

July 1, 2009

Ms. Jean Kline, R.N.
Deputy Secretary for Health
Department of Health
2585 Merchants Row Blvd.
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Ms. Kline,

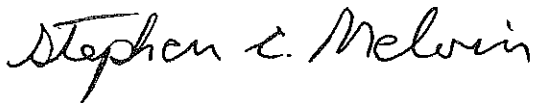
This is a letter of recommendation in support of the rehiring or reinstatement of Dr. Jason Newsom to the position of Director of the Bay County Health Department in Panama City, Florida.

I met Dr. Newsom shortly after he moved to Bay County and he assumed the role as Director of the Health Department. I worked with Dr. Newsom on the Infection Control Committee at Bay Medical Center. I have found Dr. Newsom to be a competent and caring health-care provider and a wonderful administrator for the Health Department.

I highly recommend and am in full support of Dr. Newsom returning to the role as the Director of the Bay County Health Department.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss this issue with me further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Melvin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' and 'M'.

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