

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 25, 2007

Department: County Administration

Advisory Board: Health Care District of Palm Beach County

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion/Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: appointment of one (1) individual to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County (HCD), effective October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Seat Requirement</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Dr. Effie C. Grear	2	Individual residing in the Glades Area	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. McCarty Comm. Santamaria

Summary: Per Chapter 2003-326, Laws of Florida, the HCD is composed of seven (7) members. The appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of Palm Beach County in selecting individuals to serve on the HCD, and at least one (1) person, but not more than two (2) shall reside in the Glades Area. The Governor shall appoint three (3) members; the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint three (3) members, one (1) of which must be an elected official at the time of appointment; and one (1) member shall be the director of the Palm Beach County Health Department. Dr. Effie C. Grear has served on the HCD since December 2002 and has expressed an interest in serving another four (4) year term. Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: The HCD was created to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County and to maximize the health and well-being of residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery.

Attachments:

1. Board Appointment Information Form
2. Memo dated August 23, 2007
3. Current List of Board Members
4. Chapter 2003-326, Laws of Florida

Recommended by:  9-17-07
 Assistant County Administrator Date

Legal Sufficiency:  9-19-07
 Assistant County Attorney Date

Dr. Effie C. Grear, Ed.D.
661 S. W. 4th Street
Belle Glade, FL 33430
(561) 996-5332

July 30, 2007

Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Commissioner Santamaria:


The purpose of this letter is to express my sincere interest in continuing to serve on the Health Care District Board. Florida Law requires one member of the District Board to reside in the Glades area. Since December 2002, I have satisfied that requirement. I am eligible under the Health Care Act 2003-326 to be approved for a second 4-year term. Please consider my reappointment.

During my tenure on the Health Care District Board, the organization has continued to deliver on its mission to improve access to healthcare services through health coverage programs for uninsured residents, the trauma system, children's health initiatives, and the operation of the Healey Center and Glades General Hospital. Of particular interest to the Glades community is the plan to construct a new regional hospital.

Substantial progress has been made on the new hospital including the acquisition of the site and a design for the new facility. The schedule estimates the project to be completed by December 2009. The opportunity to serve a second term on the Health Care District Board will provide for continuity and ensure that this important initiative is completed to benefit the residents of western Palm Beach County.

If I may answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Effie C. Grear

c: Addie Green, Chair
Jeff Koons, Vice Chair
Karen Marcus, Commissioner
Mary McCarty, Commissioner
Burt Aaronson, Commissioner
✓ Robert Weisman, County Administrator



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Chairperson and Members of the Board of County Commissioners
THRU: Jon Van Arnam, Assistant County Administrator *AVA/pah*
FROM: Patricia Hindle, Agenda Coordinator *pah*
DATE: August 23, 2007
RE: Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Addie L. Greene, Chairperson
Jeff Koons, Vice Chair
Karen T. Marcus
Warren H. Newell
Mary McCarty
Burt Aaronson
Jess R. Santamaria

County Administrator
Robert Weisman

Seat No. 2 on the Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board (HCD) will expire on September 30, 2007. Seat No. 2 is currently held by Dr. Effie C. Gear (since December 2002), who has expressed a desire to serve another four (4) year term (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011). Dr. Gear's letter requesting reappointment is attached.

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Dr. Gear currently meets the requirement for an individual residing in the Glades area. I have attached an Advisory Board Nominee Information Form for Dr. Gear. I have also attached a "blank" form should you wish to nominate another individual for consideration.

I would like to prepare an agenda item for your consideration at the September 11, 2007 Board meeting. Please provide your nomination(s) to me by August 30, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact me at 355-3229.

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Attachments

I. AUTHORITY:

Section 4 of Chapter 87-450, as amended by Chapter 88-460, 91-344, 92-340, 93-382, 96-509, 2000-489, Laws of Florida.

II. APPOINTING AUTHORITY:

Governor & Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

III. COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS & REMOVAL:

The Health Care District shall be governed by a District board which shall be composed of seven (7) members. The appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of Palm Beach County in selecting individuals to serve on the District Board, at least one person, but not more than two of whom shall reside in the Glades area that area of Palm Beach County lying west of the line between Range 39 East Range 40 East. The membership of the District Board shall include three members appointed by the Governor, three members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County and one member from the Palm Beach County Health Department, as provided below:

1. The Governor shall appoint three members to serve on the District Board.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County shall appoint three members to the District Board, other than themselves, one of whom must be an elected official at the time of the appointment.
3. The District Board member from the Palm Beach County Public Health Department shall be the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

Any vacancies on the District Board for whatever cause shall be filled in the same manner as set forth in this act for an initial appointment. Each member of the District Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until a successor is appointed. The term of the office of a District Board member shall be construed to commence on October 1 of the year of appointment and to terminate September 30 of the year of the end of his or her term. No member of the District Board may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, with the exception of the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

IV. MEETINGS:

As scheduled.

V. FUNCTIONS:

To provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of PBC and to maximize the health and well-being of PBC residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery.

