

Welcome to the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County

The field of Public Health is ever changing. Today, we understand that the Social Determinants of Health such as race and ethnicity, health behaviors, education, and income all impact our health, to a greater extent than visiting your doctor's office. The factors alone should not determine how long you live. We are excited about the opportunities to initiate further discussions to improve the quality of life in Seminole County. We can achieve greater heights by working together for a common goal... a safe and healthier community for all! Become a partner in our efforts to be the healthiest county in Florida.

*Dr. Swannie Jett, DrPH, MSc
Health Officer*

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www.seminolecohealth.com
or call specific departments for hours of operations and to schedule appointments.



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Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 3:30 pm.

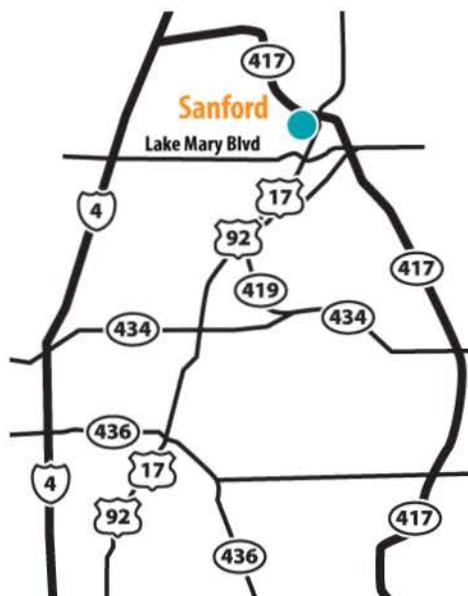
To become a member, call (407) 665-3000 and ask for the Minority Health Task Force chair.



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Minority Health Task Force

Purpose

The Minority Health Task Force at the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County was established in July 2013 to coordinate specific events and projects which focus on the health of minority populations in Seminole County affected by chronic health conditions such as diabetes, obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, asthma and cancer.

Mission

The Minority Health Task Force supports the mission of the Florida Department of Health to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Strategy

The Minority Health Task Force collaborates with community partners and stakeholders of Seminole County to reduce and eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. These efforts aim to ensure that all community members are equally respected, treated fairly, valuable and have equal access to grow and reach their optimal potential.

Membership

The Minority Health Task Force is a voluntary organization of individuals from the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County and local community. Together, the task force promotes, protects and improves equity and supports minority health diversity in Seminole County.

Health Equity

Health Equity is reaching the highest level of health for all people by valuing everyone equally.

Health Disparities

Health disparity is the difference in the health of the people based on social, economic and/or environmental factors. For example, in Seminole County health disparities and imbalances are highest among those with diabetes and cardiovascular disease.



Annual Observances

The Minority Health Task Force coordinates community projects with public health professionals, partners and communities to observe the following national events:



Black History Month

February: To celebrate and honor African Americans and their achievements and role in United States history.



Minority Health Month

April: To raise awareness about health disparities continuing to affect minority populations.



National Public Health Week

April: To recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues which are important to improving the overall health of our nation.



Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day

September: To raise awareness in the minority community and encourage families and individuals to take charge of their health.



Hispanic Heritage Month

September - October: To observe and celebrate the Hispanic culture and traditions of those with roots from Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

GOAL: Reduce and eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities.