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## Health Care District's Mobile Health Clinic Receives Award from Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County's <u>Mobile Health Clinic</u> received the "Going the Extra Mile" award from the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County. The award was presented to the District's CEO, Darcy J. Davis, and Belma Andrić, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, VP and Executive Director of Clinical Services before a crowd of 500 at the 8th Annual Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon held at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach on October 2nd, 2019.



In presenting the award, the Homeless
Coalition noted that "the Health Care
District's Mobile Health Clinic actually does
go the extra mile, lots of them, with hope and
health aboard."

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County's customdesigned Mobile Health Clinic is the newest edition to the C.



L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics. This 38-foot bus delivers medical, behavioral health and pharmacy services to the chronically homeless and other underserved adult patients across the county. The Mobile Health Clinic partners with community agencies who traditionally provide other forms of social services to the homeless, one location at a time, such as food, showers, and housing, case management and other services necessary for persons to maintain a sustained, healthy lifestyle.

"I'm very proud of our Mobile Health Clinic and very proud of our community partnerships with groups that take care of the homeless in the

community," Dr. Andric said. "These community partners were very generous in teaching us about homeless services and inviting us to join the family of organizations that provide care for the homeless."



"Our mission is to fill the gaps in the community in terms of health care and we recognize that the homeless population had been overlooked from a health care perspective," Davis said. She called the

recognition during the mobile health clinics' first year of operation a "huge honor," adding that the award "helps validate that this is the right thing to do for our community."

The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County has been a voice of the homeless in Palm Beach County since 1986. The annual award luncheon seeks to recognize organizations that positively impact the lives of homeless children, women and men in the county.

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The Lewis Center is a unique partnership of homeless service providers –

including the Health Care District – that work to put people on the path home. It is the county's centralized resource hub for those looking to change their lives. The Center can provide temporary housing, job training, and case management, which, for hundreds of people each year, leads to placement into an apartment or house.

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