



Media Advisory

March 27, 2009

Mental Health Committee To Meet in Special Session This Afternoon

What: Committee Chair District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura called a Special Mental Health Committee meeting. Discussion topics will include:

- Recent changes in New Orleans mental health capacity, including crisis response
- Grace Outreach pro bono contribution to mental health services in New Orleans
- Discussion of State plans to realign mental health services currently provided by New Orleans Adolescent Hospital (NOAH)

When: Friday, March 27, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Where: City Council Chamber

Who: Special Guests - State and Local Mental Health Professionals

- Sarah E. Hoffpauir, LCSW-BACS
- Pastor Pynthian Noah
- Cecile Tebo, NOPD Crisis Response Unit
- Dr. Jeffrey Rouse, New Orleans Coroner's office
- Judge Arthur Hunter
- Representative from Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH)

Committee Members

- Chair: District "A" Councilmember Midura
- Councilmember-at-Large Fielkow
- District "D" Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

To view the Meeting Agenda click [here](#).

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New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

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