



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

July 15, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Raul Pino, MD, MPH, Director
Health Services Department
Contact: (407) 836-7611

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SUBJECT: Concurrence request for State Surgeon General Appointment of
Administrator, Department of Health of Orange County
Consent Agenda – July 26, 2022

I am happy to announce that State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo has appointed Dr. Robert D. Karch as Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. In accordance with Florida Statute 154.04, this appointment requires concurrence by the Board. Attached is Dr. Karch's Curriculum Vitae for your review.

ACTION REQUESTED: Concurrence with the State Surgeon General's appointment of Dr. Robert D. Karch to the position of Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County.

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Attachments

Cc: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator
Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator
John Goodrich, Deputy Director, Health Services Department
J. Ricardo Daye, Director, Human Resources Division

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Ron DeSantis
Governor

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

July 19, 2022

The Honorable Jerry L. Demings
Mayor of Orange County
201 S. Rosalind Avenue, 5th Floor
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Mayor Demings:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Robert Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP, as the Director of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. County health departments sustain the partnership between the Florida Department of Health and county government pursuant to section 154.04, Florida Statutes. In keeping with state law, as well as our desire to maintain this important partnership, the Florida Department of Health works collectively with county government when selecting a new health department director.

Dr. Karch has an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated his ability as a skilled leader. I believe Dr. Karch will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Orange County as their new health department director.

The Florida Department of Health is requesting time on the agenda during your upcoming meeting to request concurrence on the appointment of Robert Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP, as the Director of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. If you or any member of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners have questions or would like more information regarding Dr. Karch, please feel free to contact Mark Lander, Interim Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems at 850-245-4243.

I appreciate the support of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and the community in selecting the best candidate for the people of Orange County.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

cc: Robert Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP

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Curriculum Vitae

June, 2022

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Email: Robert.Karch@flhealth.gov

Current Positions:

**Deputy Secretary and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services,
Florida Department of Health. 3/16/2020- Present**

**Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Central Florida College of Medicine,
Orlando, FL 01/2018 - Present**

Nemours CareConnect Telehealth Physician, Center for Health Delivery Innovation.
Nemours Children's Health System. 04/01/2020-Present

Education: 05/1994 B.A. University of Delaware; Newark, DE
05/1996 M.P.H. Columbia University School of Public Health; New York, NY
05/2000 M.D. Georgetown University School of Medicine; Washington, D.C.
05/2010 MSHP University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA
(Master of Science in Health Policy Research)

Specialty Certification:

10/2003-12/2023 American Board of Pediatrics – Recertified 12/2020
11/2009-11/2019 American Board of Physician Nutrition Specialists

Postgraduate Training and Fellowship Appointments:

07/2000-07/2001 Intern in Pediatrics, Miami Children's Hospital; Miami, FL
07/2001-07/2003 Resident in Pediatrics, Miami Children's Hospital; Miami, FL
07/2003-07/2004 Chief Resident in Pediatrics, Miami Children's Hospital; Miami, FL
**07/2006-07/2009 Pediatric Nutrition Fellowship, Division of Gastroenterology,
Hepatology and Nutrition, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia;
Philadelphia, PA**
**07/2007-07/2009 Research Fellowship, Health Services and Policy Research,
Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program,
University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA**
07/2007-07/2009 Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics,
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Philadelphia, PA

Professional Experience:

- 07/2004-07/2006 National Health Service Corp, General Pediatrician, Canyonlands Community Health Care; Page, AZ
- 06/2007 Dannon Nutrition Leadership Institute, Wye River, MD**
- 07/2009-07/2011 Attending Physician, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Ambulatory Pediatrics at Albert Einstein Medical Center
Pediatric Hospitalist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2009-07/2011 Pediatric Nutrition Consultant, Nemours Health and Prevention Services, Nemours Foundation, Newark, DE**
- 01/2010-07/2011 Project Leader, Nemours Health and Prevention Services Delaware Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, in-conjunction with Baby-Friendly USA and the Delaware Breastfeeding Coalition, Newark, DE**
- 07/2011-01/2013 Director, Nemours Pediatric Hospitalist Group at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, FL
- 01/2013-05/2015 Site Director, Division of Hospital Medicine, Nemours Children's Hospital; Orlando, FL
- 05/2015-01/2019 Attending Physician, Division of General Academic Pediatrics, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL (Lead Hospitalist, Failure to Thrive/Grow Clinic, Healthy Choices Weight Management Clinic)
- 09/2018 International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) Sub-Regional Training Course for Caribbean Islands on Introduction to the Use of Stable Isotopes in Human Nutrition Studies; University of the West Indies; Kingston, Jamaica**
- 01/2019-03/2020 Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology; Endocrine Hospitalist; Nemours Children's Hospital; Orlando, FL**
- 3/2020-Present Deputy Secretary and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services, Florida Department of Health.

