

CHAHEC Staff Appointed to NYSNA Leadership Academy Graduate Program

In 1991, the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), developed a Leadership Fellows Program designed to foster the development of basic leadership skills for NYSNA members interested in leadership roles within the Association. In 2007, the NYSNA Board of Directors expanded the Leadership Fellows Program to include members at all levels of leadership experience. This new program, the Leadership Academy, has three distinct levels of participation and has been newly designed to foster all members in their personal and professional growth.

In 2009, Roxanna Raffa, CHAHEC's Nursing Workforce Development Coordinator, had successfully completed Tiers I and II of NYSNA's Leadership Academy and has now been appointed to the 2011-2012 Leadership Academy Tier III Graduate Program.

The Leadership Academy Graduate Program is an

CHAHEC's "SEARCH" for Clinical Training Opportunities

Since inception, CHAHEC has worked toward alleviating healthcare shortages in underserved communities throughout its 11-county region by encouraging students to enter into the health professions. With funding received from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the NYS AHEC System has launched the Student/Resident Experiences and Rotation in Community Health (SEARCH) Program which provides opportunities for students enrolled in graduate health professions programs (medicine, nurse practitioner, physician assistant and dentistry) to receive clinical training in underserved areas throughout New York State. CHAHEC has been a NYS AHEC partner in SEARCH for nearly two years, working with preceptor sites within their region to provide clinical training and mentoring opportunities for students, as well as offer partial funding to both students and providers to offset costs incurred during the time of internship, while enrolled in the SEARCH program. SEARCH also provides online training opportunities for preceptors with the possibility of CME credits, as well as a toolkit with information to support healthcare providers who are

intensive year-long learning experience that involves on-site lectures, webcasts and independent study. Graduates also receive one-on-one guidance from assigned mentors and NYSNA staff as they seek to assume or expand upon their current leadership roles. While participating in the program, Ms. Raffa looks forward to the opportunities and challenges of developing or enhancing a current leadership project or mentoring a Tier II Fellow throughout their Leadership Academy experience. Ms. Raffa also serves as Continuing Education Reviewer for NYSNA and is the Vice President of the Upstate New York Nursing Staff Development Organization.

For more information about the Leadership Academy program, please contact the NYSNA Education, Practice & Research Program at (800)724-NYRN (6976), ext. 282.

interested in mentoring and precepting health professions students.

Courtney Graham, a SEARCH participant and Nurse Practitioner student from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, is in the process of completing her clinical rotation at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY. Ms. Graham has stated how much she is "LOVING" her clinical rotation experience at Bassett and thanked the CHAHEC SEARCH Coordinator for her assistance in coordinating this opportunity for her clinical training.

To date, CHAHEC's SEARCH coordination efforts have provided 7 clinical rotations at 7 facilities. CHAHEC will continue to assist health professions students in achieving their clinical training requirements and provide preceptors with tools needed to provide a positive clinical experience for students through SEARCH.

If you are a provider or health professions student who would like to learn more about SEARCH or participate in the SEARCH program, please contact the CHAHEC office at 845-883-7260 or info@chahec.org.

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Emergency Responder Leadership Academy 2011

Emergency response agencies face challenges every day, such as a diminishing number of volunteers, poorly-trained and/or ineffective leadership, fiscal instability, and ever-increasing demands for the services they provide.

On May 21, 2011, Catskill Hudson AHEC conducted its seventh Emergency Responder Leadership Academy (formerly, EMS Leadership Academy) at the Highland Fire District in Highland, New York.

The Emergency Responder Leadership Academy helps to provide a framework of building leadership skills, understanding personnel interaction both within and outside of their company, and how to better manage the valuable resources available so that their primary mission of serving the public is met.

During this years Academy, presentations included:

"Fostering Motivation Through Generations"
by Robert Delagi, MA, NREMT-P

"It's not a Question of IF ... Rather, It's a Question of WHEN - Planning for a large scale incident in your community."
by Karl Klug, MBMS, CIC, EMT-CC

"Followship/Teamwork"
by Richard Beebe, MS, ED

"Of Course your Agency Provides Excellent Service"
by Lee Burns, MBS, EMT-P, CIC-RF

Five medical education credits were offered to emergency service agency captains, officers and others

emergency service agency captains, officers and others in or about to be placed in a position of leadership in his/her agency who attended this program.

This years evaluation comments include: "I enjoyed being able to interact with speakers, discussing current situations and having conversations about real life situations."; "Very informative, a lot of useful information."; "This workshop was helpful to me, as a new Lieutenant in an ambulance corp."; and "This program was well put-together and organized."

The next Emergency Responder Leadership Academy will be held on September 10, 2011. The topic will be "Providing Emergency Care for Individuals with Developmental/Mental Disabilities. Please visit our website at www.chahec.org for additional information.



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