

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**March 22, 2011
12:00 PM—3:00 PM
Webster Hall**

Action Packet

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

3/22/2011 12:00:00PM

Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Summary:

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

Tuesday March 22, 2011 12:00 pm

PCB HCAS 11-01	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 4
PCB HCAS 11-02	Favorable	Yeas: 10	Nays: 5
PCB HCAS 11-03	Favorable	Yeas: 12	Nays: 3
PCB HCAS 11-04	Favorable	Yeas: 10	Nays: 3
PCB HCAS 11-05	Favorable	Yeas: 13	Nays: 2
PCB HCAS 11-06	Favorable	Yeas: 10	Nays: 5

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Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X		
Charles Chestnut IV	X		
Richard Corcoran	X		
Janet Cruz	X		
Daniel Davis	X		
Jose Diaz	X		
James Frishe	X		
Gayle Harrell	X		
Mark Pafford	X		
Scott Randolph	X		
Kenneth Roberson	X		
Elaine Schwartz	X		
W. Gregory Steube	X		
John Wood	X		
Dana Young	X		
Totals:	15	0	0

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PCB HCAS 11-01 : Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV	X				
Richard Corcoran	X				
Janet Cruz		X			
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph		X			
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz		X			
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young	X				
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11 Total Nays: 4					

Appearances:

PCB HCAS 11-01
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PCB HCAS 11-02 : Biomedical Research

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV		X			
Richard Corcoran	X				
Janet Cruz		X			
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph		X			
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz		X			
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young	X				
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 5			

Appearances:

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PCB HCAS 11-03 : Correctional Medical Authority

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV	X				
Richard Corcoran	X				
Janet Cruz	X				
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph		X			
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz		X			
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young	X				
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 12		Total Nays: 3			

Appearances:

PCB HCAS 11-03

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PCB HCAS 11-04 : Department of Children & Family Services

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV	X				
Richard Corcoran				X	
Janet Cruz		X			
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph	X				
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz		X			
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young				X	
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 3			

Appearances:

PCB HCAS 11-04

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PCB HCAS 11-05 : Domestic Violence

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV	X				
Richard Corcoran	X				
Janet Cruz	X				
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph		X			
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz	X				
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young	X				
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
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PCB HCAS 11-06 : Medicaid Services

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Charles Chestnut IV		X			
Richard Corcoran	X				
Janet Cruz		X			
Daniel Davis	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
James Frishe	X				
Gayle Harrell	X				
Mark Pafford		X			
Scott Randolph		X			
Kenneth Roberson	X				
Elaine Schwartz		X			
W. Gregory Steube	X				
John Wood	X				
Dana Young	X				
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10 Total Nays: 5					

Appearances:

PCB HCAS 11-06

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PCB HCAS 11-06

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PCB HCAS 11-06

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PCB HCAS 11-06

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**Department of Children Families
Mental Health Substance Abuse Projects**

Project	Amount	Location	Description
COURT COTTAGES IN THE PINES	90,000	Broward	This project provides individuals with an alternative recovery milieu that is comprised of a structural short-term living environment with supportive and rehabilitative services that assist adults in living successfully in environments of their choice. It is an alternative to incarceration.
FAMILY EMERGENCY TREATMENT CENTER	900,000	Manatee	Services provided by FETC assist adults in living successfully in environments of their choice.
WAYNE DENSCH CENTER	180,000	Orange	This transitional living program provides housing and associated supportive services to homeless adults with severe mental illness. The center assists adults in living successfully in environments of their choice. Services include income supports, social supports, housing supports, vocational supports and respite supports that are related to symptoms or disabilities associated with mental illness.
CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	90,000	Charlotte	This center provides services that assist adults in living successfully in environments of their choice. Services include mental health, dental, medical, income supports, social supports, housing supports, vocational supports, respite support or accommodations related to symptoms or disabilities associated with mental illness. Services are provided to adults that are severely mentally ill and require specialized 24-hour care.
COMMUNITY DOMICILIARY PROJECT (CONTINUATION)- SERENITY HOUSE	305,100	Volusia	Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders. The purpose is to enable adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with serious and acute episode of mental illness and adults with a forensic court order to live, work, learn and socialize in a community-based residential setting.
SHORT TERM TREATMENT RESIDENCE (ALTERNATIVE TO STATE HOSPITALIZATION)	225,000	Hillsborough	This program provides short-term residential treatment services for adults in a structural, nonhospital living environment. The purpose is to enable adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court order to live, work, learn and socialize in a community-based residential setting.

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DOUGLAS GARDEN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER- HIV/AIDS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	315,000	Miami-Dade	Services provided by the center assists adults in living successfully in environments of their choice. The center provides mental health services that include psychiatric evaluation, medication management and outpatient counseling to individuals diagnosed with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome who are experiencing acute and/or chronic mental health problems. Crisis intervention services are available on an as needed basis, through the center's continuum of care. Services include income supports, social supports, housing supports, vocational supports and respite supports related to symptoms or disabilities associated with mental illness.
RUTH COOPER CENTER CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	162,000	Lee	Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment provided in the crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
FAMILY EMERGENCY TREATMENT CENTER	315,000	Pinellas	The FETC is a 24-hour, 7 days a week emergency walk-in clinic that provides short-term intervention for adults coping with mental illness. FETC provides services to adults with psychiatric disabilities to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
MIAMI DADE HOMELESS TRUST	180,000	Dade	Services provided assist adults in living successfully in environments of their choice. This project provides emergency housing, transitional housing with treatment services, employment training and placement and permanent housing for adults with symptoms or disabilities associated with mental illness.
CAMILLUS LIFE CENTER	250,000	Dade	Services are provided to adult homeless males who have co-occurring disorders of mental health and substance abuse. Outpatient services include medical, substance abuse and mental health treatment, case management, crisis intervention, vocational counseling and aftercare.
FLORIDA ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAM (FACT)	711,000	Bay, Gulf	This project serves persons with severe and persistent mental illness in Bay and Gulf Counties. Services are provided 24-hours, 7 days per week in a community setting by a clinical team of psychiatrists, nurses, counselors and case managers. Services are provided to persons for whom traditional community services are not able to divert from state hospitalization or jail.

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FAMILY EMERGENCY TREATMENT CENTER	500,000	Sarasota	FETC provides short-term intervention for adults coping with mental illness. FETC provides services to adults with psychiatric disabilities in order to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episodes of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
MIAMI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER - UNINSURED	250,000	Dade	This project provides services to mentally ill adults and/or those with co-occurring disorders. Clients are uninsured, minority and indigent individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid and are in need of psychiatric, medical and case management services.
THE VILLAGE	300,000	Dade	This project serves Hispanic adults with co-occurring disorders in a therapeutic environment that is designed to improve the function or prevent further deterioration of clients with mental illness. Outpatient services include psychiatric medication management and assisting individuals in living safely and productively in their own communities.
APALACHEE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	800,000	Leon	Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities in order to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episodes of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
LIFESTREAM CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	400,000	Lake, Sumter	This is a crisis stabilization unit for clients in Lake and Sumter Counties. Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities in order to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
RUTH COOPER CENTER CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	200,000	Lee	This is a crisis stabilization unit for clients in Lee County. Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities in order to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episode of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.

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SEMINOLE COUNTY CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	400,000	Seminole	This is a crisis stabilization unit for clients in Seminole County. Services are provided to adults with psychiatric disabilities in order to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment which are provided in crisis stabilization units. The purpose is to provide immediate support to adults with severe and persistent mental illness, adults with acute episodes of mental illness and adults with forensic court orders.
HENDERSON COMM MENTAL HLTH	270,000	Broward	This project provides intensive in-home services to families with children currently placed in foster care or who are at risk of being removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. These families are at risk of emotional disturbance. Services include assessment, outpatient counseling, day treatment and wraparound. The purpose of these services is to enable families with serious emotional disturbances or who are at risk of developing an emotional disturbance to live in stable settings, function appropriately, function in society and help children stay out of the juvenile justice system.
Children Crisis Stabilization Unit (David Lawrence Center)	286,781	Collier	Services are community-based and include assessment, outpatient counseling and day treatment. The purpose of these services is to enable children with serious emotional disturbances or who are at risk of developing emotional disturbances to live in a stable setting, function appropriately, attend school and stay out of the juvenile justice system.
Children's Comprehensive Behavioral Services	270,000	Lake Etc.	Services enable children with serious emotional disturbance or who are at risk of developing an emotional disturbance to live in stable settings, function appropriately, attend school and stay out of the juvenile justice system.
MANATEE GLEN'S CHILDREN'S BAKER ACT	432,516	Manatee	Serves children who are suicidal or a danger to others by providing emergency psychiatric and intensive case management services in crisis stabilization units.
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	850,421	Marion, Citrus	Services are provided to children with psychiatric disabilities to help them remain in the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services include crisis support and treatment provided in the crisis stabilization units. The purpose of this activity is to provide immediate support to children with severe and persistent mental illness.

