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Marlene Dietrich Heath is an accomplished executive level human resources and healthcare administrator, offering 25 years of experience in both the military and civilian arenas. In March 1993, Ms. Heath enlisted in the Air Force Reserves as a Mental Health Specialist, and by June 2000, she was commissioned in the Medical Service Corps (MSC) as a Second Lieutenant. In April 2003, Ms. Heath received training as Personnel Officer. She is currently a Major in the New Jersey Air National Guard.

Over the years, Major Heath has proven her unwavering passion for taking organizations to the next level of success while resolving organizational deficiencies. She has earned the reputation as a driven executive, undaunted by challenges or obstacles. Major Heath's experience, personality, capacity and judgment always get her the desired results.

Major Heath served as the Head of Human Resources for Forest City Ratner Companies (FCRC) in Brooklyn. She has also served as Regional HR District Manager for Rite Aid, and Human Resource Business Partner for the NYC Department of Education. Major Heath holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and an MBA in Business Administration. She is also a trained mediator through the Atlanta Justice Center.

Major Heath has been very actively involved with both community service projects and community partnerships. She currently serves as the Co-Chair for Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVSJ), on the Council for the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center and as a member of the African American Clergy Elected Officials Coalition (AACEO).