

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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### **Biographical Sketch:**

Douglas A. Holt, M.D., F.A.C.P., is the Director of the Hillsborough County Health Department (HCHD) which is the fourth largest (by county population) of 67 Florida county health departments. It provides services to the county's 1.4 million residents and is responsible for assessing, maintaining, and improving health and safety within the county. Dr. Holt is also a Professor of Medicine and Associate Director at the University of South Florida (USF).

Dr. Holt earned his medical degree from the University of South Alabama in 1984. He then moved to Tampa, Florida where he completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Since completing his residency Dr. Holt joined the USF faculty in 1989. Prior to being appointed as the Medical Director of the Hillsborough County Health Department he was the Chief of Medical Staff for two years. Dr. Holt was also the Acting Deputy State Health Officer in September of 2001 to February 2002. He is an active member of many state and local organizations such as the Hillsborough County Medical Association, American Medical Association, Florida Public Health Association President, Public Health Leadership Society, Florida Medical Association, School Readiness Coalition, Hillsborough Community College Foundation Board of Director's, National Association of County & City Health Officials, Children's Board Advocacy Committee, and the Healthy Start Coalition Board of Director's. In addition to the community activities, Dr. Holt has played an active role in many Florida Department of Health workgroups and committees, including the Fiscal Management Advisory Council, Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board, the Secretary's Roundtable, and the Florida Association of County Health Officers.

Dr. Holt has led an initiative to incorporate quality management and a co-creating philosophy throughout the Hillsborough County Health Department. The health department has embraced the Sterling Criteria as its management system and has started the transformational journey. The health department is initiating new alliances in order to better leverage available funding to achieve its mission which includes collaborating with organizations and local universities to advance the public health system to state-of-the-art levels, improve its relationship with the county commission, and strengthen partnerships with other county health departments to develop a consortium for functions such as purchasing and the resolution of common issues. The health department's Vision and Values focus is on Customers, Employees, and the Community. The department's Vision and Values serves as the foundation for all we do, now and in the future.

### **Education:**

B.S., Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, 1980

M.D., University of South Alabama, College of Medicine, Mobile, Alabama, 1984

### **Honors and Accolades:**

- USF Area Community Civic Association, INC., Edwin Radice Distinguished Service Award, October 2009
- USF College of Medicine, Appreciation Award, Faculty Secretary, 2007-2009
- Florida Association of County Health Officers, Appreciation Award, November 2006
- University of South Florida College of Public Health Outstanding Partner Award, Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness, 2004
- Tampa Fire Rescue, Appreciation Award, October 2003
- University of South Florida Lifetime Appreciation, 2003
- State of Florida, Commendation, Dedicated Service and Outstanding Leadership, 2001
- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, Certificate of Appreciation, 2001
- Outstanding Community Service Award, University of Tampa, Department of Nursing, 2000