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## **Louisiana Center for Health Equity Statement on Ochsner Health Boycott**

**BATON ROUGE** (February 5, 2022) — The Louisiana Center for Health Equity issues the following statement from President Alma Stewart Allen in response to an inquiry from the US Healthcare Journals, specially “what has come of the Louisiana Center for Health Equity’s Ochsner boycott?”

“The **Louisiana Center for Health Equity** (LCHE) called for a boycott of Ochsner Health on January 13, 2021. The Center made this announcement during a virtual gathering and press conference. During that event, LCHE Board Chair Diane Hargrove Jupiter said, “We are aware that many community members seek primary care and specialty care with Ochsner Health. We by no means are asking the community or anyone to jeopardize their health in any way, but where there is an opportunity for choice to consider seeing other healthcare providers. The Louisiana Center for Health Equity is asking the community to boycott Ochsner Health until a full and complete investigation is completed which includes interviews with loved ones of patients who died of COVID-19.” On February 25, 2021, LCHE filed a complaint with the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights. The boycott remains in effect until this federal investigation is complete.”

### **About Louisiana Center for Health Equity (LCHE)**

*Established in 2010, the Louisiana Center for Health Equity (LCHE) works to address disparities in health and healthcare and is at the forefront of efforts to reduce the pervasive health inequities in Louisiana. LCHE is a statewide 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonpartisan organization dedicated to fostering health equity in Louisiana.*

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