

## Healthcare Professionals Attend the 3rd Annual Florida Healthcare Diversity Summit



**Keynote speaker Jim Nathan, CEO, Lee Memorial Health System speaks at the 2014 Florida Healthcare Diversity Summit**

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, The Florida Diversity Council hosted the third annual Florida Healthcare Diversity Summit in Ft. Myers. This year's theme was "Diversity as a Part of the Cure: Cultural Competence & Excellence in Healthcare".

"This summit was created because there is a strong need to promote dialogue about diversity issues that impact the healthcare industry," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the Florida Diversity Council.

The Healthcare Diversity Summit was composed of a

keynote speech, panel discussion, and a question and answer session. The keynote speech was given by Jim Nathan, CEO, Lee Memorial Health System.

Panelists included Nilsa Rivera, Ph.D., P.A., Licensed Psychologist, Testing FL; J. Mitchell Haley, Director, Communications & Development, Lighthouse of Southwest Florida; Sally Jackson, System Director, Government & Community Relations, Lee Memorial Health System; and Mike Brust, Orientation & Mobility

Specialist, Lighthouse of Southwest Florida.

Panelists touched upon the following topics: "Cultural Competence in Clinical Practice", "Stepping Outside Hospital Walls", and "Blind in America: Seeing Through Their Eyes". Attendees came from all over the state to participate and brought their own varying experiences, and perspectives to the event.

The Florida Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's Healthcare Diversity Summit a success.