Hospital and Administrative Leadership Appointments:

- 07/2004-07/2006 Medical Staff, Page Banner Health Hospital, Page, AZ
- 07/2008-07/2009 Medical Staff, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2010-07-2011
- 07/2008-07/2011 Medical Staff, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA
- 07/2009-07/2011 Medical Staff, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2009-07/2011 Medical Staff, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2011-07/2014 Medical Staff, Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, FL
- 07/2011-12/2021 Medical Staff, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2015-03/2020 Medical Executive Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2017-01/2019 President of the Medical Staff, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 05/2020-Present Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Board of Directors – Florida Department of Health Representative
- 05/2020-Present Florida Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Committee – Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services Representative
- 08/2021-Present Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. Council Member

<u>Licensure:</u>	2004-01/2023	Florida ME92476
	2004-2006	Arizona
	2006-2016	Pennsylvania MD429183
	2020-Present	Georgia
	2020-Present	New Jersey
	2020-Present	Maryland
	2020-Present	Delaware
	2020-Present	Alabama
	2020-Present	California

Other Certifications:

Expires 10/2021	AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider
Expires 10/2021	AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider

Memberships in Professional & Scientific Societies, Other Professional Activities and Academic Awards

10/2004-Present	American Academy of Pediatrics (Fellow of the AAP)
2005-2006	American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Native American Health
07/2019-Present	American Academy of Pediatrics, Florida Chapter (FCAAP), Member
07/2019-Present	FCAAP Pediatric Obesity Task Force
	05/2019-03/2020 Central Florida Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Task Force
2007-2009	American Public Health Association, Member
	06/2021-Present
06/2021-Present	Florida Public Health Association, Member
01/2012-2021	American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Member
01/2015-Present	American Society for Nutrition, Member
01/2016-Present	Global Smile Foundation (www.gsmile.org) Boston, MA; Advisory Board of Directors; International Congenital Craniofacial Deformity Team
03/2008-Present	Global Smile Foundation, Boston, MA
2007-2008	Medical Missions for Children, Congenital Facial Deformity Team Pediatrician; Boston, MA
02/2000	Georgetown University School of Medicine International Student Clerkship; Baca-Ortiz Children's Hospital; Quito, Ecuador
05/2011	Outstanding Faculty Instructor of Medical Students Award; Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
04/2017	Gold Humanism Honor Society, Chapman Chapter, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Orlando, FL (Inducted April 29, 2017)

Academic and Institutional Committees/Service:

1995-1996	Columbia University Council of Graduate Student Leaders (School of Public Health Representative); New York, NY
2002-2004	Member, Pediatric Residency Review Committee, Miami Children's Hospital; Miami, FL
07/2011-07/2013	Pediatric Quality Review Committee, Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne FL
10/2012-01/2015	Code Blue Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
10/2012-01/2015	Infection Prevention and Control Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL

- 10/2012-01/2015 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2013-01/2015 Chair, Nutrition Support Subcommittee of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL**
- 01/2013-05/2014 In-Patient Operational Unit Leader, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2013-01/2015 Family-Centered Multidisciplinary Rounds - Implementation Process Owner, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2014-01/2015 START/I-PASS Physician Handoff Tool Workgroup, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2015-12/2016 Chair, Medical Staff Policy Committee, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 01/2015-01/2019 Medical Executive Committee Voting Member, Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL**
- 05/2013-05/2016 M.D. Program Curriculum Committee; University of Central Florida College of Medicine (COM), Orlando, FL**
- 05/2013-01/2019 M3/M4 Curriculum Subcommittee; University of Central Florida COM, Orlando, FL
- 05/2016-05/2018 LCME Self-Study Steering Committee –Medical Students Subcommittee; University of Central Florida COM, Orlando, FL
- 01/2017-01/2018 UCF College of Medicine Clinical Nutritionist Search Committee Member, Orlando, FL**

Major Academic and Teaching Responsibilities/ Scholarly and Creative Activities:

- 2006, 2008 Instructor, Pediatric History and Physical (MD307), University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2009-07/2009 Pediatric Resident Preceptor, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Philadelphia, PA
- 07/2009-07/2011 Pediatric Faculty, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Pediatric Residency Training Program; Philadelphia, PA
- 08/2011-12/2017 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Central Florida College of Medicine; Orlando, FL
- 07/2012-Present Director, Medical Nutrition Longitudinal Curricular Development, University of Central Florida College of Medicine; Orlando, FL**
- 05/2013-01/2019 University of Central Florida Pediatric Clinical Clerkship Site Director; Nemours Children's Hospital Inpatient Teaching Service, Orlando, FL
- 05/2014-05/2015 University of Central Florida Fourth Year Pediatric Acting Internship Site Director at Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, FL
- 05/2015-01/2019 Community of Practice (COP) M1, M2 Faculty Preceptor; UCF COM, Orlando, FL
- 05/2012-05/2014 Focused Inquiry & Research Experience - Faculty Mentor; UCF COM Robert Humberstone: "Self-Identifying Hunger Awareness Prior to and After Food Selection". Orlando, FL
- 05/2016-05/2018 Focused Inquiry & Research Experience - Faculty Mentor; UCF COM Matthew Berger: "Urban Gardening Programs and Their Effect on the Dietary Quality of Children". Orlando, FL
- 07/2012-2020 Medical Nutrition Curriculum Development; Development of all medical nutrition content at the UCF-COM across four years of undergraduate medical education. Orlando, FL**

