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PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New Officers Selected at the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees Meeting

MIAMI, FL – The Public Health Trust (PHT), which governs Jackson Health System, selected new officers at its monthly meeting on February 23, 2009. John Copeland III was selected to serve as chairman of the board, Angel Medina Jr. was chosen to be vice chairman, Georgena D. Ford, R.N., will serve as secretary and Marcos Lapciuc was appointed treasurer. The new officers will preside over the next board meeting on March 23.

The officers, all of whom are continuing members of the Public Health Trust, are committed to helping Jackson Health System deliver world-class medical care to all residents of Miami-Dade County.

John Copeland III has more than 20 years of experience as investor, manager, and consultant. He is currently managing director of the Copeland Companies, a diversified group of family businesses based in Miami. The third-generation family operation has been a part of the South Florida business community since 1965.

Prior to taking over his family's business, Copeland spent a decade with McKinsey & Company, a leading global strategy consultancy. While there, his practice comprised of private equity, turnaround, corporate finance, and operations performance improvement engagements across a broad range of industries including healthcare, banking, telecommunications, real estate and retail. Before McKinsey, he worked as the executive director of Miami Partners for Progress, an economic improvement initiative launched by private sector leaders in Greater Miami. Other professional experiences include real estate financial services with the Bank of Boston and business development with Knight-Ridder.

Copeland is active in the community, where he serves as a board member of the South Florida Smart Growth Land Trust and Cool Kids Learn, Inc. He has also served as a board advisor for the Greater Miami YMCA and been a part of various committees on the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Copeland, a graduate of Harvard University and Stanford University, is also a member of the National Black MBA Association.

Angel Medina Jr. is area executive for Regions Bank's South Florida market, which includes Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, as well as Naples and Fort Myers.

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He is also responsible for international private banking. In this capacity, he is directly accountable for the revenue growth, asset quality and management of business in excess of \$12 billion, 114 banking centers and nearly 1,000 employees. During his career, which has spanned more than 30 years, Medina has held numerous leadership roles in commercial real estate, corporate banking, business banking and retail and credit policy.

Medina also spent more than 13 years in leadership positions with Barnett Bank of South Florida until 1996, when he joined Adrian Homes as chief financial officer. He was with Adrian Homes until he joined Union Planters Bank in 2000.

Medina has always maintained a strong commitment to community, cultural and business associations and organizations. He is on the board of directors for the United Way of Miami-Dade, is an executive committee member of the Latin Builders Association, and is on the board of directors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Medina is also an executive cabinet member of the Beacon Council, Miami-Dade's economic development agency. He served as the Miami-Dade co-chair for the 2007 NFL Super Bowl Committee and has been involved with Goodwill of South Florida, the South Florida YMCA, the March of Dimes, the Florida Bankers Association, the Miami City Ballet, and the Orange Bowl Committee. Medina also dedicates time to his alma mater, Florida International University, where he led the Deans Council and served as chairman of the college's building fund.

Georgena D. Ford, R.N., is a registered nurse with more than 40 years of professional healthcare experience in the clinical and administrative side of the industry. Ford worked as director of critical care services at North Shore Medical Center, where her responsibilities included fiscal and administrative management. She was also in charge of overseeing the clinical operations at the medical center for the emergency department, the intensive care unit, the critical care unit and telemetry. During a 16-year tenure at North Shore, Ford held several supervisory positions, including nursing coordinator, executive director of North Dade Clinics and administrative director of Bayshore Home Health.

Ford, who earned her nursing degree from the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, also has a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Florida International University.

For the past two years, Ford has been actively involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry, working with women incarcerated at the Homestead Correctional Institution. She is an assistant Bible teacher at her church and is an active member of AARP locally and nationally.

Marcos Jose Lapciuc is the founder of MLIP, LLC, an industrial and commercial real estate development and holding enterprise. He is also vice president and partner in Precision Trading Corp., an import and export trading enterprise, where he established partnerships in Brazil and set up manufacturing facilities in China.

Lapciuc, a native of Colombia, has been a resident of Miami-Dade County since 1975. He is a graduate of the University of Miami, where he earned a business degree and a law degree.

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Community involvement is an integral part of Lapciuc's life. He is president of the Collegiate Learning Exchange and a board member of Congregation Ohr Chaim. He has been honored for his contributions through the numerous rewards he has received, including the Ohr Sameach International Community Service Award, the Miami-Dade County Legislation Delegation Certificate of Recognition for Community Service and the Kollel Fellowship Award from the Talmudic University of Florida.

The Public Health Trust was created in 1973 by the Board of County Commissioners as an independent volunteer governing body concerned with the county's most vital integrated health care resource, Jackson Health System. The trust is made up of 15 volunteer citizens and two county commissioners who set policies that assure Jackson Health System is responsive to community needs. The PHT Board of Trustees provides leadership and oversight for the health system.

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Attached are photos of the newly elected Public Health Trust officers.

John Copeland III – Chairman, Public Health Trust

Angel Medina Jr. – Vice Chairman, Public Health Trust

Georgena D. Ford, R.N. – Secretary, Public Health Trust

Marcos Jose Lapciuc – Treasurer, Public Health Trust