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER	200,000	30	This funding is for a substance abuse prevention program that is provided by the Florida Certification Board for the Substance Abuse Prevention Research and Training Center. The center's goals are to assist the Department of Children and Families, the Governor's Office of Drug Control and other state systems that develop and maintain competency in the prevention workforce. The focus is to develop a statewide plan that addresses standard training for credentialing staff, providing support and resources. The center shall serve a minimum of 250 substance abuse prevention professional and paraprofessional throughout the state.
THE VILLAGE - DUALY DIAGNOSED GIRLS	400,000	Dade	This funding provides treatment services for adolescent girls ages 11-17 who have co-occurring disorders. Girls spend up to 16 months in residential treatment at the Village where they receive drug treatment, psychiatric services, family reunification, vocational and academic training.
STEWART MARCHMAN TREATMENT CENTER	141,000	Volusia	This funding provides detoxification services from alcohol and/or other drugs. The goals of the detoxification center are to safely withdraw the patient and motivate the patient toward continuing treatment.
FIRST STEP - MOTHERS & INFANTS PROGRAM	278,100	Sarasota	This funding provides services to adult women who are pregnant and addicted to alcohol or drugs. Services include residential treatment in a safe, supportive and drug free environment, teaching parenting skills, mental health wellness, counseling, social skills training and vocational rehabilitation.
PROJECT WARM - STEWART MARCHMAN TREATMENT CENTER	245,000	Volusia	This funding provided (Women Assisting Recovering Mother) in D12 protects not-yet born children from their mother's continued drug use.
PHOENIX HOUSE	500,000	Marion	This funding provides for long-term residential substance abuse treatment to children in the State of Florida. Services are delivered utilizing the Therapeutic Community milieu at locations within the Suncoast Region and Hillsborough County. This project provides outpatient substance abuse treatment, aftercare and other related services. The targeted population to be served, including the projected number of clients for each target population are children with substance abuse problems and children at risk for substance abuse.

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
DACCO - DRUG ABUSE COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATING OFFICE	250,000	Hillsborough	This funding supports the Zero Exposure program that is developed as a partnership between Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office and the Healthy Start Coalition. The purpose of the Zero Exposure program is to identify pregnant women, preferably within the first trimester, who appear to be regularly using alcohol or those abusing illicit substances. Women who will be screened include those receiving prenatal care through a private obstetrician office, as well as those receiving services through public health entities. Drug education will be offered and substance abuse referrals will be provided, as well when signs of substance abuse are present.
CIRCLES OF CARE ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE	400,000	Brevard	This funding is used for intensive substance abuse treatment option for voluntary and involuntary adults under the Marchman Act. This program will meet all applicable standards under Florida Statute 397 and Chapter 65D-16 Florida Administrative Code as a Level 1 Residential Treatment Center. This program's philosophy is based on the assumption that chemical dependency is a primary illness and that recovery is based on the development of a substance free lifestyle. The program philosophy also recognizes that many chemically dependent individuals are also dually diagnosed with other psychiatric disorders and need psychiatric services and/or counseling in conjunction with their substance abuse treatment.
SERENITY HOUSE	518,000	Volusia	This funding is used for a residential Level V program with supervision. Included is a managed care program that provides intensive case management for 100 high utilizers of services. Domiciliary services are provided for dually diagnosed clients that receive residential Level IV case management, group and individual counseling services.
RIVER REGION SERVICES INC. - WOMEN'S HIV SUBSTANCE ABUSE	250,000	Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns	This funding is used by a community-based nonprofit corporation that provides comprehensive drug abuse treatment, intervention and prevention services in District 4, covering Duval, Clay, Nassau and Baker counties. River Region provides these services in a coordinated fashion with government, businesses, private and faith-based organizations

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SERENITY HOUSE	25,000	Volusia	This funding provides a series of residential, case management and counseling services which ensure that high-risk substance abusers have successful outcomes after completing treatment. Specifically, the program serves substance abusers who have completed intensive residential or outpatient treatment and require transitional assistance to prevention/intervention, employment assistance and urinalysis monitoring. Two transitional living facilities, monitored and supervised by program staff, allow clients to stabilize in the community and translate the skills learned in treatment to the natural environment. This project incorporates recommendations of the Florida Office of Drug Control, the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association and the Department of Children and Families' Substance Abuse Office.
FIRST STEP - MOTHERS & INFANTS PROGRAM	278,100	Sarasota	This funding is used for a residential Level II program for 6 to 12 months and is designed to provide adult pregnant women who are addicted to alcohol or drugs a safe and supportive residential environment. Emphasis is on parenting skills, addiction education, relapse prevention, decision making and life management skills and vocational rehabilitation. The program is structured in 4 phases. Women enter the program in Phase I and progress through Phase IV in order to graduate. The program covers the counties in the Suncoast Region and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition to ensuring a drug-free newborn, First Step of Sarasota works diligently with the mothers to ensure a stable environment as they return to society. While awaiting to pursue vocational training, General Educational Development, parenting and daily living skills classes and other career and educational opportunities are available.
DRUG FREE LIVING-ORANGE	725,000	Orange	The funding provides both adult and youth services for substance abuse. Youth services include outpatient, inpatient and school programs. Adult services include outpatient, inpatient and detoxification. These services also include Marchman Act services that provide an individual in need of substance abuse services with emergency services and temporary detention for substance abuse. The services are evidence-based treatment services.
DRUG FREE LIVING-BREVARD	500,000	Brevard	The funding provides both adult and youth services for substance abuse. Youth services include outpatient, inpatient and school programs. Adult services include outpatient, inpatient and detoxification. These services also include Marchman Act services that provide an individual in need of substance abuse services with emergency services and temporary detention for substance abuse. The services are evidence-based treatment services.

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AGAPE	250,000	Miami-Dade	Founded in 1982, Agape Family Ministries helps Miami-Dade County inmates, particularly female inmates, and their families. Supported by local churches through monetary donations and volunteer hours, the agency has been highly successful. As a whole, Agape Family Ministries offers a number of programs that are largely directed at helping women end the cycle of addiction, domestic violence, joblessness, and homelessness.
VILLAGES SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER FOR GIRLS	100,000	Miami-Dade	The program offers a mix of mental health and substance abuse services for dually diagnosed girls in the in the Miami area. Clients may be self-referred or referred from various sources in the community, including local hospitals and clinics, the court system, homeless shelters, case managers, employee assistance programs, and private insurance companies
HERE'S HELP	200,000	Miami-Dade	Founded in 1968, Here's Help has become one of Miami-Dade County's premiere providers of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment, annually serving hundreds of adolescents and young adults starting at the age of 13. Here's Help has excelled as a substance abuse treatment provider and is lauded by the Departments of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Probation and Parole for its treatment, educational and preventive services
OUTPATIENT BAKER ACT PILOT PROGRAM	500,000	Escambia	Pilot program to provide outpatient baker act services in Escambia County.
RENAISSANCE MANOR	90,000	Sarasota	Renaissance manor is an assistive living facility that provides services for mentally handicap residents. There are 45 limited mental health licensed assisted living beds. The facility also provides limited case management to residents.
APPALACHEE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	455,000	Leon	Apalachee offers Inpatient, Residential and Outpatient services to approximately 6,000 clients per year. These services include Evaluations and Admissions, Eastside Psychiatric Hospital, PATH Crisis Stabilization Unit, Short-Term Residential Unit, Madison Group Home Residential Facility, Satellite Apartments, Leon and Gadsden County Forensic Facility, Florida Assertive Community Treatment Program, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Peer Consumer Services, Homeless Project and the Drop-In Center.
CITRUS HEALTH NETWORK	455,000	Miami-Dade	Citrus Health Network, Inc. has expanded its services to include the provision of primary and preventive health care services. Citrus is one of only six Federally Qualified Health Centers in Miami-Dade County. These centers are designed to serve the medically underserved and un-insured residents of West Miami-Dade County and the City of Hialeah.
Total	\$15,443,018		

