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**Florida Department of Health and Sarasota County Government Announces
New Administrator of the Sarasota County Health Department**



TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today announced the appointment of Charles Henry as administrator of the Sarasota County Health Department effective Friday, September 16, 2011. His appointment was confirmed by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

“Mr. Henry brings the great combination of years of health experience and a passion for his community to the position,” said State Surgeon General Dr. Frank Farmer. “His consistent commitment to professional growth and his intimate knowledge of public health issues make him perfect for this position.”

Charles Henry has more than 30 years of experience working in both military healthcare and state public health programs including almost 10 years of public health work in Florida. Mr. Henry is currently the Environmental Administrator for Sarasota County Health Department.

“I am honored to accept this opportunity to serve the people of Sarasota County,” said Mr. Henry. “I am looking forward to working with the staff of the Sarasota County Health Department, our Board of County Commissioners and our many community partners in fulfilling our mission to protect and promote the health of all residents and visitors in Sarasota County.”

Charles Henry has a master's degree in public administration/healthcare administration from Troy State University and is a graduate of the National Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute. He is a member of the Florida Public Health Association and currently serves as the President of the Florida Environmental Health Association.

The Sarasota County Health Department promotes and protects the health and safety of all residents and visitors of Sarasota County by preventing epidemics and the spread of disease, protecting against environmental hazards, preventing injuries, promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors, responding to disasters and assisting the community in recovery efforts. For more information about the Sarasota County Health Department visit <http://www.sarasotahealth.org>.

The Florida Department of Health's mission is to protect and promote the health of all residents and visitors in the state through organized state and community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties. For more information visit www.doh.state.fl.us.