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HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELECT NEW CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS



WEST PALM BEACH, May 15, 2008 – At its annual meeting yesterday, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County’s Board of Commissioners unanimously elected Vice-Chair Jonathan R. Satter to be the new Chair of the Board. He succeeds Stanley Pierce, PhD, JD, who was elected Chair in April 2007 and has served on the Health Care District Board for eight years. Commissioner Satter was appointed to the Health Care District Board in July 2005 and again in September 2006 by Governor Jeb Bush.

“It is an honor to be elected by my fellow Commissioners as Chair of this vital and important Palm Beach County health care system,” said Mr. Satter. “I hope to build on the success of Dr. Pierce’s fiscally responsible leadership as the Health Care District continues to advance the delivery of quality health care to all residents in our community.”

The Health Care District Board also elected Effie C. Grear, EdD as its Vice-Chair. Dr. Grear, who was serving as the Board’s Secretary, also serves on the Board of Directors for Glades General Hospital. In addition, the Health Care District Board elected Dr. Jean Malecki, the Director of the Palm Beach County Health Department, to serve as Board Secretary.

Mr. Satter brings to the Chairmanship position a broad and diverse real estate and financial background. Currently he serves as Principal of Compass Realty Companies, a regional realty services firm with offices in South and West Florida. Mr. Satter also serves as an independent receiver appointed by the civil court system in matters involving real estate assets. Mr. Satter previously served as Vice President and Senior Operations Officer for the management group of one of the nation’s largest real estate investment trusts (REIT) with realty assets exceeding \$7 billion.

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A graduate of Rollins College with a degree in political science, Mr. Satter also received his Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, a member of the Board of Governors of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, and is on the Board of Directors of Pathfinders of Palm Beach/Martin County Scholarship Fund, Inc. Mr. Satter holds the Real Property Administrator (RPA) designation from the Building Owner's and Manager's Institute. From 1997-2003, Mr. Satter served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of South Florida.

"This is an exciting time for Mr. Satter to lead the Health Care District Board," said Dr. Pierce, outgoing Chair, who will continue to serve on the Board until the end of his eight-year term in September. "Mr. Satter's strong financial background and dedication to the health of our community are huge assets, especially as the Health Care District constructs a new \$73 million regional hospital to serve residents in the western Palm Beach County communities bordering Lake Okeechobee."

Also serving as volunteers on the seven-member Health Care District Board of Commissioners are former Chair C. David Goodlett, Patrick J. DiSalvo and State Representative Richard A. Machek.

About the Health Care District: *The Health Care District of Palm Beach County provides health coverage for low-income residents, a nationally acclaimed trauma system, clinics with a dedicated nurse in more than 170 public schools, a pharmacy network, behavioral health professionals in 46 public elementary schools, a long-term skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, and acute care hospital services at Glades General Hospital, the county's only public hospital. The Health Care District is in the process of constructing a new, technologically-advanced regional hospital to serve the Lake Okeechobee region.*

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