**Department of Elder Affairs
Alzheimers Disease and Local Services Programs**

Project	Amount	Location	Description
Alzheimer's Projects/Services:			
Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging, inc., West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc., and Alliance for Aging, Inc.	\$340,065	PSA 3, 6, and 11	Day Care Projects - \$124,293 Each
Alzheimer's Family Center	\$220,454	Broward County	Coordinates and delivers in-home services and respite for Alzheimer's clients and their caregivers.
Deerfield Beach Day Care Center	\$195,150	Broward County	This is the Northeast Focal Point Senior Center, and they provide day care to Alzheimer's clients.
Count and Countess Dehoernle Alzheimer's Pavilion	\$253,931	Broward County	An in-facility for Alzheimer's clients that provides day care and related services for the clients who are not housed in the facility.
Alzheimer's Project - Dan Cantor Center	\$169,287	Broward County	A senior center which provides day care for Alzheimer's clients.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Program	\$162,568	Miami-Dade County	This program coordinates care and provides training to caregivers to enable Alzheimer's patients to remain in their homes.
Alzheimer's Community Care Association	\$650,270	Palm Beach and Martin Counties	Maintain eight dementia-specific day service programs for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders that qualify for guidelines set by the ADI program. Avoids institutionalization of 650 patients.
University of South Florida Policy Exchange	\$73,935	Alzheimer's Training Approval Program	Provides services related to the review and approval of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) training providers and training curricula for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, adult day care centers, and hospices.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Projects	\$230,366	Pensacola/Hillsborough	Provides services to reduce caregiver burdens, lowering caregiver depression and delaying institutionalization of care recipients through either targeted interventions that treat a specific caregiver problem, such as depression, or multi-component interventions that include counseling, case management, and telephone support .

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
Memory Disorder Clinics	\$3,085,616	Memory disorder clinic sites include: Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, The University of Florida in Gainesville, East Central Florida in Melbourne, Orlando Regional Healthcare System in Orlando, University of South Florida in Tampa, North Broward Medical Center in Pompano Beach, University of Miami in Miami, Mount- Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, West Florida Regional Medical Center in Pensacola, St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare in Tallahassee, Lee Memorial Memory Disorder Clinic in Fort Myers, Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton	Memory disorder clinics provide diagnostic and referral services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, conduct service-related research and develop caregiver training materials and educational opportunities.
Alzheimer's Memory Mobile	\$100,000	Southwest Florida	Alzheimer's Memory Mobile for Alzheimer's Disease.
Alzheimer's Projects/Services Special Projects Total	\$5,381,642		

Local Services Programs:			
Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County	\$167,293	Broward County	Provides kosher meals to low-income elders with special dietary needs at the Dan Cantor Center.
Elder at Risk Meals (Marta Flores High Risk Nutritional Programs for Elders) - Miami-Dade County	\$623,877	Miami-Dade County	Provides hot evening and weekend meals to elderly assessed as high risk or in danger of malnutrition. Meals to be provided to 3,263 identified at-risk clients.
West Miami Community Center - City of West Miami	\$69,702	Miami-Dade County	This project provides congregate hot meals, homebound daily meals, educational classes, recreation services, social programs, transportation services, and screening and assessment for West Miami senior citizens and citizens from portions of surrounding unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
Miami Beach Senior Center - Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.	\$158,367	Miami-Dade County	Provides activities within the Miami Beach Senior Center, including transportation services, nutritional supplementation, shopping assistance, and various educational and recreational opportunities.

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
Southwest Social Services	\$562,301	Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties	Provides congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation services, and recreation and educational services.
Additional Congregate & Homebound Meals for At-Risk Elderly Non-Ambulatory & Handicapped Residents of the Allapattah - Allapattah Community Action Inc.	\$291,841	Miami-Dade County	Delivers 133 congregate meals to at risk elders and 343 home bound meals per day to non-ambulatory or handicapped unduplicated eligible participant elders.
City of Sweetwater Elderly Activities Center (Mildred & Claude Pepper Senior Center)	\$418,242	Miami-Dade County	Provides congregate meals, home-delivered meals, socialization and recreational activities, transportation services, and counseling.
Manolo Piniero Homebound Diabetes Services - First Quality Home Care, Inc.	\$139,414	Miami-Dade County	Provides insulin to homebound dependent diabetics that are unable to self administer insulin due to a secondary diagnosis such as blindness.
Hialeah Gardens Elderly - Dade County	\$46,468	Miami-Dade County	Provides evening and weekend meals and entertainment to elders.
Jewish Community Center	\$39,469	Miami-Dade County	In-home respite services.
St. Ann's Nursing Center	\$65,084	Miami-Dade County	Facility-based respite.
Neighborly Pharmacy Program - Neighborly Care Network	\$83,647	Pasco and Pinellas Counties (PSA 5)	Pharmacy to provide prescription medications to clients at cost.
DeAllapattah Community Center Hot Meals Program	\$69,702	Miami-Dade County	Funds meals through the DeAllapattah Community Center.
Area Agency on Aging of North Florida, Inc., Mid-Florida Area Agency on Agency, Inc., and Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.	\$316,713	Central Panhandle Counties (PSA 2), Northeast Gulf Coast Counties (PSA 3), and Pasco and Pinellas Counties (PSA 5).	Provides expanded adult day care hours to support caregivers and promote independence. No similar program exists in these PSAs.
Michael-Ann Russel Jewish Community Center - Sr. Wellness Center	\$83,647	Miami-Dade County	The Senior Wellness Project to enhance physical and mental well-being of seniors through a coordinated program of fitness & educational activities.
Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc.	\$92,946	Miami-Dade County	This is a congregate meal site program for at-risk elders.
Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc.	\$32,534	Miami-Dade County	This is a home-delivered meals program providing meals to isolated, frail, homebound elders living at or below the poverty level and at-risk for malnutrition and early institutionalization.
Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc.	\$9,290	Miami-Dade County	This is a respite care program for elders in Dade County.
North Miami Intergenerational Activity Center	\$46,468	Miami-Dade County	To serve needy Haitian population with personal care, home-making, in-home services, and limited meals outreach.

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
Southwest Focal Early Bird P. M. Nutrition Center - City of Pembroke Pines	\$23,234	Broward County	Will utilize an already existing, fully operational kitchen to provide nutritionally balanced evening meals at an affordable price to those residents of Southwest Broward County age sixty years or older.
Faith in Action (FIA)-Strong For Life - Faith in Action of Upper Pinellas	\$6,972	Pinellas County	An exercise program designed specifically for the elderly which rebuilds lost muscle. It is conducted at congregations, mobile home parks, senior centers, ALFs, and individual residences.
Feed the Elderly - 55 Years & Up, Inc.	\$37,178	Miami-Dade County	Home-delivered hot meals to elders in need at evening time.
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation	\$92,946	Palm Beach County	This project allows the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services to offer services to the Holocaust Survivor population in South Palm Beach County.
PSA 5	\$1,046,466	Pasco and Pinellas Counties (PSA 5)	Provides elderly meals
PSA 6	\$113,000	Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands	Home Maker Services
PSA 11	\$693,456	Dade County	Provides elderly meals
PSA 10	\$681,079	Broward County	Adult Day Care/Transportation
Seymour Gelber Adult Day Care Program - Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.	\$23,234	Miami-Dade County	Provides a supportive environment for memory and physically impaired seniors. Funding is used to transport clients to the Adult Day Care Program.
Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward and Alliance for Aging, Inc.	\$272,163	PSA's 10 and 11	Meals for the elderly (Elderly Meals Base Projects). PSA 10 has \$119,537 in funding. PSA 11 has \$152,626 in funding.
Southwest Social Services	\$91,200	Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties	Provides congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation services, and recreation and educational services.
Lippman Senior Center	\$228,000	Broward County	A center that provides recreational activities for seniors.
Elderly House Call Program - Mount Sinai Medical Center	\$164,160	Miami Beach	Regular physician house calls and nursing therapy are provided to homebound elderly of Miami Beach. Targets homebound frail elderly unable to attend doctor.
Federation Transportation Services	\$143,640	Palm Beach County	Transportation for elderly in the community attending congregate meal programs and medical appointments, food shipping, and other life sustaining activities.

