

# Newsmakers: Gaddam named to Health First role

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Gaddam

Suma Gaddam is the new vice president of enterprise application services at Health First.

Gaddam will provide strategic and operational leadership for all areas of enterprise application architecture for Health First's operating divisions (including software selection, development, implementation and support).

Before joining Health First, Gaddam served as director of Electronic Health Records and Legacy Information Systems for John C. Lincoln Health Network in Phoenix. She also worked with the University of Kansas Hospital, Centene Corp., a Medicaid-managed care organization, and at the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators.

Gaddam has a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in plant sciences from Oklahoma State University and a bachelor's degree in plant sciences from Konkan Agricultural University in Dapoli, India.

## Steiner certified in dementia care

Janet Steiner, director of education and family services for the Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation, recently attended the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners' professional Alzheimer's disease and dementia education seminar in Charleston, S.C.

Steiner received a credential naming her a certified dementia practitioner.

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Steiner has been employed at BAF for the past 18 years and currently trains and educates family, staff and professional caregivers. She is also available for free community presentations on various topics related to brain health and Alzheimer's awareness. For information, call 321-253-4430.

### Health department honored for clinic

Brevard County Health Department was honored at the 2013 annual conference of the National Association of County and City Health Officials for developing and implementing its Primary Access to Health clinic.

The PATH clinic was honored for demonstrating "exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need." PATH was one of 38 public health programs selected from across the nation to receive NACCHO's Model Practice Award.

The PATH clinic provides primary care for the underserved population and specialty care by volunteer physicians in the health department clinic. The program partners with local hospitals to provide diagnostic testing through in-kind donations and partners with Florida Tech to provide a behavioral health component.

The NACCHO represents the nation's 2,800 local governmental health departments.

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