



## **Brown Elected to Serve as Lee Health Board of Directors Chairman for 2018**

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Feb. 23, 2018) --- Lee Health is pleased to announce the newly elected officers of its Board of Directors for 2018.

Stephen R. Brown, M.D., was unanimously elected to serve as Board Chairman for 2018. Dr. Brown was first elected to the Board in 2008, and serves as the Board’s liaison to Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, the Quality & Safety committee, Lean Transformation (process improvement) and Behavioral Health. He is a retired radiologist. Dr. Brown served as Mayor Sanibel Island (2002-03) and nine years on the Sanibel City Council. He is a member of the Sanibel Captiva Kiwanis, and serves on the Boards of Sanibel Community Housing Resource and Sanibel Captiva Charitable Foundation of the Islands.

Donna Clarke will continue to serve as Vice Chairman. She is a former Florida State Representative and has served as an adjunct professor with State College of Florida. Previously she has owned and operated an environmental consulting firm. Clarke earned a master’s degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology. She currently is Co-President of the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club and has served as Vice Chair of the STARS Advisory Board. She has also volunteered as a math tutor at the Pace Center for Girls of Lee County.

David F. Collins will continue to serve as Treasurer. He has been a mortgage banker for over 20 years and has served as a board member for PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, and as treasurer for the PACE Capital Campaign. Collins has also taken part in the Executive Leadership Team for American Heart Association Heart Walk and was an AHA Red Tie Society Member.

Therese Everly will continue to serve as Board Secretary. She is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and licensed Florida Realtor who also serves on the Board of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership Inc., Advisory Board for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. Therese has served as a member of the City of Cape Coral Financial Advisory Board and is a former adjunct professor at Florida Southwestern State College. Everly has 26 years of health care and management experience accompanied by a degree in health care administration.

“We appreciate the officers’ level of involvement and we are thankful to have such an accomplished group working to further our commitment to provide the highest quality care,” says Lee Health President & CEO Larry Antonucci, M.D, MBA.

In addition to the officers, other Board members include: Sanford Cohen, M.D.; Diane Champion; Jessica Carter Peer; Chris Hansen; Nancy McGovern, RN, MSM; and Stephanie Meyer, BSN, RN.

The Board of Directors’ primary goal is to carry out the mission and vision of Lee Health. The Board of Directors consists of 10 officials, from five districts, who are elected by the people of Lee County in staggered four-year terms. The Board holds regularly scheduled public meetings to set goals and objectives and to hear recommendations from the health system’s administrative and medical staffs. The public is encouraged to attend.

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*

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