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Project	Amount	Location	Description
Austin Hepburn Senior Mini-Center - City of Hallandale Beach	\$82,080	Broward County	Diverse programs including educational, crime prevention, food & nutrition services, hot meals, & nutritional training. Assisting in keeping of appointments.
Local Services Programs Special Project	\$7,015,811		

**Department of Health
Community Projects**

Project	Amount	Location	Description
Statewide Dentistry Network - Escambia County	\$56,446	Escambia County	Provides dental services, outreach and education to low-income children.
County Specific Dental Projects - Charlotte, Lee-Collier	\$226,917	Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties	Provides funding for a contract with the Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida to provide direct client dental services.
County Specific Dental Project - Escambia	\$68,075	Escambia County	Provides for preventive and restorative dental services for uninsured and low-income adult residents of Escambia county.
Visionquest	\$250,000	Statewide	VisionQuest is a non-profit organization that provides statewide follow-up eye examinations and eyeglasses to visually impaired economically disadvantaged public school students identified through vision screening programs at the local school level.
UF Dental Clinics Statewide	\$514,519	Statewide	Provides direct client dental care for indigent persons through 6 University of Florida College of Dentistry clinics and 9 community based clinics using students and residents.
Community Smiles	\$133,643	Miami-Dade County	Implements a Pediatric Dental Residency program with the Miami Children's Hospital.
La Liga-League Against Cancer	\$750,000	Miami-Dade County	Provides free personal health care services to uninsured, low-income cancer victims. Services may include doctors appointments, chemotherapy, laboratory services, medications, nursing services and transportation.
Manatee County Rural Health Services	\$70,000	Manatee and DeSoto Counties	Provides primary care and laboratory services to the indigent and underserved population in Manatee and DeSoto counties. This is a federally qualified community health center.
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)	\$200,000	Statewide	Provides access to evaluation, diagnosis, counseling and developmental services counseling for infants and children and their families. Provides funding to support the diagnostic and intervention services, statewide training on FASD and the administrative oversight and infrastructure of this program.
Islet Cell Transplantation To Cure Diabetes	\$200,000	Statewide	This is a contract with the Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) Foundation for staff to follow up with transplantation patients after surgery and for anti-rejection agents. The foundation conducts research to further islet cell transplantation as a method for reversing diabetes in humans.

**Department of Health
Community Projects**

Project	Amount	Location	Description
Alpha One Program	\$200,000	Alachua County	Provides statewide screening, detection and research for a rare genetic disorder "alpha 1-antitrypsin (ATT) deficiency" This disorder manifests most commonly as lung disease in adults as well as liver disease in both children and adults.
Jessie Trice Cancer Center/Health Choice	\$75,000	Miami-Dade and Broward Counties	Provides smokers with prevention education, risk assessments and community-based screenings for minority inner city residents of Miami-Dade and provides education and screenings for breast and cervical cancer in Broward county.
SW Alachua County Primary & Community Health Care Clinic	\$75,000	Alachua County	The Archer Family Health Care Clinic is operated by the University of Florida College of Nursing and provides comprehensive primary care services to indigent/uninsured clients in Southwest Alachua County. Services are for children and adults and may include community health activities, health screenings and health promotion.
Traumatic Brain Injury Association/Brain Injury Association Of Florida	\$711,330	Statewide	Provides prevention, education, and long term care services and support through the Family and Community Support Program for brain and spinal cord injured individuals. Also provides resources to individuals, family members, advocates and professionals who serve individuals with traumatic brain injury.
Lake Wales Primary and Preventive Dental	\$800,000	Polk County	Provides dental services in the Lake Wales area - Rural Diversity Minority Health Care
AGAPE Community Health Center	\$400,000	Duval County	Provides a mobile dental unit - Rural diversity Minority Health Care.
Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program	\$140,000	Miami-Dade	Provides free comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses to financially disadvantaged school children who have no other source for vision care.
Total	\$4,870,930		

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SPEECH TO FLORIDA LEGISLATURE
MARCH 22, 2011

WHY MAIL ORDER IS BAD MEDICALLY AND WILL NOT REALIZE PREDICTED SAVINGS

HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, I AM LOIS ADAMS. I AM AN AWARD-WINNING FLORIDA PHARMACIST WITH A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE TO FLORIDA MEDICAID PATIENTS. I AM AN ACTIVE REAGAN REPUBLICAN – A TEA PARTY SUPPORTER AND PRECINCT COMMITTEEWOMAN, AND I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT WE MUST REDUCE OUR MEDICAID SPENDING.

WHAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND AFTER READING THIS BILL AND FOLLOWING YOUR HEARINGS IS WHY YOU ALL HAVE PERMITTED YOURSELVES TO BE SOLD A BILL OF GOODS ON THIS MAIL ORDER PHARMACY PROGRAM. THE INFORMATION YOU ARE USING IS MOSTLY INCORRECT, THE STATE'S PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH MAIL ORDER PHARMACY WAS A FAILURE, AND THE PREDICTED SAVINGS YOU ARE COUNTING ON WON'T BE REALIZED.

MAIL ORDER PHARMACIES DO NOT BELONG IN THE REGIMENS OF ANYONE WHO SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC DISEASES THAT NEED CONSTANT MEDICAL OVERSIGHT FOR MAXIMUM HEALTH OUTCOMES; THAT REQUIRE CHANGES OF DOSING, CHANGES OF MEDICATIONS AND THE ASSISTANCE OF A PERSONAL PHARMACIST. ALL YOU WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED BY SENDING OUT LARGER VIALS OF MEDICINE TO THOSE MEDICAID PATIENTS IS TO WASTE THE MONEY YOU SPENT, AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FEMALE HORMONES, ANTIPSYCHOTICS, CANCER DRUGS, ANTI-REJECTION DRUGS AND OTHER PHARMACEUTICALS DUMPED DOWN OUR STATE'S SEWER SYSTEMS - PHARMACEUTICALS WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME PART OF **YOUR OWN WATER SUPPLY** – THE WATER YOUR FAMILY USES TO COOK AND DRINKS WITH THEIR MEALS.

PUTTING A MEDICAID MAIL ORDER PHARMACY PROGRAM IN PLACE WILL ALSO RESULT IN THE SHUTDOWN OF A GOOD PART OF THE INDEPENDENT PHARMACY INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA.

NOW - THIS MAY NOT BE SOMETHING YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT – BUT, BELIEVE ME, YOU WILL CARE ABOUT THE LOSS OF NEARLY A THIRD OF A BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUES OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO WHEN YOU STOP RECEIVING PAYROLL TAXES FROM THOSE BUSINESSES AND START PAYING OUT UNEMPLOYMENT TO THE MORE THAN 14,000 WORKERS YOU PUT OUT OF WORK.

TO YOU, THE COMMITTEE, I SAY THIS..... DECIDE WHAT AMOUNT FLORIDA NEEDS TO SAVE ON MEDICAID PHARMACY AND THEN SET YOUR REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO SAVE IT. LET'S ALLOW ALL FLORIDA PHARMACIES OF ALL TYPES DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, AND LET'S GIVE THE PATIENTS IN OUR STATE "THEIR SCRIPT – THEIR CHOICE."

Medicaid Mail Order Pharmacy: A Bad Choice for Florida

A Bad Deal for Independent Pharmacy

Medicaid Mail Order \$\$\$ Adversely Affects Independent Pharmacies.....

- Over 1,200 independents in Florida;
14,400 employees
- Average annual payroll per store
= \$500,000.

Medicaid Mail Order \$\$\$ Adversely Affects Independent Pharmacies.....

- State will LOSE \$60 million in payroll taxes.
- State will PAY add'l \$297million unemployment dollars per year

Medicaid Mail Order Adversely Affects Independent Pharmacies.....

- Most mail order co's owned by out-of-state conglomerates.
- We need to keep our profits where they can profit Floridians

Medicaid Mail Order

Adversely Affects Independent Pharmacies.....

- Manufacturers of branded medications pay huge rebates to mail order pharmacies
- This discourages use of generic medications.

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY IS BAD MEDICINE !

Waste....

- MD's often change dosage strength, medication or formulation
- Univ. of Ark. study showed mail order caused 3x more waste & lower adherence than 30-day supply

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

Increases Cost of Pharmaceutical Services

Decreases amount available for patients through the Medicaid pharmacy program

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

➤ Damage to the Environment

Patients throw unwanted medications away – often flushing them down the toilet.

Medications enter the water supply.

Children & livestock are exposed to estrogen, antibiotics, anticonvulsives and other drugs.

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

Personal Interventions.....

- Mail order pharmacy decreases # of personal interventions by a pharmacist.
- Mail order version of patient education is to send brochures and flyers NOT talk to patients.

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

Personal Interventions.....

- Personal interventions by a pharmacist save avg. of \$34/visit, mail order brochures save only \$1.
- Savings in Duval & Broward counties by Medicaid = \$3,000 pp/yr.

