



Health Care District

OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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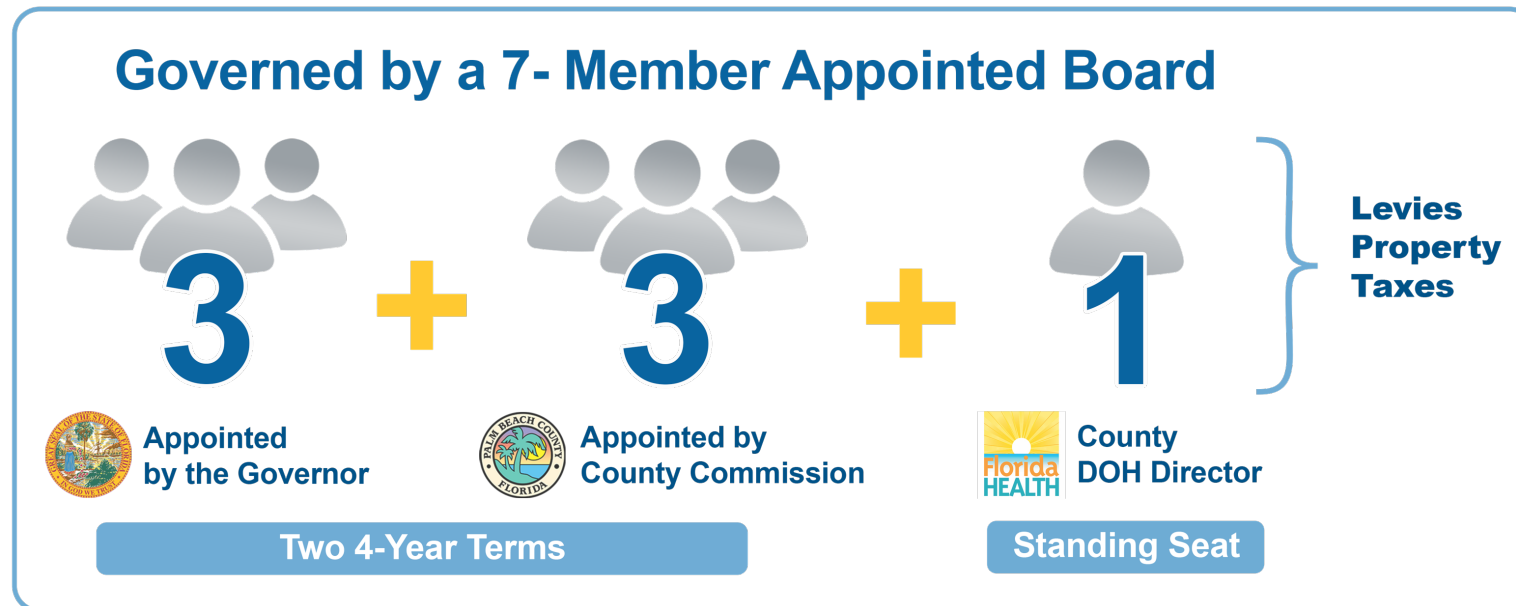
The Palm Beach County League of Cities

Darcy J. Davis, CEO

January 24, 2024

What is the Health Care District?

- The Health Care District is an independent special taxing district (consolidated from three former hospital districts)
- Guided by the Palm Beach County Health Care Act 2003-325 FL Law rev. from 1988 that is *FLEXIBLE*
 - *Section 2. Intent – “The legislature recognizes that it is in the public interest to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County...and to maximize the health and well-being of Palm Beach County residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding and coordination of health care service delivery...”*



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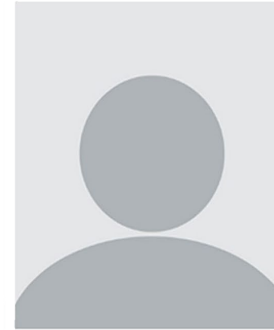
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Appointed by the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners



