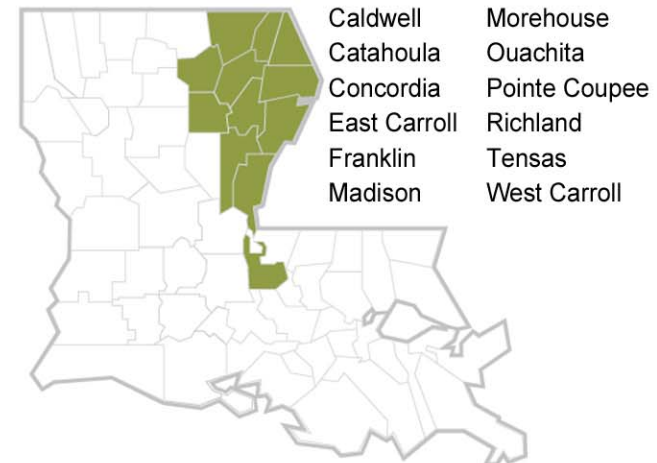


Health Care Committee Plan

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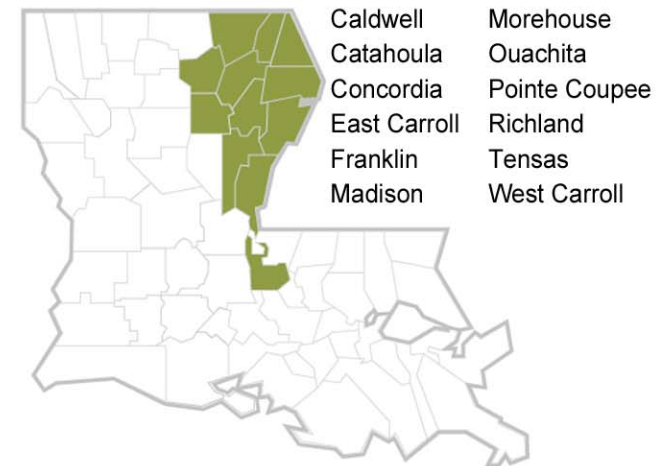
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Health Care and Economic Development

- Poor health statistics paint a challenging picture
- Poor health limits economic development

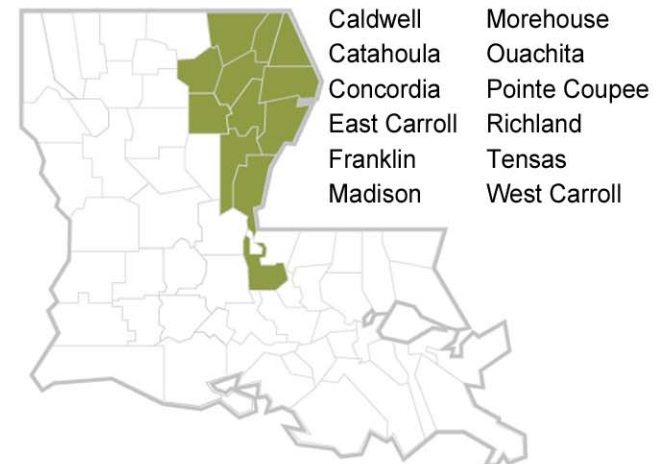


SHORT TERM GOALS (two parishes):

Conduct a health care needs assessment for the 12 parish region

Develop a comprehensive directory of services in the 12 parish region including type of services offered, payment methods received, etc.

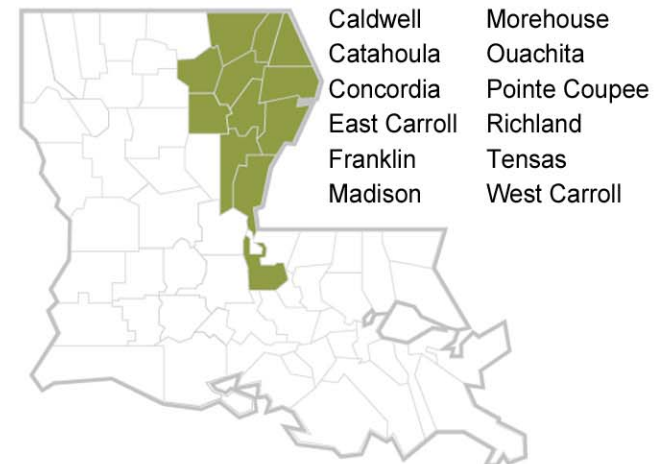
Create regional maps of health care infrastructure



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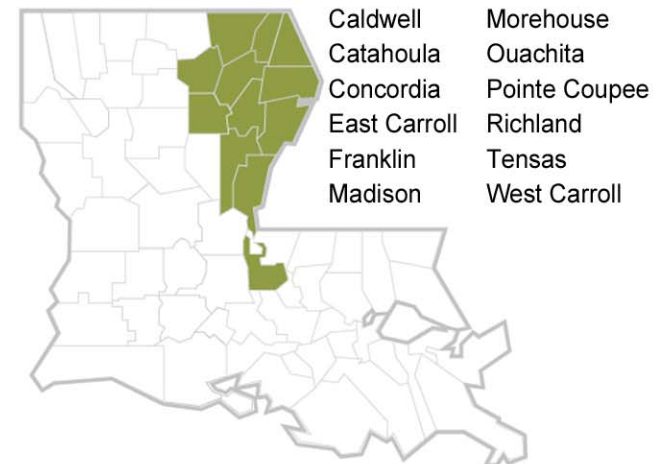
Organize and Coordinate a Rural Health Care Symposium

- Bring together providers, consumers, government and technology firms to improve quality of services
- Identify best practices for recruiting physicians and other health care professionals to the LDI region
- Identify best practices to grow the health care industry



MEDIUM TERM (expand to ten other parishes):

- **Conduct research to improve recruitment of health care professionals**
- **Advocate for children to receive more health care services, especially dental**
- **Research feasibility of using a mobile unit to provide dental services to children at schools year-round**



LONG TERM GOALS (state-wide):

Develop a regional health care plan to improve the health of residents and growth of health care industry

Use broadband technology deployment best practices to expand telehealth network

Implement best practices to grow the health care industry and improve the health of residents

