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ROBERT PALUSSEK APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE COUNTY

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health today announced Robert Palussek as the new Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee). Palussek will start his new role Monday, October 6, and brings with him nearly 20 years of experience and a strong background in operations, finance and business development.

"Robert is a high-integrity and energetic leader with the proven ability to provide organizational growth," said Deputy Secretary for Statewide Services Meade Grigg. "I am pleased to have someone with his experience join our team."

Palussek served the last two years as the Chief Operating Officer for Highlands Regional Medical Center. In previous positions, he served as Administrator and Finance and Accounting Director for DOH-Highlands.

Palussek received his degree in Business Administration from the Academy for Administration and Business in Karlsruhe, Germany and is a graduate and co-salutatorian of the Florida Public Health Leadership Institute at University of South Florida and Vice-President of the Heartland Rural Health Network. He has also held positions with the Florida Public Health Association, Florida Association of County Health Officers and is a member of the National Public Health Finance Steering Committee.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit <u>www.FLHealth125.gov</u> for more information.

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