SCHEDULE 14A

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Filed by the Registrant $ X $
Filed by a Party other than the Registrant _
Check the appropriate box:
X Preliminary Proxy Statement Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(c)(2))
Definitive Proxy Statement
☐ Definitive Additional Materials
☐ Soliciting Material Pursuant to Rule 14a-11(c) or Rule 14a-12
NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant) Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box): X \$125 per Exchange Act Rules 0-11(c)(1)(ii), 14-a6(i)(1), or
(5) Total fee paid:
[Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
[] Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, of the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.
(1) Amount Previously Paid:
(2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:
(3) Filing Party:
(4) Date Filed:

NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP. 2001 West Sample Road Pompano Beach, Florida 33064

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To be Held on February 11, 1998

To the Stockholders of NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP.

The Special Meeting of Stockholders of Natural Health Trends Corp., a
Florida corporation (the "Company"), will be held at the
New York, New York, on February 11, 1998, at 2:00 P.M.,
local time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the amendment of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's common stock, \$.001 par value, from 40,000,000 to 200,000,000.
- 2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice. Management is aware of no other business which will come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 21, 1998 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournments thereof. Holders of a majority of the outstanding shares must be present in person or by proxy in order for the meeting to be held.

ALL STOCKHOLDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING. YOU ARE URGED TO SIGN, DATE AND OTHERWISE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MAY VOTE YOUR SHARES IN PERSON IF YOU WISH TO DO SO, EVEN IF YOU HAVE SIGNED AND RETURNED YOUR PROXY CARD.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Neal R. Heller, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pompano Beach, Florida January , 1998

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED PROMPTLY

NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP. 2001 West Sample Road Pompano Beach, Florida 33064

PROXY STATEMENT

SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

February 11, 1998

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation

by the Board of Directors of Natural Health Trends Corp., a Florida corporation (the "Company"), of proxies to be voted at the Special Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on February 11, 1998 (the "Meeting"), at 2:00 P.M., local time, _______, New York, New York, and at any adjournments thereof.

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Meeting. The proxy may be revoked by a stockholder at any time before it is voted by execution of a proxy bearing a later date or by written notice to the Secretary before the Meeting, and any stockholder present at the Meeting may revoke his or her proxy thereat and vote in person if he or she desires. When such proxy is properly executed and returned, the shares it represents will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with any instructions noted thereon. If no direction is indicated, all shares represented by valid proxies received pursuant to this solicitation (and not revoked prior to exercise) will be voted (i) for the approval of the amendment of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company increasing the number of authorized shares of common stock, \$.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), from 40,000,000 to 200,000,000 and (ii) in accordance with the judgment of the persons named in the proxy as to such other matters as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

The cost for soliciting proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors will be borne by the Company. In addition to solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited in person or by telephone, telefax or cable by personnel of the Company, who will not receive any additional compensation for such solicitation. The Company will reimburse brokers or other persons holding stock in their names or the names of their nominees for the expenses of forwarding soliciting material to their principals and obtaining their proxies. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy will be first mailed to stockholders on or about January 28, 1998.

The close of business on January 21, 1998 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. On that date there were 28,118,624 shares of Common Stock outstanding. Each share entitles the holder thereof to one vote and a vote of a majority of the shares present, or represented, and entitled to vote at the Meeting is required to approve each proposal to be acted upon at the Meeting. The holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock

-1-

outstanding on the record date and entitled to be voted at the Meeting, present in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain information as to the Common Stock ownership of each of the Company's directors, executive officers, all executive officers and directors as a group, and all persons known by the Company to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the Company's Common Stock.

Approximate					
Number of	f Perc	centage			
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	(1) Sha	res(2)	of Common Stock		
Neal R. Heller and Elizabeth S. Heller 2397 N.W. 64th Street					
Boca Raton, Florida 33496	5,834,000(3)	20.1%		
Martin C.Licht Selden Lane Greenwich, Connecticut 06831	52,000	(4)	*		
,					
Arthur Keiser					
6324 NW 79th Way					
Parkland, Florida 33067	34,000(5)	*			

Sir Brian Wolfson Global Health Alternatives, Inc. 44 Welbeck Street London, England W1N7HF

London, England W1N7HF 0(6)

Robert C. Bruce 58 Kenwood Street

Portland, Maine 04102 79,152(7)

Hiram Knott 205 East 63rd Street

New York, New York 10021 0

Azure Limited Partnership I

13 Eagles Nest Drive

La Conner, Washington 98257 1,662,667 5.9%

All Executive Officers and Directors as a Group

(7 persons) 5,999,152 20.7%

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, all persons named in the table have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by them.
- (2) The table does not include shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of the Company's Debentures, as defined below, and the Company's Series A Preferred Stock. Pursuant to the terms of such instruments, the holders thereof generally are not entitled to convert such instruments to

-2-

the extent that such conversion would increase the holders' beneficial ownership of Common Stock to in excess of 4.9%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the maturity of the Debentures on March 31, 2000 or June 4, 2000 the date of a mandatory conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock a change in control of the Company may occur, based upon the number of shares of Common Stock issuable, as described below.

- (3) Mr. Heller owns 2,374,000 shares of Common Stock, and Mrs. Heller owns 2,660,000 shares of Common Stock and each has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to such shares. As they are husband and wife, each may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares owned by the other. Includes up to 800,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options held by Mr. and Mrs. Heller.
- (4) Includes presently exercisable options to purchase up to 2,000 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Licht.
- (5) Includes presently exercisable options to purchase up to 14,000 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Keiser.
- (6) Does not include options to purchase up to $800,\!000$ shares of Common Stock which are not exercisable within 60 days.
- (7) Does not include options to purchase up to 300,000 shares of Common Stock which are not exercisable within 60 days.
- * Represents less than 1% of applicable shares of Common Stock outstanding.

