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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OSCEOLA COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RECEIVES STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD**

Belinda Johnson-Cornett is the 2014 Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health

TALLAHASSEE - Belinda Johnson-Cornett, MS, RN-BC, MBA, Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County, received the 2014 Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health Award during the Public Health Week ceremony at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Public Health. The USF College of Public Health has presented this award annually since 1988 to a woman who exemplifies excellence in public health.

"Belinda Johnson-Cornett models the best in public health service for all Floridians," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, Dr. John Armstrong. "With our team in Osceola County, she is moving health forward for healthy weight communities, healthy babies, and health equity."

Ms. Johnson-Cornett is a board certified Registered Nurse with many years of experience working in the health field as both a practitioner and administrator. She holds a BSN from the University of Massachusetts, an MSN from Boston College, and an MBA from Suffolk University. Prior positions include Interim Director, Health Services Director and Executive Director of Nursing for the Florida Department of Health in Duval County, and Director of Operations with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Ms. Johnson-Cornett has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career, including Davis Productivity, NACCHO Model Practice and national Quality Improvement awards.

The Outstanding Woman in Public Health award was presented today at a ceremony in Tampa during the University of South Florida's National Public Health Week events.

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