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**TWENTY FIRST LINE MANAGERS COMPLETE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty first line managers from central and western New York area skilled nursing facilities have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s First Line Manager Program, an exclusive leadership program for staff in middle management roles who aspire to become leaders in the long-term care profession.

The First Line Manager Program is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute, which 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, assisted by funds from the New York State Dept. of Health and Dept. of Labor Health Workforce Retraining Initiative, was expanded to include managers and supervisors from a variety of disciplines and to add in a more comprehensive session on cultural competence. The eight day program provided participants the opportunity to learn new leadership skills, fine-tune existing knowledge, explore supervisory strategies, and operationally apply the skills and competencies that are needed to be an effective First Line Manager/Supervisor in today’s skilled nursing facility setting.

“Managers and Supervisors in all departments serve a vital role in ensuring quality care for residents in long term care facilities,” said Stephen B. Hanse, Esq., President of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the Foundation for Quality Care. “Programs such as these are critical to the long-term success of skilled nursing facilities in New York State.”

“The Institute is even more critical in these times of staffing shortages and increased quality of care and financial pressures in the long-term care profession,” said Nancy Leveille, Executive Director of the Foundation for Quality Care. “This program trains the current and most importantly, the next generation of skilled nursing facility leaders who care for New York’s most frail populations.”

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The 20 participants who have completed the First Line Nurse Manager Program are:

Kevin Brongo, ES Supervisor, Kirkhaven, **Rochester**
Laura Brown, RN Unit Manager, Our Lady of Peace, **Lewiston**
John Cook, Dir. Env. Services, Woodside Manor, **Rochester**
Paulette Futner, LPN, Consensus Lake NH, **Livonia**
Tracey Hebert, Food Service Dir, Autumn View HCF, **Hamburg**
Maria Higgs, RN, Medina Memorial Hospital, **Medina**
Christine Holynski, RN Unit Manager, Elderwood at Wheatfield, **Niagara Falls**
Madelyn Houghtaling, Nurse Manager, Rochester Regional Health, **Webster**
Laura Johnson, Food Service Manager, Latta Rd Nursing Home, **Rochester**
Viktoria LeBlanc, Nurse Manager, Park Ridge Living Center, **Rochester**
Dustie Miller, LPN Unity Manager, Briody Health Care Facility, **Lockport**
Charissa Morgan, RN Nurse Manager, Maplewood Nursing Home, **Webster**
Bonnie Mott, Nurse Manager, Edna Tina Wilson, **Rochester**
Margaret Mott, RN Nurse Manager, Livingston Cty Ctr for N&R, **Mt. Morris**
James Potter, Rec Therapy Manager, MM Ewing, **Canandaigua**
Karen Schonleber, RN, Villages of Orleans, **Albion**
Alyssa Shumway, Nurse Manager, Unity Living Center, **Rochester**
Ashley Siejak, Director of Therapy, Schofield Care, **Buffalo**
Genevieve Smith, RN, Highland Park Rehab, **Wellsville**
Jessica Smith, RN Nurse Manager, Unity Living Center, **Rochester**

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