Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding's Spotlight Transparency Tour Heads to Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – On Wednesday, Governor Rick Scott's Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding will make the second stop on its "*Spotlight Transparency Tour*" in Jacksonville. The Commission was formed by Governor Scott to provide greater transparency regarding how tax dollars are used at publically-funded hospitals and the affordability, access, and quality of healthcare services they provide to Florida's taxpayers. Following this week's stop in Jacksonville, the next stop of the transparency tour will be in Miami on July 23.

WHAT: Meeting of the Commission on Healthcare and Hospital FundingWHEN: Wednesday, July 1, from 8:00 am -1:00 pm

WHERE: <u>Jacksonville University</u> Davis College of Business 2800 University Boulevard North Jacksonville, FL 32211

The following attendees will be making presentations at the meeting:

Mr. Russell E. Armistead Jr, CEO, UF Health Jacksonville
Mr. Donnie Romine, Interim President & CEO, St. Vincent's HealthCare, Jacksonville
Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
Dr. Jannifer Harper, Vice President of Medical Operations, Florida Blue

Topics for discussion:

The Jacksonville area hospital representatives listed above have been requested to address several key performance metrics that paint a picture of the quality of care being provided to their patients. These metrics include: Potentially Preventable Readmission Rate (PPR), Serious Complications Rate, Hospital Consumer of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Five Star Patient Satisfaction Survey, Emergency Room Wait Time, Patient Cost Per Procedure, and Physician/Nursing Quality.

A panel discussion on hospital quality measures is also on the agenda and will include contributions from Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, Pediatric Surgeon at UF Health Jacksonville and Dr. Jannifer Harper from Florida Blue.

Staff from the Agency for Health Care Administration will present data to the Commission on executive compensation and staffing levels at hospitals around the state. There will also be a presentation on the broad scope and depth of hospital quality data publically available on www.floridahealthfinder.gov.

The Commission meeting will be streamed live on the Florida Channel.

For more information about the Healthcare and Hospital Funding Commission, please visit **www.healthandhospitalcommission.com**.