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

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty 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.

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The 20 participants who have completed the Administrator Leadership Course are:

John Alvarez, Highland Healthcare Center, **Wellsville**

Timothy Anderson, Assistant Administrator, Autumn View Health Care Facility, **Hamburg**

Karen Blick, Dir. of Quality Mgmt & Training, Schnurmacher Center for Rehab. & Nursing, **White Plains**

Jeni Demarais, Assistant Administrator, Susquehanna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center LLC, **Johnson City**

Jennifer Gilston, Administrator, Fulton County RHCF, **Gloversville**

Dorothy Hall, Administrator, Marcus Garvey Nursing Home Inc., **Brooklyn**

Patti Hammond, VP Operations, Ellis Residential & Rehabilitation Center, **Schenectady**

Tammy Henning, Assistant Administrator, Seneca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, **Waterloo**

Kathleen Jones, Administrator, Amsterdam Memorial Hospital SNF/Wilkinson RHCF, **Amsterdam**

Audrey Lewin, Administrator, Wingate at Ulster, **Highland**

Bradley Liebman, Administration, Grand Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, **Bronx**

Raymond Marie, Director of Nursing, Jeanne Jugan Residence, **Bronx**

Lawrence Piselli, Administrator, Delaware Nursing & Rehab. Center, **Buffalo**

Janet Rodriquez, LNHA, Bethel Nursing & Rehab. Center, **Croton-on-Hudson**

Susan Sales, VP & Administrator, Helen & Michael Schaffer ECC, **New Rochelle**

Steven Smyth, Administrator, Westchester Center for Rehab. & Nursing, **Mount Vernon**

Debbie Spaulding, Sullivan County Adult Care Center, **Liberty**

Leslie Tewes, Administrator, Westchester Meadows, **Valhalla**

Tammie Towse, Asst. Administrator, Palatine Nursing Home, **Palatine Bridge**

Helen Verceles, Administrator, Pontiac Care & Rehab. Center, **Oswego**

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