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## Florida Health Care Coalition names Karen van Caulil, PhD as new President

Orlando, FL - The Florida Health Care Coalition is proud to announce that Karen van Caulil, PhD has been selected after a national search by its Board of Directors as the new President of the non-profit organization. She will assume those duties in October 2011. Karen brings extensive experience and leadership statewide to guide the Coalition forward into the future.

"We've known and worked with Karen for more than 10 years," said Coalition Chair Carolyn Aldorfer. "She's a knowledgeable, talented leader who's passionate about health care quality and innovation. We are excited to have her talents as we move forward."

Karen succeeds Coalition founder and former President/CEO, Becky Cherney, who stepped down from the role in May 2011 for medical reasons.



Currently, Karen serves dual roles as Executive Director, University of Central Florida (UCF) Regional Extension Center and Director of Health Planning at the UCF College of Medicine. In her role leading the Regional Extension Center, she has implemented and established the organization that has been recognized as a national leader in the ARRA funded effort to drive primary care physician adoption of electronic medical records. Jeanette Schreiber, the Associate Vice President for Medical Affairs at UCF, said "UCF and the Coalition have a long-standing partnership committed to addressing health care quality in Central Florida. We look forward to continuing this important work with Karen in her new role and know that she will be an excellent leader for the Coalition."

Prior to her work at UCF, she was the Executive Director of The Health Council of East Central Florida and collaborated with the other local health councils on many statewide initiatives to improve the cost, quality and effectiveness of healthcare services. Karen has been responsible for helping a wide variety of healthcare organizations in the State bring in nearly \$100 million dollars for direct patient care, prevention and improved access.

Karen received her B.S. in Biological Sciences from Duke University, her Masters in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and her Doctorate in Public Affairs from the University of Central Florida.

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Karen was the recipient of the Coalition's 2009 Community Service Award. She was honored for her active role on many boards throughout Florida including the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Analysis Advisory Council, the State Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee, the Central Florida Regional Health Information Organization, myregion.org, the Primary Care Access Network, Orange County Healthy Start Coalition, Pathways to Care and the Health Issues Task Force of Osceola County. These and the many other programs she has worked on are all a testament to the broad impact she has had upon the lives of so many in Florida.

## **About the Florida Health Care Coalition**

The Florida Health Care Coalition (FHCC), based in Orlando, FL, is a 27-year-old organization that represents nearly 2 million members of public- and private-sector employers. Its goal is to improve the quality of health care while reducing the cost. FHCC staff, board members, partners, affiliates and sponsors each year organize events and seminars aimed at continuous improvements in health care not only in Florida but nationwide. For more information, visit [www.flhcc.com](http://www.flhcc.com).

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