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diabetes patients get the best possible care are crucial to the health and wellbeing of Louisiana.

"Meeting Our Challenge brought great awareness to an audience that included community leaders, providers, payers and purchasers of healthcare," said Stephen Walker, MD, CNSI CMO. "Speakers included experts that are making a difference through prevention and early detection to reduce risk of complications." Walker said that Lou Brock, a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, came to the Summit to speak on behalf of others, like himself, who have Type 2 diabetes. Of diabetes, Brock said, "I'm in it, and I didn't want to be in it. I still don't want to be in it." But, said Brock, who works now to spread awareness of the disease, he doesn't let it dominate his life. "Stay inside the bounds, inside the numbers," he said. The Summit reached out to a lot of people who will be able to make a difference. The Diabetes Summit agenda included: Stephen B. Walker, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CNSI: Opening Remarks William T. Cefalu, MD, Chief, Joint Program on Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pennington Biomedical Research Center & LSUHSC School of Medicine: topic TBD Tyler N. Carruth, Health Information Technology Coordinator, Louisiana Department Health & Hospitals: "The State of Diabetes in Our State" Anjum Khurshid, PhD, MD, Louisiana Public Health Institute and Kristin Lyman, JD, Crescent City Beacon Community Initiative: "Initiative Transforming Healthcare Delivery Through Care Coordination and Innovation in the Crescent City" David G. Carmouche, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana: "Redesigning Care Management in Support Of Better Chronic Disease Care" Lunch with speaker: Lou Brock, National Baseball Hall of Fame Paul W. Grandon, MD, Medical Director, Delhi Critical Access Hospital: "Pre-diabetes Intervention Program of Northeast Louisiana" Matt M. Longjohn, MD, Senior Director, Chronic Disease Prevention Programs, Health Innovation, YMCA USA: "Development and Dissemination of Diabetes Prevention – Innovative Programs" Janet Montesane and Katheryn Arterberry,

FNP, DNP, Martin Luther King Health Center: "Implementing CDC Diabetes Prevention Program in Shreveport" Stephen B. Walker, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CNSI: Concluding Remarks The Environment and Health Council of Louisiana is a nonprofit organization founded in 1983 to facilitate independent, balanced and factual assessment of health issues related to the environmental and economic wellbeing of Louisiana. A volunteer Board of Directors manages the EHCL.

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