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

- Patients who use mail order have greater difficulties receiving meds.
- Ohio, Michigan both dropped pilot projects for Medicaid mail order because no savings were realized and patients suffered.

MAIL ORDER 90-DAY SUPPLY

IS BAD MEDICINE !

Medication Therapy Management (MTM)

- Study published in Journ. Of Am. Pharm. Assoc. showed 12:1 savings for pharmacist-led interventions.
- Pharmacist-led interventions save avg. of \$84/intervention.

SPEECH TO FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

WHY MAIL ORDER IS BAD FOR OUR SICKEST MEDICAID PATIENTS AND WHY IT WON'T WORK

1. WHY IT IS BAD FOR PATIENTS IN THE SHORT RUN AND BAD FOR FLORIDA IN THE LONG RUN.

- 1. HAVE BEEN A PHARMACIST FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS. HAVE A B.S. IN PHARMACY, AN MBA, HAVE DONE POST GRADUATE WORK IN PSYCHOLOGY. BIOCHEMISTRY AND GENETICS. AND WAS INDUCTED INTO THE UCF BUSINESS HALL OF FAME. AM .PRESIDENT AND CEO OF 7 HEALTH CARE CORPORATIONS ALL OF WHICH I STARTED AND AM SET TO LAUNCH 2 MORE.**
- 2. HAVE BEEN A CONSULTANT FOR CONG. BILL MCCOLLUM WHEN HE WAS IN CONGRESS, FOR PROJECT HOPE AND SERVED ON THE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA MEDICAID PROGRAM.
TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE HAVING IN THIS STATE.. I HAVE AND WANT TO BE PART OF FLORIDA'S HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS.
SAVED THE STATE OF FLORIDA HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND PROVIDED CUTTING EDGE THERAPY FOR HIV DISEASE WHEN THE STATE HAD NO MONEY FOR THIS. IT WAS A MODEL PROGRAM. BY THINKING OUT SIDE THE BOX, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE CUTTING EDGE NEEDED HEALTH CARE SERVICES WITHOUT COSTS TO THE STATE.**
- 3. BOTH OF MY PHARMACIES RECEIVED PERFECT SCORES ON THEIR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION SURVEYS- WHICH HAD BEEN UNHEARD OF WITH THE ACCREDITING BODY.**

TELL YOU THIS.SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I DEMAND QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE THAT OUR ORGANIZATION DELIVERS.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE SPECIALTY PHARMACY SERVICES THAT WE DELIVER.

ONE OF OUR CORPORATIONS OR PHARMACIES IS THE : CYSTIC FIBROSIS PHARMACY LOCATED IN ORLANDO. CF IS AN INHERITED DISEASE AND THE # 1 GENETIC KILLER OF CHILDREN. THE CF PHARMACY SERVICES THE U.S. AND MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD- BUT WE ARE NOT A "MAIL ORDER" PHARMACY. WE ARE A PHARMACY WHICH DELIVERS TO THE HOME (OR OFFICE). WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1984. MANY OF OUR PATIENTS WERE JUST INFANTS WHEN WE STARTED TAKING CARE OF THEM AND NOW THEY ARE ADULTS. THE YOUNG LADY FOR WHOM WE STARTED THE PHARMACY IS NOW 26, WORKS FOR US, AND DOES OUR SOCIAL MEDIA THIS DISEASE IS VERY COMPLEX AND IT IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT MANY ALSO SUFFER FROM DIABETES, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, PAIN, OSTEOPOROSIS, SEVERE SINUS PROBLEMS, GI PROBLEMS, AND MAY REQUIRE A DOUBLE LUNG, PANCREAS, KIDNEY OR LIVER TRANSPLANT OR A COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE.

THESE PATIENTS REQUIRE CLOSE MONITORING AND RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL EACH MONTH OR MORE DEPENDING ON THEIR SEVERITY TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE BEING COMPLIANT WITH THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL REGIMEN, HAVE LOST WEIGHT, PAIN SCALE, ETC.. THEY MUST ADHERE TO THEIR REGIMEN OR THIS WILL RESULT IN EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS. IT CAN ALSO WARD OFF THE

POSSIBLE TRANSPLANT. HOSPITALIZATIONS USUALLY COST ABOUT 100K FOR EACH ADMISSION AND WE HAVE KEPT PATIENTS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY HOSPITALIZED TWICE A YEAR OUT OF THE HOSPITAL FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS OR MORE.

WE COORDINATE WITH THEIR M.D., NURSE CLINICIAN, TRANSPLANT CENTER, CARE GIVERS AND TRY TO KEEP THEM INVOLVED IN THEIR OWN CARE. THIS MAY CONSIST OF MULTIPLE RESPIRATORY TREATMENTS EACH DAY, RESCUE INHALERS, ENZYMES TO NAME A FEW.

WE PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, NEWSLETTERS TO OVER 3000 PATIENTS EACH PUBLICATION AND OFFER CONTINUING EDUCATION TO PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

WE ARE INVOLVED IN "PERSONALIZED MEDICINE" WHICH DEALS WITH THE RESPONSE OF DIFFERENT DRUGS TO DIFFERENT GENETIC MUTATIONS AND THUS WILL SAVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BY NOT USING DRUGS TO WHICH THE PATIENT WILL NOT RESPOND..I WILL BE ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TOMORROW ON THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECT.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CARE OF THESE PATIENTS IS "HIGH TOUCH". 90-DAY MAIL ORDER WON'T TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM. C. EVERETT KOOP, OUR FORMER SURGEON GENERAL OF THE US SAID THAT WE MUST HAVE ADHERENCE. PATIENTS MUST TAKE THEIR DRUGS AS ORDERED.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REPORTS THAT ONLY 50% OF PATIENTS TAKE THEIR DRUGS PROPERLY AND THE PERCENTAGE GOES DOWN EACH MONTH AFTER THE FIRST FILL.

WHAT DO THEY SAY ABOUT ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES- THEY DON'T WORK IF YOU KEEP THEM IN A DRAWER.

MANY OF THE NEWER DRUGS USED TO TREAT THESE PATIENTS HAVE A "REMS" INDICATION- RISK EVALUATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM- WHICH MEANS THAT THE PHARMACIST MUST BE CERTIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXAM TO BE ABLE TO DISPENSE THE DRUG. HOW CAN A MAIL ORDER PHARMACY POSSIBLY MANAGE THAT?

NOW FOR THE LAST POINT, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS WASTE OF MAIL ORDER. MEDICAID FORMERLY ONLY WANTED US TO DISPENSE A MONTH'S SUPPLY AT A TIME... WHY??? PATIENTS DID NOT TAKE THEIR MEDICINE AS PRESCRIBED, THEY BECAME INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER- REACHED THE AGE OF 21, MOVED OUT OF STATE, DIED, ETC. I HAVE BEEN IN PATIENTS HOMES ON A VISIT AND SAW MORE MEDICINE IN THEIR HOME AS A SURPLUS THAN WE HAD IN OUR PHARMACY... UNUSED MEDICINE PAID FOR..

HAVE PROVIDED -ON THEIR LETTERHEAD-A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STATING THAT IN ONE DAY LAST FALL THEY COLLECTED 121 TONS-YES, TONS, OF MEDICATION THAT HAD BEEN IN PATIENT'S MEDICINE CABINETS. THEY WILL HAVE ANOTHER "TAKE BACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG " DAY NEXT MONTH ON APRIL 30TH. THEY FOUND THAT 2500 YOUNG PEOPLE PER DAY TURNED TO ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS..AND MUCH OF THAT CAME FROM THEIR PARENT'S MEDICINE CABINET. AND

MUCH OF THAT FROM THE 90 DAYS SUPPLY.SOMEONE PAID FOR THAT 121 TONS OF WASTED MEDICATION.

IMAGINE A SMALL CAPSULE OR PILL IN YOUR HAND AT AN AVERAGE COST OF \$3.00 PER PILL. HOW MANY SMALL PILLS AT THAT PRICE DID THAT WASTE COST? WHO PAID THAT BILL???MEDICARE, MEDICAID, PRIVATE INSURANCE??? YOU DID...I DID...WE DID...THAT'S WHO. ARE YOU GOING TO ENABLE THIS SITUATION WITH THIS 90 DAY MAIL ORDER PHARMACY SHIPMENTS. DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THIS RUSE????WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE 1.3BILLION IN CASH TO BUY ANOTHER MAIL ORDER PHARMACY? BAD DECISIONS ARE MADE BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM MAKE LAWS WHICH ARE LATER FOUND TO BE BASED ON INADEQUATE INFORMATION.

