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## MIRANDA HAWKER APPOINTED INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER IN BREVARD COUNTY



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health has announced Miranda Hawker as the interim health officer for the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. Since 2007, Hawker has served as the health officer for the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County.

“Miranda Hawker has done a tremendous job serving the people of Indian River County,” said Kim Barnhill, deputy secretary for County Health Systems. “As a result of her great work in Indian River and her obvious commitment to public health, I am confident Miranda will excel in Brevard County and am excited to see her succeed in her new role.”

Hawker will continue to serve as health officer in Indian River County while taking on the interim health officer role in Brevard County. Hawker began working for the department in 2004 as the assistant director in Indian River, focusing on community assessment, strategic planning, quality improvement activities, disaster response and managing daily operations.

Prior to working in Florida, Hawker was the Vision Project Manager at the Emergency Medical Services Authority in Sacramento, California. She worked to improve emergency medical services statewide and helped facilitate the creation of the first comprehensive statewide plan for Emergency Medical Services in 30 years. Hawker began her career in public health at the Winnebago County Health Department in Rockford, Illinois, where she oversaw a provider network for a health care system for foster children in a nine county area.

Hawker earned a Master of Public Health from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science/Sports Medicine from St. Olaf College. She also has extensive Incident Command System training and experience in disaster response.

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