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**HEALTH DIRECTOR NAMED IN FACES OF PUBLIC HEALTH BOOK  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL**—Health Director Jean M. Malecki, MD, MPH, FACPM has been profiled in the book "The Faces of Public Health" which made its debut Sunday, November 7, 2004 at the American Public Health Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

The book, published by Pfizer, is a tribute to the more than 400,000 people who work in public health in the United States. The 25-featured faces were nominated from across the country and exemplify the best of public health and work tirelessly every day in their communities to make a difference.

"Dr. Malecki, works tirelessly for the health of all Floridians and is truly an asset to the State. It is an honor to have her as part of our Public Health Team," Florida Secretary of Health John O. Agwunobi, MD, MBA, MPH, said.

Malecki was integral to the anthrax investigation in Palm Beach County. Her foresight and training prevented many people, who were exposed to the anthrax from being infected.

However, bioterrorism is not Malecki's primary effort. She sites obesity as a public health threat and points out that over 33 percent of children are overweight putting them at risk for diabetes, retinopathy, cardiovascular disease and renal failure. Always the eternal optimist Malecki feels confident this can be overcome with the right messaging on healthy diets and exercise.

Malecki will be recognized along with the other honorees at a dinner tonight, in Washington, D.C. #####



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