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Dr. Branich has served as the Director of the Manatee County Health Department since June of 1989. She sets directions for medical specialty clinics and guides multidisciplinary cross-functional teams to improve the health status and environmental conditions of a culturally diverse population. During the past fourteen years, she has been actively involved in deploying analytical tools to evaluate population-based strategies and giving national and international presentations on various health and wellness issues including diabetes, HIV/AIDS and stress management.

For twelve years prior to her medical career, she pursued a career in academia and administration. Additionally, for more than thirty years, she has traveled extensively in fifty countries in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean with involvement in health promotion, disease prevention and training the trainer for lay community workers.

Dr. Branich's educational background includes Preventative Medicine Specialist Training at The Johns Hopkins University, an M.D. degree from The Medical College of Pennsylvania, a doctorate in social work at U.C.L.A., a master's degree in administration from The University of Chicago and an M.P.H. in Epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Branich has received numerous state and national awards and currently hosts a monthly television show on various health and wellness topics.