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**Southwest Florida Community Foundation**

Patricia Dobbins is the Administrator of the Health Departments in the rural counties of Hendry and Glades and joined the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Board in July 2009. Ms. Dobbins was appointed to this Leadership position after 18 years as the Executive Community Health Nursing Director.

Ms. Dobbins has practiced Professional Nursing for 35 years in a variety of settings. Her practice included working for the Veteran's Administration; working at both urban and rural hospital settings; as a Nurse Educator for 15 years in a public school district and as an entrepreneur owning her own business.

Ms. Dobbins serves on numerous local, regional, and state boards/committees/task forces/coalitions as an advocate and voice for rural uninsured or underinsured, and rural health disparities. She has served in leadership roles for the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses (FAPHN), the Florida Public Health Association (FPHA), and has received a Public Health Nursing Leadership Award; she is an alumnus of the University of South Florida Public Health Leadership Institute, the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows program, and the National Rural Health Association Fellows program. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and is on the School of Nursing's Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Florida Rural Health Association; serves as a trustee for the SWF Community Foundation, serves on the Healthy Start Board, Hendry/Glades Mental Health Board, and the AHEC Board.