NEED TO MENTION THAT THERE ARE HIGHER AND HIGHER LEVELS OF DRUGS IN THE WASTE WATER. WATER THAT BOTH WILDLIFE AND FARM ANIMALS DRINK- AND WATER THAT WE DRINK, THE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS HAVE NO WAY TO GET RID OF THESE CONTAMINANTS- FROM ESTROGENS AND TESTOSTERONE (WHICH I AM SURE THAT YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO DRINK), ANTIBIOTICS, BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINE AND OTHERS = IN OUR DRINKING WATER BECAUSE THAT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN TURNED IN HAS BEEN FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET OR Poured DOWN THE SINK.

IN CLOSING, WE MUST TAKE CARE OF THE" HELPLESS" BUT NOT THE "CLUELESS"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME...I AM AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR YOU UPON WHICH TO HELP CLARIFY THE ISSUE.

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NEWS RELEASE

AMERICAN PUBLIC OVERWHELMINGLY RESPONDS TO DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EFFORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Drug Enforcement Administration today announced the overwhelmingly successful results of the first-ever national prescription drug “Take-Back” campaign. The American public turned in more than 242,000 lbs of prescription drugs for safe and proper disposal. More than 4,000 take back sites were available in all 50 states this past Saturday, and Americans responded in huge numbers.

“The Take-Back Campaign was a stunning nationwide success that cleaned out more than 121 tons of pills from America’s medicine cabinets, a crucial step toward reducing the epidemic of prescription drug abuse that is plaguing this nation,” said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. “Thanks to our state and local law enforcement and community partners—and the public—we not only removed these dangerous drugs from our homes, but also educated countless thousands of concerned citizens about the dangers of drug abuse.”

Congress cleared legislation for the President on Wednesday that will allow DEA to create a framework for a permanent solution for prescription drug disposal. Currently, there are no legal means to transfer possession of certain prescription drugs for disposal. Until permanent regulations are in place, however, DEA will continue to hold one-day take-back programs.

“I applaud Congress for recognizing the magnitude of this threat to public health and safety and passing the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which will provide Americans with safe, environmentally sound ways to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs,” said Leonhart.

“I commend the DEA under Acting Administrator Leonhart’s leadership for its efforts in coordinating this important nationwide prescription drug take-back effort” said Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Kerlikowske. “More than 70 percent of people who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends or family – often from the home medicine cabinet. Expanding take-back efforts nationwide is a key strategy in preventing prescription drug diversion and abuse, while safeguarding the environment.”

“The International Association of Chiefs of Police is proud of the success of this very important initiative and the level of participation from so many law enforcement agencies around the country,” said IACP President Michael Carroll. “The IACP fully supports this take back effort because expired, unused or unwanted controlled substances in the home represent a potential source of supply for the increasing abuse of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States and pose an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.”

DEA and other law enforcement working at disposal sites around the country reported huge turnouts of people ridding their medicine cabinets of unused or unwanted drugs. For example, in Troy, Missouri, a man literally brought his kitchen drawer full of medication to the collection site to empty. At another site in Jacksonville, Ill., a woman brought in nearly 50 years’ worth of medicines for disposal.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health. And every day, on average, 2,500 teens use them to get high for the first time, according to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Other participants in this initiative include the Partnership for a Drug-Free America; the International Association of Chiefs of Police; the National Association of Attorneys General; the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; the Federation of State Medical Boards; and the National District Attorneys Association.

ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS AS THEY RELATE TO THE PHARMACY BENEFIT

There are 33 states that have statutory provisions that provide "freedom of choice" in pharmacy. A review of these statutes indicates that the language does vary in some aspects. However; for the most part, the essential elements determined by the National Community Pharmacy Association ("NCPA") are present: patient freedom of choice, an explicit prohibition of exclusivity or lockouts – as long as the pharmacist is willing to accept the plan's terms and conditions – a prohibition of the implementation of financial incentives/disincentives designed to move patients to one group of pharmacies rather than another, and a prohibition of mandatory mail order. On April 2, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court in Kentucky Association of Health Plans, Inc., et al. v. Miller, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Insurance, upheld two Kentucky statutes that prohibit health insurers from discriminating against providers who are willing to meet the insurers' terms and conditions in order to participate in their network. The Court soundly rejected the argument by insurers that "any willing provider" laws are preempted by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Statutory Reference	Brief Summary of Provision(s)
ALABAMA -- Ala. Code §27-1-19	The agreement providing coverage to an insured may not exclude assignment of benefits to any provider at the same benefit paid to a contract provider.
Ala. Code §27-45-3	Plan beneficiaries may choose the licensed pharmacist or pharmacy of their choice. Health insurance policies and employee benefit plans may not deny licensed pharmacies or pharmacists the right to participate.
ARKANSAS -- Ark. Code Ann. §§23-99-201 to 209	Benefit differentials are prohibited. Insurers must give qualified health care providers the opportunity to participate if providers are willing to accept the plan's terms and conditions.
COLORADO -- Colo. Rev. Stat. §10-16-122	Any PBM/intermediary whose contract with a carrier includes an open network must allow all area pharmacy providers to participate if they agree to the terms and conditions of the contract. PBMs/intermediaries may contract with exclusive pharmacy networks if a 60-day notice is given before the termination or the effective date of such contract by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.
Colo. Rev. Stat. §26-4-407	Providers of pharmaceutical services who meet certain conditions and who comply with the terms established by the state department shall not be excluded from contracting for provision of pharmaceutical services to recipients authorized in this article.
CONNECTICUT -- Conn. Gen. Stat. §38a-471	A prescription program administrator shall allow a pharmacy to enroll in a program absent cause for excluding it.
DELAWARE -- Del. Code Ann. Title 18, §§7301-7303	Beneficiaries may choose any pharmacy that has agreed to participate according to the terms. Benefit differentials are prohibited.

FLORIDA Fla. Stat. Chapter 110.12315	The state employees' prescription drug program requires the Department of Management Services to allow prescriptions to be filled by any licensed pharmacy pursuant to contractual claims processing provisions.
Fla. Stat. Chapter 440.13(3)(j)	The worker's compensation statute allows a sick or injured employee to have free, full and absolute choice in the selection of the pharmacy.
GEORGIA -- Ga. Code Ann. §33-30-25 1988	Insurers may impose "reasonable limits" on the number/classes of preferred providers that meet the insurers' standards. Insurers must give all licensed and qualified providers within a defined service area the opportunity to become a preferred provider.
Ga. Code Ann. §33-30-4.3 1991	Beneficiaries who do not use mail-order shall not be penalized if the provider used by the insured has agreed to the same terms and conditions applicable to mail-order and has agreed to accept payment or reimbursement at no more than the same amount that would be paid for the same mail-order services.
IDAHO -- Idaho Code §41-2872/§41-3927	Any insurance company or health maintenance organization issuing benefits must be willing to contract with qualified providers who meet the terms of the organization. Organizations issuing benefits must be willing to contract with qualified providers who meet the terms of the organization.
ILLINOIS -- 215 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/370h	Insurers/administrators must be willing to enter into agreements with any non-institutional providers who meet the established terms and conditions. The terms and conditions may not discriminate unreasonably against or among non-institutional providers.
215 Ill. Comp. Stat. 134/72(a)	A plan may not refuse to contract with a pharmacy provider that meets the terms and conditions established by the plan.
INDIANA -- Ind. Code §27-8-11-3	Pharmacists who agree to comply with established terms and conditions are entitled to enter into contracts with insurers. Terms and conditions established by insurers may not discriminate unreasonably against or among providers.
IOWA -- Iowa Code §514C.5	Policies or contracts providing for third-party payment may not require a beneficiary to order prescriptions by mail if the pharmacy chosen by the beneficiary agrees to comply with the same terms and conditions as the mail-order pharmacy.
KENTUCKY -- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §304.17A-270	A health insurer shall not discriminate against any provider who is located within the geographic coverage area of the plan and who is willing to meet the terms and conditions for participation established by the plan, including the Kentucky State Medicaid program and Medicaid partnerships.