Standing Seat



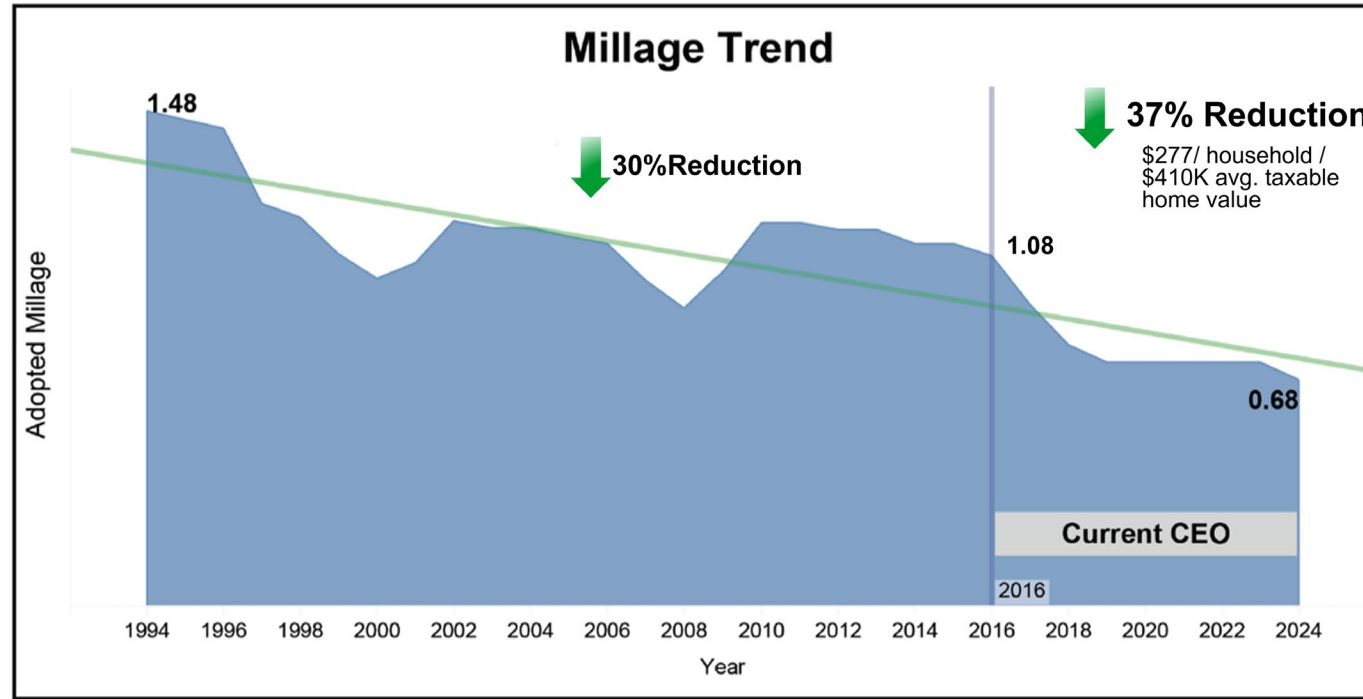
Safety Net System

- Serving a unique role as a *Provider and Payer* in Palm Beach County
- Ensures access to care in a county with no other public hospital system
- Fills gaps where there is a void of healthcare solutions



