

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

# SCHWIMMER SCRIPT

## PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER My Commencement Speech for Healing

The Class of 2020 will enter a world of uncertainty, and as I listened to virtual commencement speeches over the weekend I pondered the healing we need for ourselves and for our communities in the days ahead. The global pandemic has further exposed the inequalities we already knew existed.

At the Quality Institute, we've long worked to create communities where all people can live their healthiest lives. Thank you for joining us in this mission. We need you now more than ever.

The numbers tell of a daunting story ahead. According to recent estimates from <u>Health Management Associates</u>, a Quality Institute member, Medicaid enrollment in New Jersey between 2020 and 2022 may increase anywhere from 279,000 to 646,000 people, on top of the already 1.7 million people. The added cost to the state could reach somewhere between \$137 million to \$1.153 billion.

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## JEFF GROSSER

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER OF PRINCETON, NJ

## **TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW** Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Jeff Grosser is the Public Health Officer for Princeton. He spoke to us about the role of local health departments during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Interview Sneak Peek: Why is supporting a public health infrastructure important in responding to the coronavirus?

At this moment, what we're seeing right now, in terms of the worldwide pandemic, is how it's hitting our local New Jersey communities, town by town. New Jersey is on the front lines of the national response. The importance of local public health infrastructure is more important now than ever because we're seeing local health policy make huge inroads into flattening the curve. Public health is about preventing disease, but it is also about protecting those who are potentially vulnerable to specific illnesses.

New Jersey has about 90 county, regional, and local health departments. During this pandemic, our efforts are regularly coordinated with other towns, along with State officials.





We are excited to announce a brand new member benefit, our QI Member Job Board. This new feature of our website has the ability to post open job positions offered by *only* Quality Institute members, which job seekers can then access once made public. *All submissions will be reviewed and approved by our staff before being publicly posted*.

#### Members:

- Submit open job listings here
- Share posted job listings with qualified candidates here
- Questions? Please feel free to contact us any time
- Spread the word on social media -**use the hashtag "#QIMemberJobs**" to share your new listing, so we can be sure to share your opening as well



We are presenting this webinar in collaboration with our member <u>AARP New Jersey</u>. Our expert speakers are: Crystal McDonald, Associate State Director - Advocacy of AARP, and our Board Member Mary Campagnolo, MD, MBA, Medical Director for our member <u>Virtua</u> Graduate Medical Education and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Virtua Memorial, Family Physician, and Geriatrician.

#### By Participating in This Webinar You Will Learn:

- How to strengthen clinician-patient relationships and improve continuity of care using telehealth
- How telehealth is revolutionizing the delivery of primary care during the COVID-19 pandemic and what that means for the future
- Strategies to better serve older adults via telehealth visits.



\*All Quality Institute members, as well as members of the public, are encouraged to attend.



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