

Alan Levine
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

In January 2008, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal appointed Alan Levine to lead the Department of Health and Hospitals, the state's largest agency. Levine manages a budget of \$7.8 billion and provides oversight and services in mental health, public health, emergency preparedness, Medicaid, health information technology, addictive disorders and aging services.

In August 2006, *Modern Healthcare* magazine named Levine one of 30 leaders nationwide likely to have a powerful impact on the future of health care. Others recognized on the same list are President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Governor Bobby Jindal.

Prior to his appointment in Louisiana, Levine served as president and chief executive officer of Florida's Broward Health, one of the largest non-profit public hospital systems in America. During his tenure as CEO, he initiated two of the largest tax cuts in nearly three decades, and guided the system to financial performance that led to two bond rating upgrades from the largest national rating agencies. Levine introduced the world's leading cancer technology to south Florida, and the system's patient satisfaction improved by as much as 28 percent. Broward Health's improved performance under Levine's leadership was highlighted as a cover story for Smart Business Magazine and in the recently published book, *Conventional Wisdom*.

Prior to his service at Broward Health, Levine was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, the state's health financing, regulatory and policy agency. During his tenure, Florida became the first state to publicly report provider outcomes, including information on mortality, infection, complication and cost. He led Florida's health delivery system through response and recovery from eight major hurricanes – serving side-by-side with the newly appointed Administrator of FEMA – efforts which have been touted nationally as model response to major disasters. Levine also produced significant results through initiatives to crack down on fraud, waste and abuse, increasing recoveries from third parties by 57 percent and increasing cost avoidance by 54 percent; and nearly tripling the number of providers placed on prepayment review – efforts accomplished through a partnership with then Attorney General Charlie Crist. Levine has become known nationally for his advocacy of transforming Medicaid and implementation of privacy-protected electronic medical records.

Levine first became a hospital CEO at the age of 29, and has served in that capacity in several hospitals – including investor-owned, not-for-profit and public. He has served on numerous boards of directors, including; Florida Hospital Association, Florida Center for Nursing, Association of Community Hospitals and Health Systems, Boys and Girls Club, and Junior Achievement. He also has served as a volunteer guardian ad-litem in Florida's child welfare system and the Big Brother Big Sister program.

Mr. Levine received a bachelor's degree in health education and two master's degrees in business administration and health services from the University of Florida. He is married to Laura, and enjoys spending time with his son, Terry, a student at the University of Florida, and daughter, Kathryn, a student at Florida State University. He spends his spare time coaching youth football, snow-skiing, and enjoying University of Florida Gator athletics.