Our Mission: To be the healthcare safety net for Palm Beach County

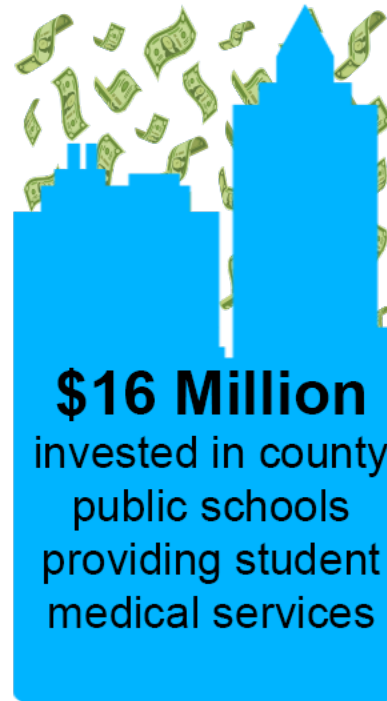
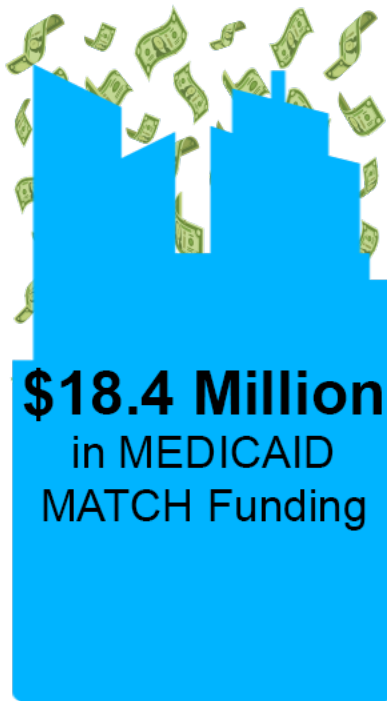
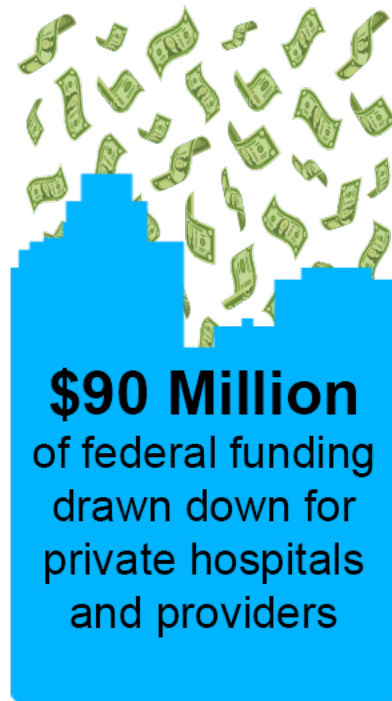
Responsible Stewards of Taxpayer Funding



Lowest Millage Rate in 36-year history

- We do not compete with the private sector, nor do we duplicate services
- We provide health solutions **NOT** offered by the private sector

Economic Engine for Palm Beach County



Additional Impact



Largest 340B beneficiary in Palm Beach County, offsetting taxpayer burden



1,300 employees and one of the largest employers in the rural Glades area

Only Public Hospital in Palm Beach County

2009



- Lakeside Medical Center in the rural Glades communities
- 70-bed acute-care facility
- Only Emergency Room within a 23-mile radius (Section 6, PBC HealthCare Act)
- Recognized in 2023 by the Lown Institute as one of Florida's top 3 hospitals for inclusivity and health equity



Family Medicine Residency Program graduating a steady pipeline of new physicians

2011

Providing Vital Services in Palm Beach County



1991

Trauma Hawk helicopters transported 19,000 critically injured/ill patients over the past 32 years



1991

The Trauma Agency for Palm Beach County (Chapter 13, Article V) ensures quality and positive patient outcomes and leads preventative injury initiatives for the community



1993

District Cares Specialty Coverage provides a continuum of care for qualified county residents



1995

120-bed skilled nursing facility for eligible adult county residents as a resource of last resort

Named high-performing, “Best Nursing Home” by U.S. News & World Report five years in a row



Providing Vital Services in Palm Beach County



1997

200 School Health nurses provide care for 160,000 students in 169 public schools



2013

County's largest Federally Qualified Health Center with 10 locations and three mobile units; as many as 50,000 unique patients annually; HRSA National Quality Leader



2022

Ambulance Services for critically-ill patients from rural areas (1,200 annual patients)



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Public Health Emergency Responder



Largest responder during the pandemic, operating mega-testing and vaccination sites providing a quarter-million vaccines early in the pandemic



Health Care District teams play a significant role in activated hurricane shelters countywide

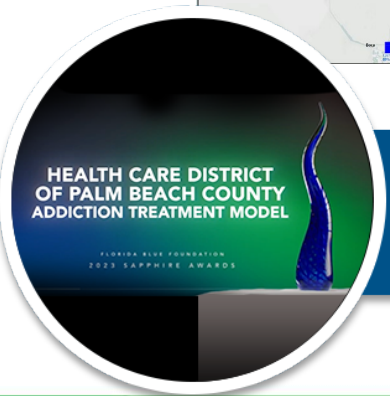


First in the state to get students back in school during the pandemic due to robust School Health program

Data and Innovation



Operating as a data-mature organization, relying on benchmarks and national standards



Award-winning substance use treatment model (est.2017) being replicated statewide by Florida's Governor (CORE Program)

