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Charlotte County Health Department announced Interim Director

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) announces the appointment of Mary Kay Burns, R.N., B.S.N., M.B.A. as interim Administrator for the Charlotte County Health Department (CHD) effective November 15, 2010. Ms. Burns has been serving as Administrator of the DeSoto County Health Department since 2004.

"I am pleased to welcome Mary Kay in this interim role within the Charlotte County Health Department," Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health Michael Sentman said. "Her nursing background, CHD leadership experience and spirit of community service will provide continuity while we search for a public health professional who will continue to lead the CHD to even greater heights."

Burns will serve as Interim Administrator until the appointment of a permanent replacement. Throughout her diverse career, a commitment to enhance customer satisfaction and service has been a core principle of hers, and it continues to drive her personal mission and success.

The appointment is a result of the resignation of Administrator Steven Mitnick, M.S., A.R.N.P., M.B.A., who had been serving as Administrator of the Charlotte County Health Department since October 2006.

In his resignation letter Mitnick said, "It has been his honor and pleasure to serve the fine people of Charlotte County. When I arrived at Charlotte County Health Department it had been devastated by Hurricane Charley; today it is a world class health department. I leave knowing the residents of Charlotte County have a loyal and dedicated health department work force to carry on the public health mission."

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