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Gov. Rick Scott Appoints Nine to the Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott appointed nine Floridians to serve on the newly formed Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding. Last week, the Governor signed Executive Order 15-99 creating the Commission and tasking it to investigate the role of taxpayer funding for hospitals, insurers, and healthcare providers.

The following people were appointed today:

Carlos Beruff, of Parrish, is a member of the South Florida Water Management District, the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority and is the President of Medallion Homes. Mr. Beruff will serve as Chair of the Commission.

General Chip Diehl, of Tampa, is a retired Brigadier General United States Air Force and is a member of the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

Marili Cancio Johnson, of Key Biscayne, is a member of the Miami-Dade College Board of Trustees and is the principle of Marili Cancio Johnson PA.

Tom Kuntz, of Winter Park, is a former executive at Suntrust Bank and a current member of the Florida Board of Governors. Mr. Kuntz will serve as Vice Chair of the Commission

Eugene Lamb, Jr., of Midway, served on the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners from 2004-2012 and is a past Chair of the Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jason Rosenburg, of Gainesville, is a reconstructive microsurgeon and a former Chair of the Florida Board of Medicine.

Dr. Ken Smith, of Estero, is the owner of Integrated Beef Consultants and a member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees.

Sam Seevers, of Destin, is a small business owner and a former Mayor and City Council Member of Destin.

Robert Spottswood, of Key West, is a certified public accountant and an attorney. He is the President and Director of Spottswood Companies.

The Governor also named AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek and Surgeon General John Armstrong as co-executive directors of the Commission. The first meeting of the Commission will take place in Tallahassee on May 20th.

To view a copy of Executive Order 15-99 click <u>HERE</u>.

To see a draft outline that will guide the Commission's investigation on the role of taxpayer funding for hospitals, insurers, and healthcare providers please click <u>HERE</u>. Please note, the outline document is a working draft and will continue to evolve.

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