Community Initiatives and Partnerships



PBCFR Whole Blood Program - Bringing the Hospital to the Patient



Sober Homes Task Force Ongoing Partnership



FAU Psych Residency



Community Partnership Schools



JOHN F. KENNEDY
Middle School

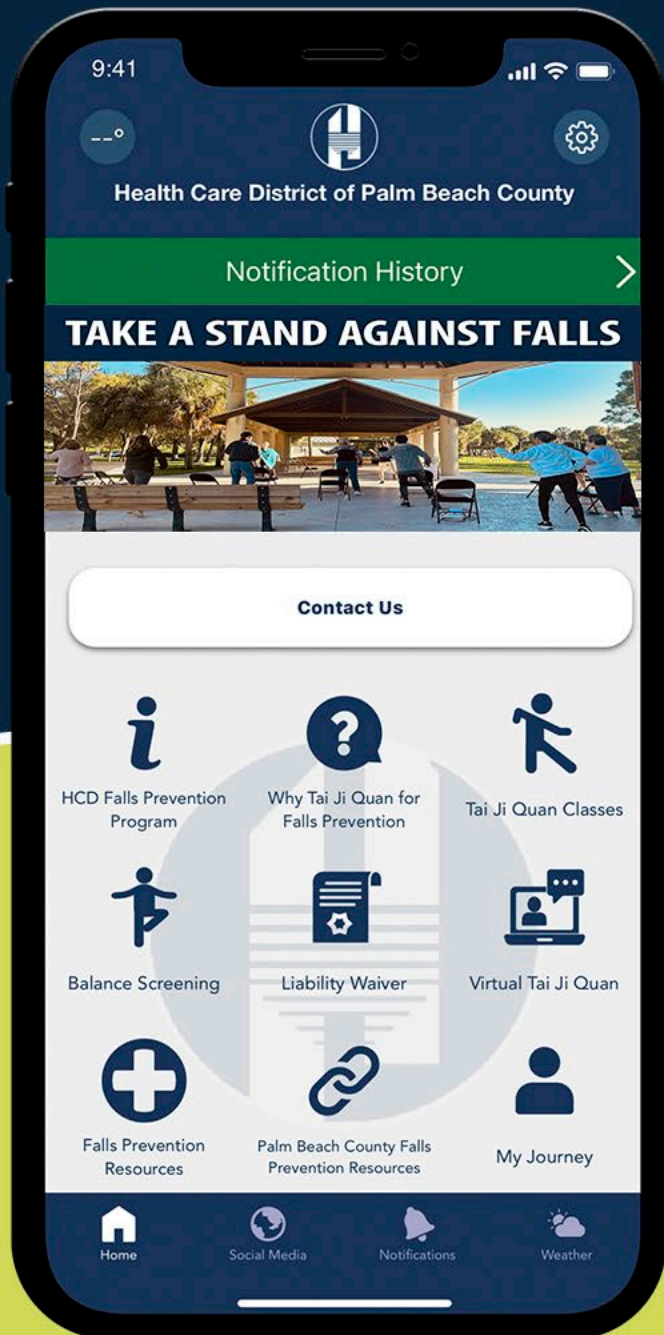


LAKE WORTH
Community High School



Falls Coalition/Grant

DOWNLOAD THE FREE PREVENT FALLS PBC APP TODAY!



App Features Include:

- Tai Chi Balance Class Locations
- Balance Screening Assessment
- Virtual Tai Chi Balance Classes
- Falls Prevention Resources
- Push Notifications
- Weather Alerts





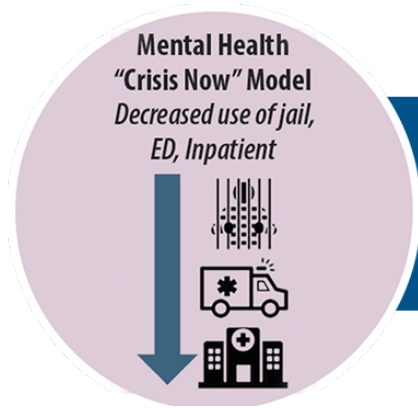
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On the Horizon



Leading implementation of physician-led, real-life tested NEW approach to the mental health crisis in Palm Beach County – "Crisis Now" Model



Someone to Call Someone to Respond Somewhere Safe to Go



Two new state-of-the-art Leonardo AW169 Trauma Hawk helicopters to begin transporting patients later this year.



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