- 03/2015 Experimental Biology National Conference 2015; Invited Lecturer; “Nutrition Education in Medical School, The University of Central Florida College of Medicine Experience”.
- 02/2016-2021 “Culinary Medicine” Course Development/Primary Faculty. Course MDE 8105; University of Central Florida College of Medicine and UCF Rosen College of Hospitality. First course started 2/5/2018. Orlando, FL

Abstracts:Dietary Quality and Weight Status in Preschool-Age Children

10/2013 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition

Publications: Textbook Chapter

1. Karch, R., *Protein-Energy Malnutrition*
The 5-Minute Pediatric Consult; Michael D. Cabana (Editor)
5th Ed., 2008, pp 478-79
6th Ed., 2012, pp. 694-695
7th Ed., 2015, pp738-739

Lectures by Invitation:

- 1996 Columbia University School of Public Health, Class Commencement Speaker; New York, NY
- 2007 “*Complementary Feeding Practices in the Developing World*” Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Nutrition Center Seminar Series; Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 “*The Role of Folic Acid Supplementation in the Prevention of Orofacial Clefts*”, Roberto Gilbert Hospital for Children; Guayaquil, Ecuador
- 2008 “*Food Marketing to Children and Youth*”, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Nutrition Center Seminar Series; Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 “*The National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs*”, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Nutrition Center Seminar Series; Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “*Vitamin D Supplementation in Infants, Children and Adolescents*” Albert Einstein Medical Center, Grand Rounds; Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “*Delaware Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative*”, Christiana Hospital Pediatric Grand Rounds; Christiana, DE
- 2011 Delaware State Division of Public Health Breast is Best 3rd Annual Conference, Guest Speaker. Delaware.
- 2012 “*Critical Care in Infants and Children: The Basics.*” Society of Critical Care Medicine Fundamental Critical Care Support Conference, Health-First Training Center, Melbourne, FL
- 2012 American Psychological Association Presidential Program – Transforming Systems to Reduce Child Obesity. “*The Delaware Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative to Support Optimal Infant Nutrition*”. Wilmington, DE
- 2012-2017 “*Nutritional Considerations in Cystic Fibrosis*” University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Human Body 1 Course
- 2012-2017 “*Nutritional Basis of Health and Disease*” University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Human Body 1 Course; Orlando, FL
- 2012, 2013 “*Eicosanoids, Inflammation and Nutrition*” University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Human Body 1 Course

- 2014 “*Cardiovascular Nutrition*” University of Central Florida College of Medicine. Orlando, FL
- 2014-2017 “*Nutrition in Respiratory Diseases*”. University of Central Florida College of Medicine. Orlando, FL
- 11/2018 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition Faculty Speaker. Section on Pediatric Obesity. “*Culinary Medicine: A Novel Approach to Nutrition Education in Undergraduate Medical Education. The UCF College of Medicine Experience.*” November, 2018; Orlando, FL
- 04/2019 Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County. Contemporary and Emerging Developments in the Prevention and Management of Diabetes. *Culinary Medicine – A Novel Approach to Nutrition Education.* April, 2019. Florida.
- 06/2019 University of Central Florida College of Community Innovation and Education Early Childhood Summer Institute. *Early Childhood Nutrition and Pediatric Obesity Prevention. Innovative Approaches to Optimize Health.* June, 2019; Orlando, FL
- 07/2019 Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 84th Food and Nutrition Symposium. *Culinary Medicine and Physician Nutrition Education.* Marco Island, FL
- 11/2020 Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP). Florida Health Care Provider Forum Series. *Pediatric Obesity in Florida.*
- 04/2021 Tampa General Hospital Child Abuse Prevention Symposium. *Child Abuse and Injury Prevention Initiatives at the Florida Department of Health.*
- 05/2021 University of South Florida (USF) Health Pediatric Grand Rounds. *Children’s Medical Services and the Florida Department of Health.*
- 06/2021 **Health Meets Food: The Culinary Medicine Conference. Panel Discussion Leader. *Pediatrics and the Family***
- 06/2021 23rd Annual Family Café and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities – Florida Department of Health Representative
- 05/2022 Florida Health Policy Leadership Academy at the Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida. *Florida Department of Health: Programs That Support Improved Child Health.*
- 05/2022 24th Annual Family Café and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities – Florida Department of Health Representative