LOUISIANA -- La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §22:1214(15)	Policies/plans must allow beneficiaries to select the pharmacy/pharmacist of their choice as long as the chosen pharmacy agrees to meet the terms and conditions of the plan. Pharmacies that agree to meet the established terms and conditions have the right to participate as contract providers.
MASSACHUSETTS -- Mass. Ann. Laws ch. 176D, §3B	Carriers who offer restricted pharmacy networks must follow certain requirements in contracting. Carriers must neither exclude nor favor individual pharmacies and must not impose greater restrictions on non-network pharmacies than those required of in-network pharmacies.
MINNESOTA -- Minn. Stat. §62Q.095	Plans must establish an expanded network in addition to a preferred network. For acceptance into the expanded network, a provider must satisfy the company's credentialing standards; comply with the terms and requirements of the company's provider agreement; and agree to the "managed care protocols" of the plan.
MISSISSIPPI -- Miss. Code Ann. §83-9-6	Beneficiaries may choose any pharmacy that has agreed to participate in the plan according to the insurer's terms. Pharmacies that accept those terms are entitled to participate. Benefit differentials are prohibited. Plans that restrict pharmacy participation shall give 60 days' notice of offer to participate to all pharmacies in the geographic area.
MISSOURI -- Chapter 354, Section 354.535	Every health maintenance organization has to apply the same coinsurance, co-payment and deductible factors to all prescriptions filled by a pharmacy provider who participates in the network if the provider meets the contract's product cost determination. Also HMOs may not set a limit on the quantity of drugs which an enrollee may obtain at any one time with a prescription unless such limit is applied uniformly to all pharmacy providers in the network.
MONTANA -- Mont. Code Ann. §33-22-1704	A preferred provider agreement must provide all providers with the opportunity to participate on the basis of a competitive bid.
NEBRASKA Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-513.02	Beneficiaries shall not be required to obtain pharmaceutical services from mail-order in order to obtain reimbursement.
NEW HAMPSHIRE -- N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §420-B:12(V)	HMOs seeking bids from pharmacies for agreements to be preferred providers must admit and list all pharmacies that meet the bid.

<p>NEW JERSEY -- N.J. Stat. Ann. §17:48-6j, N.J. Stat. Ann. §26:2J-4.7</p>	<p>An enrollee/subscriber shall be permitted to select a pharmacy/pharmacist provided the pharmacist or pharmacy is registered. Pharmacies/pharmacists shall have the right to participate as preferred providers if the agreement provides for coverage by preferred providers, so long as the pharmacy/pharmacist complies with the terms of the agreement. Benefit differentials shall not be imposed. Enrollees/ subscribers shall not be required to use a mail-order pharmacy.</p>
<p>NORTH CAROLINA -- N.C. Gen. Stat. §58-51-37</p>	<p>Beneficiaries may choose any pharmacy that has agreed to participate according to the insurer's terms. Pharmacies that accept such terms are entitled to participate and must participate if offered the opportunity. Benefit differentials are prohibited. Plans that limit pharmacy participation shall give 60 days' notice of an offer to participate to all pharmacies in the geographic area.</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA -- N.D. Cent. Code §26.1-36-12.2</p>	<p>Beneficiaries may choose any licensed pharmacy/pharmacist to provide services. Benefit differentials are prohibited. Licensed pharmacists who accept the terms may participate in the plan.</p>
<p>OKLAHOMA -- Okla. Stat. title. 36, §§ 3634.3 and 4511</p>	<p>Pharmacies must be provided the right to bid on a periodic basis on any pharmacy contract to provide pharmacy services.</p> <p>Employers may not require employees to obtain drugs from a mail-order pharmacy as a condition for reimbursement. Employers may not impose benefit differentials if they do not use mail-order.</p>
<p>RHODE ISLAND -- R.I. Gen. Laws §§27-18-33, 27-19-26, 27-20-23, 27-41-38</p>	<p>Insurers may not require covered persons to obtain prescriptions from a mail-order pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits.</p>
<p>SOUTH CAROLINA -- S.C. Code Ann. §38-71-147</p>	<p>No individual or group accident and health or health insurance policy or HMO may prohibit a participant/beneficiary from selecting pharmacies/pharmacists that agreed to participate in the plan according to the terms of the insurer, or may deny pharmacies/pharmacists the right to participate as contract providers if they agree to insurer's terms and conditions.</p>
<p>SOUTH DAKOTA -- S.D. Codified Laws §58-18-37</p>	<p>Group health insurance policies may not refuse to accept licensed pharmacies/pharmacists as participating providers if they agree to the same terms and conditions offered to other providers of pharmacy services under the policy.</p>
<p>TENNESSEE -- Tenn. Code Ann. §56-7-117</p>	<p>Group medical benefit contracts covering prescriptions may not require a covered person to obtain prescriptions from mail-order, or to pay an additional fee, or be subjected to a penalty for declining to use a designated mail-order pharmacy.</p>

Tenn. Code Ann. §56-7-2359

Licensed pharmacies may not be denied right to participate on the same terms and conditions offered other participants; benefit differentials are prohibited.

TEXAS --Tex. Ins. Code Ann. Art. 21.52B §2(a)(2)

A pharmacy/pharmacist may not be denied the right to participate as a contract provider under the plan if the pharmacy/pharmacist agrees to provide pharmaceutical services that meet all terms and requirements and to include the same administrative, financial, and professional conditions that apply to pharmacies/pharmacists that have been designated as providers under plan.

UTAH -- Utah Code Ann. §31A-22-617

Insurers must allow providers to apply for and be designated as preferred providers if they agree to meet established terms and conditions. "Reasonable limitations" may be placed on the number of designated preferred providers.

VIRGINIA -- Va. Code Ann. §38.2-3407

Insurers shall establish terms and conditions in order to receive payment as a preferred provider. The terms and conditions shall not discriminate unreasonably against or among such health care providers and cannot exclude any provider willing to meet the terms and conditions.

Va. Code Ann. §38.2-3407.7

Insurers shall not prohibit any person receiving pharmacy benefits from selecting, without limitation, the pharmacy of his choice.

Va. Code Ann. §38.2-4209

Providers who are willing to accept established terms and conditions may qualify for payment under preferred provider contracts.

Va. Code Ann. §38.2-4209.1

Corporations must allow beneficiaries to select the pharmacy of their choice if pharmacies that are non-preferred providers have previously notified the corporation of their agreement to accept reimbursement at rates applicable to preferred providers.

Va. Code Ann. §38.2-4312.1

No Health maintenance organization shall prohibit any person receiving pharmaceutical benefits from selecting, without limitation, the pharmacy of his choice. No monetary penalty which would affect or influence any person's choice of pharmacy shall be imposed.

WISCONSIN -- Wis. Stat. §628.36(2m)

An annual 30-day open enrollment period during which any pharmacist may elect to participate is required.

WYOMING -- Wyo. Stat. §26-22-503

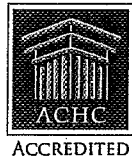
Any provider willing to meet the established requirements has the right to enter into contracts relating to health care services.

Wyo. Stat. §26-34-134

Providers willing to meet an HMO's established terms shall not be denied the right to contract. An HMO may not discriminate against a provider on the basis of the provider's academic degree.

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Press Release

Freedom Pharmacy & Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Awarded Accreditation With ACHC

Orlando, FL, May 11, 2010:

The HHCS Health Group of Companies proudly announces that Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy, and Freedom Pharmacy and Wellness Center have been awarded a new three-year accreditation status, each with a perfect score of 100%, for the areas of specialty pharmacy, respiratory pharmacy and durable medical equipment services by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC).

ACHC, a private, not-for-profit corporation which is certified to ISO 9001:2008 standards, was developed by home care and community-based providers to help companies improve business operations and quality of patient care. Referring to the value of accreditation, ACHC President Tom Cesar indicated, "The survey process leads an organization to examine its policies and practices continually to clarify its strengths and improve its weaknesses."

The company was graded on the following areas:

Business Operations and Administration, Fiscal Management, Human Resource Management, Consumer Services/Records, QI/ Performance Management, Product Safety, Pharmacy Scope of Services and Home Medical Equipment Scope of Service

Accreditation is a voluntary activity where healthcare organizations submit to peer review of their internal policies, processes and patient care delivery against national standards. By attaining accreditation, Freedom Pharmacy and Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy has demonstrated its commitment to maintain a higher level of competency and strive for excellence in its products, services and customer satisfaction.

Founded by N. Lois Adams in 1984, both Freedom Pharmacy and the Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy stand as pharmacy exemplars with international reputations and multiple, award-winning pharmacists, providing special services throughout the United States, and as far away as South America and Europe.