PROPOSAL NO. 1 AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Board of Directors has approved the amendment of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Common Stock from 40,000,000 to 200,000,000.

The Board of Directors has approved such amendment in order for the Company to have a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock authorized primarily for the conversion of the Company's Debentures and the Company's Series A Preferred Stock.

The Company, by action of the Board of Directors, also intends to effect a reverse stock split. The magnitude of the reverse stock split has not yet been determined by the Company. The purpose of the reverse stock split is to increase the price of the Common Stock in excess of \$1.00 in order to satisfy the recently adopted revised listing requirements of The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ"), which listing requirements are effective as of February 23, 1998. There can be no assurance that the reverse stock split will have the desired effect. The failure to maintain the listing of the Common Stock on NASDAQ could have a material adverse effect on the price of the Common Stock.

In April 1997, the Company issued debentures (the "Debentures") in the original principal amount of \$1,300,000, which bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum and will mature on March 31, 2000.

-3-

As of January 15, 1998, \$232,466 of Debentures were outstanding. The Company has redeemed \$300,000 of the Debentures and \$767,534 has been converted into shares of Common Stock. The Debentures are convertible into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to the lesser of \$1.4375 or 75% of the average closing bid price of the Common Stock as reported by NASDAQ, during the five trading days immediately preceding the date notice of conversion is given to the Company. The net proceeds of approximately \$1,015,000 from the sale of the Debentures were used as follows: \$688,000 was used primarily for advertising and marketing the Company's health care products, \$171,000 was used in connection with a litigation settlement, \$91,000 was used for leasehold improvements and \$65,000 was used for working capital. If all of the Debentures were converted into shares of Common Stock on January 15, 1998, a total of 10,332,700 shares of Common Stock would be issuable. The Company is obligated to have a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance upon the conversion of the Debenture. In the event that the Company does not issue the shares of Common Stock within five business days of receipt of a notice of conversion the Company is obligated to pay the holder \$100 per day for each \$10,000 of the Debentures being converted for the first 10 days and \$200 per day thereafter.

In June 1997, in a private placement, the Company sold 2,200 shares of its Series A Preferred Stock at a purchase price of \$1,000 per share. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price equal to 75% of the average closing bid price of the Common Stock as reported by NASDAQ during the five trading days immediately preceding the date notice of conversion is given to the Company. The holder of each share of Series A Preferred Stock is also entitled to a payment of 2.5% per month commencing August 4, 1997, until the Company's registration statement covering the resale of shares of Common Stock issuable on the conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred became effective on January 12, 1998, payable in cash or shares of Common Stock at the option of the holder. Shares of Series A Preferred Stock are converted automatically into shares of Common Stock on June 4, 2000. The net proceeds of approximately \$1,925,000 from the sale of the Series A Preferred Stock were used as follows: \$356,000 was utilized for the repayment of the Debentures, \$1,309,000 was utilized primarily for advertising and marketing of the Company's health care products and the balance was utilized by the Company for working capital. If all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock were converted into shares of Common Stock on January 15, 1998, including the accrued interest and penalty thereon, a total oF 117,306,073 shares of Common Stock would be issuable.

The Company is obligated to have a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. In the event that the Company does not have a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance, then the Company is obligated to pay the holder a penalty based on the unconverted face amount of the Series A Preferred Stock at a rate of 24% per annum payable in cash or shares of Common Stock, at the option of the holder.

The proforma net tangible book value attributable to the Common Stock as of September 30, 1997, was (\$4,559,290) or \$(.16) per share. Upon the conversion of the Debentures and the shares of Series A Preferred Stock on January 15, 1998, the proforma net tangible book value as of September 30, 1997, as adjusted for the conversion of the Debentures and the Series A Preferred Stock would be (\$1,749,625) or \$(.01) per share. Since the Company had a negative net tangible book value prior to the conversion of the Debentures and the Series A Preferred Stock, such conversion is not dilutive to existing shareholders. However, in the event that the Company has a positive net tangible book value prior to

-4-

the conversion of the Debentures and the Series A Preferred Stock, such conversion would have a dilutive effect.

The shares of Common Stock will also be available for issuance upon the exercise of other outstanding options warrants and conversion rights.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote 'FOR' the ratification of the amendment of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

PROPOSALS BY STOCKHOLDERS

Any stockholder who intends to present a proposal for action at the Company's 1997 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in next year's proxy statement and proxy card must forward a copy of such proposal to the Secretary of the Company. Any such proposal must be received by the Company for inclusion in its proxy statement and form of proxy card relating to that meeting by December 23, 1997.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors of the Company does not know of any other matters to be presented for action at the Meeting. If, however, any other matters are properly brought before the Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote such proxy in accordance with their own judgment on such matters.

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-KSB AND FORM 10-QSB FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WITHOUT EXHIBITS, WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE TO ANY PERSON FROM WHOM THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY IS SOLICITED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT, NEAL R. HELLER, NATURAL HEALTH TRENDS CORP., 2001 WEST SAMPLE ROAD, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Neal R. Heller, Chairman of the Board ch, Florida

Pompano Beach, Florida January , 1998

STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO SPECIFY THEIR CHOICES AND DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. A PROMPT RESPONSE IS HELPFUL AND YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.