VI. LIAISON DEPARTMENT:

Community Services
355-4700

VII. CONTACT PERSON:

Dwight Chenette (561) 659-1270/ext. 5521
P. B. C. Health Care District
324 Datura Street, Suite 401, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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**HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PBC
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

<u>SEAT ID</u>	<u>CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>RACE CODE</u>	<u>BUSINESS/ HOME PHONE</u>	<u>REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>APPOINT DATE</u>	<u>RE-APPT DATE</u>	<u>EXPIRE DATE</u>
APPOINTED BY: At Large							
1	State Rep. Richard Machek FL House of Rep., Dist. 78 5341 W. Atlantic, Ste. 300A Delray Beach, FL 33484	WM	(561) 279-1633 (561) 279-1634	Elected Official	06/06/2006	10/01/2006	09/30/2010
2	Dr. Effie C. Gear P.O. Box 262 Belle Glade, FL 33430	BF	() - (561) 996-5332	Resident west of 20 Mile Bend	12/17/2002	10/01/2003	09/30/2007
3	Stanley Pierce, JD, PHd 7412 Mandarin Drive Boca Raton, FL 33433	WM	() - (561) 487-7220	Resident of Palm Beach County	10/01/2000	10/01/2004	09/30/2008
APPOINTED BY: PBC Health Department							
4	Dr. Jean Marie Malecki, M.D. PBC Health Department 826 Evernia St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	WF	(561) 355-3120 () -	Palm Beach County Public Health	10/01/1992	/ /	/ /
APPOINTED BY: Governor							
5	Jonathan R. Satter 1000 South Olive Ave. P.O. Box 1625 West Palm Beach, FL 33402	UN	(561) 659-1800	Resident of Palm Beach County	07/01/2005	10/01/2006	09/30/2010
6	David Goodlett Sugar Cane Growers Coop. of FL 477 S. Rosemary Ave., 309 West Palm Beach, FL 33401	WM	(561) 833-7500 () -	Resident of Palm Beach County	10/01/2000	10/01/2004	09/30/2008
7	Randee S. Schatz, Esq. 220 Sunrise Ave, Suite 209 Palm Beach, FL 33480	WF	(561) 833-1846 ()	Resident of Palm Beach County	10/01/1999	10/01/2003	09/30/2007

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Chapter 2003-326

An act relating to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County; codifying, amending, and reenacting special acts relating to the District; providing a popular name; providing boundaries; providing for a governing board, rules of the board, and membership; providing powers and duties of the board; providing for an ad valorem tax; providing for issuance of bonds; providing for an annual report; repealing chapters 87-450, 92-340, 93-382, 96-509, and 2000-489, Laws of Florida; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the District, including all current legislative authority granted to the District by its several legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act.

Section 2. Chapters 87-450, 92-340, 93-382, 96-509, and 2000-489, Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as herein provided.

Section 3. The charter for the Palm Beach County Health Care Act is recreated and reenacted to read:

Section 1. Popular Name.-- This act shall be known and may be referred to by the popular name the "Palm Beach County Health Care Act."

Section 2. Intent.-- The Legislature recognizes that it is in the public interest to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County (the "County") and to maximize the health and well being of Palm Beach County residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding, and coordination of health care service delivery. Program elements should include, but not be limited to, preventive health services, community nursing services, ambulatory care, outpatient services, hospital services, trauma health services, and rehabilitative services, as feasible. All programs should be coordinated to maximize the delivery of quality health care. The most effective and efficient method to provide comprehensive health care services is through a countywide health care district.

Section 3. Name and Boundaries.-- The name of the independent special district shall be the Health Care District of Palm Beach County ("the District"). The District shall embrace and include all of the property of Palm Beach County.

Section 4. District Board; Membership; Rules of Procedure.--

(1) The District shall be governed by a District Board which shall be composed of seven members. The appointing authority shall consider the diverse geographic areas of Palm Beach County in selecting individuals to serve on the District Board, and at least one member, but not more than two, shall reside in the Glades area, that area of Palm Beach County lying west of the line between Range 39 East and Range 40 East. The membership of the District Board shall include three members appointed by the Governor, three members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and one member from the Palm Beach County Health Department as provided below:

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(c) The District Board member from the Palm Beach County Public Health Department shall be the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

(2) Any vacancies on the District Board for whatever cause shall be filled in the same manner as set forth in this act for an initial appointment.

(3) District Board members shall receive no compensation for their services; however, while acting for the District, they shall receive their actual expenses, including subsistence, lodging, travel, and other expenses in the amount actually incurred, as approved by the District Board.

(4) Each member of the District Board shall serve for a term of 4 years or until a successor is appointed.

(5) The term of office of a District Board member shall be construed to commence on October 1 of the year of appointment and to terminate September 30 of the year of the end of his or her term.

(6) No member of the District Board may serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms, with the exception of the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

(7) The members of the District Board shall elect among themselves a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the District Board, except that the vice-chair may preside in his or her absence. The chair, vice-chair, and secretary shall each have an official vote in all matters considered by the District Board. The District Board is authorized to adopt bylaws providing for the orderly governance and operation of the District's affairs.

(8) The District Board shall meet regularly as determined by the bylaws of the District Board.

(9) Each District Board member shall give bond to the Governor for the faithful performance of his or her duties in the sum of \$5,000 with a surety company qualified to do business in the state, as surety, which bond shall be approved and kept by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, Florida. The premiums on said bonds shall be paid as part of the expenses of the District Board.

(10) Four District Board members shall constitute a quorum, and a vote of at least three District Board members shall be necessary to complete the transaction of any business of the District. The District Board members shall cause true and accurate minutes and records to be kept of all business transacted by them and shall keep full, true, and complete books of accounts and minutes, which minutes, records, and books of account shall at all reasonable times be open and subject to public inspection, and any person desiring to do so may make or procure a copy of said minutes, records, or books of account, or such portion thereof as such person may desire, at a reasonable cost determined by the District Board.

Section 5. Qualifications of District Board Members.-- A District Board member or the spouse of a District Board member may not, at the time of appointment or for 1 year prior to appointment or during the term of the District Board member:

(1) Have any financial interest, other than ownership of shares in a mutual fund, pension plan, or profit-sharing plan, in any entity which, either directly or indirectly, receives funds from the District.

(2) Be employed, retained by, or engaged in any activity with any entity which, either directly or indirectly, receives funds from the District, except for the director of the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

(3) Serve on the board of directors or board of trustees of any entity, which either directly or indirectly, receives funds from the District.