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

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty-one Administrators from skilled nursing facilities across New York State have completed the Foundation for Quality Care's Advanced 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 (NYSHFA). This new advanced program targets administrators who have completed the Foundation's basic Nursing Home Administrator Leadership course and have several years of long term care experience. The LNHA competencies are used as the basic framework for the design of the curriculum, which have been built upon to enhance the skills and process methods administrators utilize to lead their teams. Experienced long term care facility administrators were consulted for their input on the course content and best practices in many leadership areas are shared during this course.

"These real life experiences from experts in the field make the program applicable and realistic as one returns to their facility and plans implementation of learned skills and processes", states Nancy Leveille, RN, MS, Senior Director of Member Operational Support Services for NYSHFA.

The training provides instruction on such topics as; managing change, strategic planning, creating an environment of continuous quality improvement and maximizing fiscal stability and potential. Other topics address the QIS Survey process, health care reform and enhancing staff teamwork.

"As the complexity of the residents entering skilled nursing facilities increases, effective leadership is essential to drive quality care," said Richard S. Patterson, Jr., Executive Director of the Foundation. "This advanced program challenges the administrator to develop enhanced skills and systems in order to provide excellence in care delivery. Programs like these are a crucial investment in the future of New York State's skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities."

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The 21 participants who have completed the Administrator Leadership Course are:

**Chris Alexander**, Director of Operations, National Health Care Associates, **Lynbrook**  
**Shannon Cayea-Delker**, VP Administrator, Susquehanna Nursing & Rehab. Center LLC, **Johnson City**  
**Mary Beth Costigan**, Administrator, The Crossings Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, **Minoa**  
**Brooke Daley**, Administrator, The Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, **Glens Falls**  
**Ari Donowitz**, Administrator, Split Rock Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, **Bronx**  
**Terence Klinetob**, Sr. VP Long Term Care, Lakeside/Beikirch Care Center Inc., **Brockport**  
**Laurence LaDue**, Administrator, Putnam Ridge, **Brewster**  
**David A. Lamando**, Administrator, The Orchard Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre, **Granville**  
**Dov Lebovic**, Administrator, Concourse Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, **Bronx**  
**David Lovelace**, Administrator, Firemen's Home of the State of New York, **Hudson**  
**Gail Murray**, Administrator, Founders Pavilion, **Corning**  
**Keith Powers**, Administrator, White Oaks Nursing Home, **Woodbury**  
**John R. Prendergast**, Administrator, Mohawk Valley Health Care Center, **Ilion**  
**Kathleen Roop**, Administrator, Pines at Catskill Center The, **Catskill**  
**Susan Sales**, VP & Administrator, Helen & Michael Schaffer Extended Care Center, **New Rochelle**  
**Steven Share**, AOR, Sky View Rehab. & HCC, **Croton-on-Hudson**  
**Darrell Sokol**, Administrator, Waterview Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, **Purdys**  
**Genevieve Sorensen**, VP Assoc. Administrator, Schulman and Schachne Inst. For Nursing & Rehab., **Brooklyn**  
**Deborah Urbank**, Director Administrative Service, ElderWood Health Care At Lakewood, **Hamburg**  
**Leonardo Vicente**, Vice President/Administrator, HELP/PSI Inc., **Bronx**  
**Joy Wood**, Administrator, Roscoe Regional Rehabilitation & RHCF, **Roscoe**

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