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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



**PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER**

**Op-Ed On Advice for Any Future Opioid Settlement**

This week I wrote an op-ed, which was published in NJ.com, on what we should learn from how the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement was implemented. Some positive steps were taken but mistakes were made when it came to how the monies were spent and staying vigilant to prevent targeted marketing of nicotine to teens. These lessons are important to consider for any future funds from an opioid settlement. I invite you to click the button below to read. Please also consider commenting and adding your voice to the conversation. Or reach out to me directly.

[Read Op-ed in NJ.com on Opioid Settlement Advice](#)



**BRITTANY LEE, LMSW**

**POLICY ASSOCIATE, NEW JERSEY  
HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE**



## TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Brittany Lee, LMSW, recently joined the Quality Institute as a Policy Associate. In this Take Five, Brittany discusses her work at the Quality Institute.

**Interview Sneak Peek:** *Can you tell us how you will advance the Quality Institute's mission?*

I joined the Quality Institute to work more deeply in critical policy issues — the first of which is comprehensive reproductive health. There is a significant need to improve education and accessibility of these services, specifically for populations that might face barriers to care related to socioeconomic status or stigma around utilizing contraception. The Quality Institute is working to address and alleviate some of these barriers — particularly through provider education efforts. We want to make sure providers are able to give their patients complete and accurate information and a full range of options for their reproductive health, so women are empowered to make the decisions that are best for themselves and their families.

[Read Full Interview](#)

## Quarterly Quality Breakfast:

*How to Prepare for the  
Expansion of Medical  
Marijuana in New Jersey*

**November 14, 2019, 8:30am -  
11:30am at the Trenton  
Country Club**



## Quarterly Quality Breakfast: *How to Prepare for the Expansion of Medical Marijuana in New Jersey*

Join us on Thursday, November 14th, 8:30 am – 11:30 am for two informative and timely panel discussions focused on the Regulatory and Patient Safety issues on Medical Marijuana. Panels to be moderated by **Quality Institute board members Dr. Shereef Elnahal, CEO of University Hospital and Dr. Kemi Alli, CEO of Henry J. Austin Health Center**

*This event is for members and invited guests only.*

**Register  
Now!**



For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at [vtesser@njhcqi.org](mailto:vtesser@njhcqi.org).

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