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Broward Health Officials Indicted with Violating Florida's Sunshine Law

Fort Lauderdale, FL: On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the Broward County Grand Jury, July through December 2017 term, indicted several members of the North Broward Hospital District (dba Broward Health) Board of Commissioners for violations of Florida's Sunshine Law. Broward Health Board Chairman Rocky Rodriguez, Commissioner Christopher Ure, former Commissioner Linda Robison, and Broward Health Interim CEO/President and former Commissioner Beverly Capasso were each indicted on two counts of violations of the Florida Sunshine Law and one count of Conspiracy to violate the Florida Sunshine Law. Broward General Counsel Lynn Barrett was indicted on one count of Solicitation to violate the Florida Sunshine Law and Conspiracy to violate the Florida Sunshine Law.

Count I of the Indictment alleges that the four commissioners met out of the public eye through conduits or intermediaries to hold defacto meetings at a hotel, restaurant, and/or by telephone to discuss a "reportable event" allegedly committed by then North Broward Hospital District Interim CEO/President Pauline Grant, prior to the District's December 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

Count II of the Indictment alleges that the four commissioners violated the Sunshine Law at the December 1, 2016 Special Board Meeting by not properly noticing to the public the proposition and action they took regarding the termination of Pauline Grant.

Count III of the Indictment alleges that General Counsel Lynn Barrett solicited the commissioners to violate the Florida Sunshine Law.

Count IV of the Indictment alleges that the General Counsel and the Commissioners conspired to violate the Florida Sunshine Law.

All of the charges in the Indictment are 2nd degree misdemeanors. Each count carries a maximum penalty up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The case is being prosecuted by members of the Special Prosecutions and Public Corruption Unit.

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