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TEN NURSES COMPLETE RN NURSE EDUCATOR PROGRAM ***Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities***

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Ten nurses from New York City area skilled nursing facilities have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s RN Nurse Educator Course, an exclusive leadership program for nurses in senior management roles who aspire to become or remain leaders in the long-term care profession.

The RN Nurse Educator Course 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/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). This four-day course is offered to Nurse Instructors and Educators who work as staff developers in skilled nursing facilities. The program provides participants with the opportunity to learn new skills, fine-tune existing knowledge, explore adult learning strategies, and operationalize the skills and competencies that are needed to be an effective Nurse Educator in today’s SNF setting. This course utilizes adult learning principles and computer technology to enhance current educational and research practices. The program is made possible through a new partnership with the Audacia Foundation and has been approved by the New York State Department of Health to meet the “train-the-trainer” requirements for the Nurse Aide Training Program.

“No one is more important to the delivery of quality care than nurses and nurse leaders. We need to do everything we can to support them,” said Stephen B. Hanse, Esq., President and CEO of NYSHFA/NYSCAL 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 Long Term Care Leadership Program was designed to provide nursing leaders with an ongoing educational and peer networking program that promotes personal development, core competencies and best practices in the role of long-term care nursing.

“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 participants who completed the program are:

Merlyn Brockett, Head Nurse Educator, Coler Rehab & Nursing Care Center, **Roosevelt Island**

Diane DiSalvo, Staff Develop. Coordinator, Highland Care Center, **Jamaica**

Ada Ezeama, Clinical Education Specialist, Centers Healthcare, **Bronx**

Genene Gray-Bercy, RN, Audacia Foundation, **New York**

Susan Katz, CFO, Summit Home Health Care, **Brooklyn**

Joy Legaspi, RN, The Plaza Rehab & Nursing Center, **Bronx**

Paula Mauch, Nurse Educator, Staten Island Care Center, **Staten Island**

Erica Mills, ADON, East Haven Nursing & Rehab, **Bronx**

Carol Tunney, Clinical Education Specialist, Centers Healthcare, **Bronx**

Raina VanDyke, DPS, Preferred GOLD, **Brooklyn**



Caption: Nurses from New York City area skilled nursing facilities have completed the Foundation for Quality Care's RN Nurse Educator Course.

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