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22 ADMINISTRATORS COMPLETE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Executive Training Targets Rising Leaders in New York's Skilled Nursing Facilities

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty-two administrators from skilled nursing facilities across New York State have completed a unique leadership program for Licensed Nursing Home Administrators (LNHA).

The Administrator Leadership Course was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association. This innovative program targets administrators who have recently been licensed, and also blends in a few experienced administrators into each course to make it very interactive. It provides these leaders with advanced training, best practices and personal development opportunities. The Leadership Institute is funded by grants from the New York State Department of Health and Labor-Health Workforce Retraining Initiative and the US Health Resources and Services Administration-Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Program.

“Effective leadership drives quality care,” said Richard S. Patterson, Jr., Executive Director, Foundation for Quality Care. “This training challenges the administrator to build or enhance systems within their organization to provide excellence in skills and service. Programs like these are a crucial investment in the future of New York State’s skilled nursing facilities.”

During the training, administrators heard from experts on such topics as: ensuring resident and staff satisfaction, quality improvement, government reimbursement and regulation, successful communication and human resource management.

“The Administrator Leadership Course was a great experience,” said program graduate Steven Share, LNHA, MA, Administrator of Sky View Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. “I found it to be well worth my time. The information was not only specific to quality of resident care but in these trying times, financial knowledge on how to do more with less is a must. This type of targeted information has never been presented in this type of format – it’s a pleasure knowing there is someone or an organization that cares.”

The 22 participants who have completed the Administrator Leadership Course are:

Beth Barnes, Administrator, Director of Quality Improvement, River Hospital, **Alexandria Bay**

Walter Becker, Administrator, Carthage Area Hospital, **Carthage**

Michele Byno, Administrator, Adirondack Medical Center, **Lake Placid**

Mary Costigan, Administrator, The Crossings Nursing and Rehab. Centre, **Minoa**

Michael Deyo, Administrator, Schervier Pavillion Bon Secours Charity Health System, **Warwick**

Ari Donowitz, Administrator, Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home, **Bronx**

Debra English, Administrator, Cayuga County Nursing Home, **Auburn**

Christina Khushalani, Administrator, Kaleida Health Degraff Skilled Nursing Facility, **North Tonawanda**

Laurence LaDue, Administrator, Putnam Ridge, **Brewster**

Samuel Mathai, Administrator, Lawrence Nursing Care Center, **Arverne**

Matthew McDougall, Administrator, Millard Fillmore Gates Skilled Nursing Facility, **Buffalo**

Gail Murray, Administrator, Founders Pavilion, **Corning**

Helen Norine, Senior VP/DON, James Square Health and Rehab. Centre, **Syracuse**

Mary Palmer, Administrator, Franklin County Nursing Home, **Malone**

Steven Share, Administrator/AOR, Sky View Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, **Croton-on-Hudson**

Darrell Sokol, Administrator, Waterview Hills Rehab. & Nursing Center, **Purdys**

Genevieve Sorensen, Assoc. Administrator, Schulman & Schachne Institute For Nursing & Rehab., **Brooklyn**

Stephen Suspenski, V.P. For Support Services, A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility, **Uniondale**

Elena Vega-Castro, Assistant Administrator, The Country Manor Nursing and Rehab. Centre, **Carthage**

Leonardo Vicente, VP/Administrator, HELP/PSI, Inc., **Bronx**

Isaac Williams, Administrator, Absolut Care of Three Rivers, **Painted Post**

Craig Wittman, Administrator, Firemen's Home, **Hudson**

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