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Alachua County Healthcare Advisory Board

To whom it may concern

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the application of Dr. Maureen Novak to the Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board.

Dr. Maureen Novak is a nationally and internationally respected pediatrician who is extremely involved in community practices. She has devoted her life to making an impact in the lives of children. There are no current pediatricians serving on this committee.

As the Interim Chairman of Pediatrics at the University of Florida I fully support Dr. Novak's application. In this capacity, she will be representing the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida.

Dr. Novak has a long history of service. In addition to seeing patients, which she has done since graduation from her residency in 1989 followed by a fellowship in infectious disease, she is an outstanding educator. She served as the Director of the Pediatric Residency program at the University of Florida for seven years and currently serves as the Associate Dean for Medical Education at the University of Florida. She is a brilliant clinician and acts as the medical Director for the Magnolia Park practice at the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics. She serves on numerous regional, national organizations and advisory boards. Dr. Novak been very involved in adolescent medicine and has written numerous manuscripts, papers and delivered many talks.

Dr. Novak is a tremendous advocate for children and not only talks the talk but walks the walk. I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely



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