For Immediate Release

Good Neighbor Pharmacy® Announces National Award Winner in Orlando

Lois Adams, RPh, CPh, MBA of Freedom Pharmacy & Wellness Center Named Pharmacist of the Year



LOIS ADAMS

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Recognition Awards were presented to customers at their National Healthcare Conferences held in various locations across the country. The awards recognize

the achievements of Good Neighbor Pharmacy stores in several categories, including the Pharmacist of the Year.

All award winners were selected from the Good Neighbor Pharmacy network of more than 3,600 independent pharmacies nationwide. This year's recognition award for the national Pharmacist of the Year is: Lois Adams, R. Ph, C. Ph, M.B.A., Freedom Pharmacy & Wellness Center in Orlando, FL.

The Pharmacist of the Year award is bestowed to a pharmacist who is supremely dedicated to improving the quality of life of the people and towns he or she serves. Since 1984, Adams has served as President and CEO of Freedom Pharmacy, with the vision and mission to affect positive change for patients and the community at large. "We have been privileged to witness her dedication to pharmacy, her advocacy on behalf of so many causes and her remarkable achievements first hand," noted Joe Short, regional vice president, AmerisourceBergen.

Adams received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Florida, did post-graduate work at Rollins College and received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida, where she has been in-

ducted into the "Hall of Fame" for her many achievements and service to the community. She is also a candidate for her doctorate degree in health care administration.

Adams began her advocacy work as a student member of the American Pharmacist Association at the University of Florida at Gainesville. There, she learned the wisdom of becoming actively involved in the issues of the day, and how a pharmacist, acting in concert with others, could affect positive change for patients and the community at large.

Adams is a founding member of the home health section of the Florida Pharmacy Association and the Independent Pharmacy Network of Florida testifying on pharmacy/patient issues before the U.S. House Judiciary committee, and before both the Florida House and Senate. She is considered an expert on pharmacy issues for the purposes of court testimony and is often asked to intervene on patients' behalf with insurance companies and investigates cases of abuse and wrongful deaths in the industry. She is also past President and Treasurer of the Central Florida Pharmacy Association where she helped to develop the legislative network. She has also served as the Honorary Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council and State Delegation to Washington. She recently traveled to the Capital to evaluate the effects of chemical warfare and post traumatic stress on soldiers returning from the Gulf War. Lois, along with Ross Perot, was able to shed light on this serious problem to members of Congress and get the wheels of government moving to address it.

As a dedicated pharmacist, Adams invites patients to make appointments

with her outside of regular business hours and she hosts free glucose screenings for diabetes and provides free colorectal cancer screening kits. Adams is also an advocate for medication therapy management (MTM), which assists patients who may have issues in over-medicating, especially those with memory disorders. In addition to advocating for MTM, Adams has been actively involved in several causes such as Breast Cancer Awareness, the American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society and the Leukemia Society.

Her impact in the pharmaceutical industry and her community does not go unnoticed. She became the first woman in Florida to win the "Wyeth - Bowl of Hygeia Award" from the FPA in 2006; awarded an "Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award" in 2004; and named the "Businessman of the Year" by the National Republican Congressional Committee in 2003. Adams also served as a pharmaceutical consultant to U.S. Congressman Bill McCollum for Project Hope.

About Good Neighbor Pharmacy

Good Neighbor Pharmacy, an AmerisourceBergen program, is a network of more than 3,600 independently owned and operated community pharmacies. AmerisourceBergen is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical services companies serving the United States, Canada and selected global markets. For more information about Good Neighbor Pharmacy, visit www.goodneighborpharmacy.com

Orlando Business Journal's 2010 Lifetime Achievement Heroes

BY MELANIE STAWICKI AZAM

Lois Adams

Lois Adams has spent the last 48 years working to provide the newest medicines, disease management and clinical trials to local patients.

The pharmacist counsels her patients on wellness, has lectured on disease and has been honored for her advocacy on behalf of the chronically ill.

Adams is founder, president and CEO of the HHCS Health Group and its related companies, many of which she started during the past 20 years to help people with HIV, cystic fibrosis or memory disorders.

In 2010, Adams was named national Pharmacist of the Year as part of the Good Neighbor Pharmacy Recognition Awards.

Adams also became the first woman in Florida to win the Wyeth-Bowl of Hygeia Award in 2006. In addition, she won an Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award in 2004 and was named Businesswoman of the year by the National Republican Congressional Committee in 2003.

PERSONAL

Career goal as a child: To win a Nobel prize in a scientific area and to become a missionary

Little-known fact: I enjoy writing comedy. I would like to have appeared on a program such as *Saturday Night Live*.

Industry change I'd like to see: The break-



PHOTO OF LOIS ADAMS BY JIM CARCHIDI

up of the medical and pharmaceutical monopolies

Favorite career memory: The day we dedicated the Center for Memory Disorders, established in honor of my mother, Helen L. Littlefield

Last book read: *The Language of Life: DNA and the Revolution in Personalized Medicine* by Francis Collins

Favorite website: UpToDate.com, a medical website that reviews all journal articles written on any medical subject

What I'd teach a room full of fifth-graders: Set goals of what you would like to be

John Hillenmeyer

Orlando Health President and CEO John Hillenmeyer has seen a lot of growth in his 13 years at the \$1.7 billion nonprofit.

Some of his big achievements were overseeing the opening of Orlando Health's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando in 2003 and Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies in 2006. The 1,780-bed health care system has eight local hospital campuses. In the past 10 years, Orlando Health has grown from 8,900 workers to 13,510.

Hillenmeyer plans to retire at the end of 2010.



Hillenmeyer

PERSONAL

Career goal as a child: To be a doctor. Quantitative chemistry at the University of Kentucky solved that.

Little-known fact: I was an all-state tight end for the St. Joe Prep Fighting Eagles in Bardstown Kentucky in 1966.

Last book read: *Claiming Your Place at the Fire: Living the Second Half of Your Life on Purpose* by Richard Leider

What makes me laugh: *Seinfeld* episodes

Biggest deal I'm working on now: Trying to convince Health Central it needs to become part of the Orlando Health family

Robert Wilson

More than 20 years ago, Bob Wilson had a vision to make quality hospice care available to everyone, not just those who could afford in-home nurses.

He has helped more than 20,000 patients and their families as founder, president, CEO and chaplain of Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs.

It has grown from 10 patients its first year to more than 600 patients a day now. It employs more than 350 and has a \$21 million annual operating budget. It has given more than \$6 million in free care to the community.

PERSONAL

Career goal as a child: To be an airline pilot

Little-known fact: I can't ice skate or roller skate.

Last book read: *The China Study: Startling Implications for Diet, Weight Loss and Long-term Health* by T. Colin Campbell and Thomas M. Campbell II

What I would teach a room full of fifth-graders: Life is the sum total of our choices — choose carefully, because you're going to live with those decisions.



Wilson



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Dear Legislator,

PCB HCAS 11-01 will reduce the **Monroe Residential Services by 16.5%**. This when **added to the 15% reduction** exercise this would be close to **32% cut in Residential Services**. NO AGENCY can exist with that type of cut. This will mean laying off many staff and could jeopardize the health and safety of the clients. The Monroe Rates were set by an in-depth, valid and reliable study that cost 10 million dollars to complete. It was through this study that the Monroe Rates were originally set and **the rates have been reduced by 10% over the last 5 years.**

We should **not punish people who were moved here by the State of Florida** during deinstitutionalization in the 70's when Monroe County was inexpensive or those who were born and raised here. **It is not there fault** that it is now the **costliest place to live in Florida** and the 6th costliest in the United States.

There are only **5 providers of Medicaid Waiver Services in Monroe County and one Support Coordination agency** due to the high cost of living and increased regulations of living in an area of "Critical State Concern". **MARC does 85% of the Medicaid Services and the Only Non-Profit serving the Developmentally Disabled in the Keys.** There are **no nursing homes in the Keys, no hospital hospice, no rehab facilities...it is all done in the person's home.** The closest services are outside of Monroe County, 150 miles away and at least a 3 ½ hr drive.

Monroe County's Rate Differential is in line with other state and federal agencies. Florida Highway Patrol, ABT, Dept of Environmental Protection, Fish and Wildlife, US Postal Service all receive a cost differential for Monroe County.

Also the **US General Services Administration recognizes the high cost of room rates and has given Monroe County the highest per diem rate in Florida.**

Therefore, elimination of the Monroe Differential in neither fair nor equitable.

Most don't understand that the proposed reductions will have a "triple" net effect since the same services would be cut repeatedly and the same individuals would lose multiple services.

Please do what you can to help us right this wrong.

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