous support
- Practical funding
- Alignment of mission
- Access for patient needs
- “Best kept secret”



# Concept of a Virtual Medical Home

A typical TB patient /family with multiple co-morbid conditions;  
dual mycobacterial diseases, “dropped by OPH and TB control”  
Due to policy and budget constraints



MDs

Nurses

Social Worker

Support systems

**HEALTH CARE delayed is Health Care denied ; A fragmented Health Delivery system hampers access to care , disrupts continuity of care , and reduces standard of care health care delivery... This team working to see that happens less and less**

# Community based participatory activities research (CBPR)

*Not currently being done but options open and under active consideration through the academic affiliations*

*Data mining and collection through Public Health practicum students and MD staff*



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