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### Red Tide Has Ebbcd

September brought a red tide to the East coast. *Karena Brevis* (*K. Brevis*) is the organism that was causing red tide on the southeastern coast of Florida. More fish were found dead on the shore (see photo of shark found on Delray Beach in September). *K. Brevis* is a microorganism that produces various neurotoxins, collectively called brevetoxins, which can paralyze fish gills and cause gastrointestinal problems. Manatees and sea turtles can also be affected by the toxins and by the depletion of oxygen from large algal blooms. Respiratory irritation was also reported by beachgoers, and people with asthma and other breathing disorders experienced coughs and shortness of breath.



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**Delray Medical  
Center Names New  
Chief Executive  
Officer and Palm  
Beach Group CEO**



West Palm Beach, Florida, September 21, 2018—Delray Medical Center appoints Maggie Gill (see photo) to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Gill will be responsible for overseeing all strategic, operational and clinical activities at Delray Medical Center. She is also the new Palm Beach Group CEO for Tenet Healthcare, which consists of a network of five hospitals.

“We are delighted to have a highly talented and seasoned healthcare executive like Maggie leading our operations in Palm Beach County,” said Tenet Healthcare’s President of Hospital Operations, Eric Evans. “She is well positioned to help us continue to grow and build the wide-range of lifesaving, award-winning programs we offer, including comprehensive stroke care, Level I trauma and cutting-edge cardiovascular services both at Delray and throughout the county.”

“Returning to Florida is a homecoming for me, and it is an honor to serve as the CEO of Delray Medical Center, a hospital with a rich tradition of providing quality, award-winning care,” said Gill. “I look forward to creating more synergies amongst all of the Tenet hospitals in Palm Beach County in order to expand access for our patients, and to continue to be on the forefront of bringing new services to the area.”

Gill comes to Delray Medical Center from Novant Health UVA Health System where she served as the Chief Executive Officer. In this role, she designed and implemented the functional organization of the system including cultural integration, branding and financial turnaround. She developed the system’s long term strategic quality and growth plans in a highly competitive market and established partnerships with regional payers to create opportunities for value based care.

Prior to her time in Virginia, Gill was with Memorial Health in Savannah, Georgia where she served as president and CEO since 2011. She initially joined Memorial in 2004 as Vice President of Finance and became Memorial’s Chief Operating Officer in 2005.

As CEO, Gill expanded the on-campus medical school and physician residency programs, in partnership with Mercer University School of Medicine, to improve the region’s medical education opportunities. She worked collaboratively with the medical staff to grow Memorial’s clinical services, including trauma, specialized surgery, heart and vascular oncology.

Gill also executed a \$140 million capital plan that included a children’s hospital and the implementation of Epic. In 2016, Becker’s Hospital Review named her one of its “135 Nonprofit Hospital and Health System CEOs to Know,” as well as one of “130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know.”

Gill is a graduate of Florida State University where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in English Literature. She then received her Master’s of Business Administration from St. Leo University.

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**Preserving Land West of State Road 7/441**

Palm Beach County’s Agricultural Reserve is a rich area for fruit and vegetable farming. Packing plants, fertilizer companies, commercial supplies for potting and irrigation, and equestrian feed stores exist along State Road 7/441, one of the most important evacuation routes of Palm Beach County.

There is some new development along the route, but only that which has been grandfathered in with entitlements, site plans, and development orders. The Alliance of Delray, true to its commitment in 1999 to not see the Agricultural Reserve “paved from one end to the other, or a lot of strip malls and commercial development go up along 441” has successfully worked with County officials and staff to manage development. Builders and developers have come to respect the ideas and needs of the Alliance Membership.

A Solid Waste Authority Transfer Station was proposed for a parcel west of 441 on Atlantic Avenue and with the Alliance’s opposition, the site was moved north and east of State Road 7/441. A biofuel processing facility was proposed for a parcel on Atlantic Avenue and 441. With the Alliance leadership and its Member communities rallying against the proposed project, The Board of County Commissioners denied the application for what would have been industrial use on the property.

The Alliance worked to create a passive park on a 300+ acre parcel on West Atlantic Avenue, located on the edge of the Everglades. The County is currently working to extend a lease with South Florida Water Management District, and there is the possibility that the park could be purchased by the County in the future. These efforts enable residents and visitors to enjoy the preserved areas and equestrian trails in the Western lands in the Agricultural Reserve.

