

JENNIFER BENCIE, MD, MSA

County Health Officer

Florida Department of Health Manatee County

In August 2009, Jennifer Bencie became the County Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Manatee County. She oversees a staff of 125, and a \$10 million budget. The agency is involved in many population health initiatives including worksite wellness, school health and environmental monitoring. Dr. Bencie is also the Health/Medical Co-chair for the southwest Region 6 Domestic Security Task Force. In her over 22 years with the Department of Health, Dr. Bencie has also served in leadership roles in the health departments in Orange, Seminole, Miami-Dade and Bay counties.

Dr. Bencie is a current Adjunct Professor at Everglades University and LECOM (Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine) and a former professor at Florida State University's College of Medicine and the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Bencie is a board member of Manatee Memorial Hospital, Centerstone of Florida, the Manatee Healthcare Alliance, the Bishop Museum, the local Ivy League Club, International Women's Forum Florida Suncoast Chapter, and the Arts and Health Coalition of Sarasota/Manatee.

Dr. Bencie received her undergraduate degree from Brown University, her medical degree from UAG, Mexico and her master's degree in health administration from Central Michigan University at Fort Gordon, Georgia.