LaPOST Coalition to Host Health Fair and Community Conversation in New Roads

BATON ROUGE – August 20, 2015 - The Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) Coalition, in partnership with the City of New Roads, will host a Health Fair and Community Conversation on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Scott Civic Center. The event is designed to promote personal health awareness, increase knowledge of community resources and discuss end-of-life care in New Roads. It will also serve as a pilot program that the Coalition will replicate across the state.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive free health screenings provided by local health care vendors and will enjoy a complimentary luncheon sponsored by Comfort Keepers and Life Source Services of Baton Rouge. A community forum on end-of-life issues will be held following the luncheon. Led by Susan Nelson, MD, LaPOST Coalition Chair, the session will identify advance care planning resources in the community and will encourage families to have discussions about end-of-life care in order to honor their loved one’s wishes.

“Advance care planning is an important step in a patient’s health care journey and this community forum will shed light on the significance of having this conversation with family members,” said Dr. Nelson.

Quality Forum CEO Cindy Munn added, “We are excited to host this special event in New Roads. Not only will it allow us to connect with local residents, but it gives us the opportunity to provide them with critical health care screenings and information. We are grateful to have Mayor Robert Myer’s and the City of New Roads’ support in the planning of this event, and we hope it has a lasting impact on the community.”

For more information about LaPOST, visit www.la-post.org.

About the LaPOST Coalition
The LaPOST Coalition is a statewide network of organizations that provides advance care planning education, training and awareness for health care consumers and professionals. This includes information about LaPOST, a best-practice model for patients with serious, advanced illnesses to state their preferences for end-of-life treatment with a physician’s order.

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