



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **Quality Institute by the Numbers**

Each year, in our [Annual Report](#), we share all that we have accomplished together and our goals for the future. A few numbers help tell the story of our collaborative work in 2021:

- We welcomed **21 new member organizations** and now have **121 member organizations** working across [10 councils](#).
- We offered [17 virtual events](#) on critical health care topics.
- Our [COVID-19 Action Plan for Emerging as a Healthier State](#) was downloaded **2,000+** times.
- Our [Mayors Wellness Campaign](#) awarded **22 Healthy Town Awards** to mayors advancing health and wellness in their communities.

Another number we're all excited about is, **25**, the number of years the Quality Institute has been working with our members to advance health care safety, quality, and affordability...

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I hope you can join us at our [May 18 All Council Conference](#), where you will learn more about our **celebration of 25 years**. We'll end the year with a [special event on December 8](#). Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating a quarter century of accomplishments.



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Patricia Simino Boyce, PhD, RN, is the University Dean for [Health and Human Services at the City University of New York \(CUNY\)](#). She will deliver the keynote address at the Quality Institute's [Spring All Council Conference, Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future](#), on May 18.

Interview Sneak Peek: *You will be the keynote speaker at the Quality Institute's Spring All Council Conference. What will you discuss regarding lessons in New York that could be valuable to New Jersey?*

For 25 years, we've had a centralized source of health care workforce data in the state at the [Center for Health Workforce Studies](#). So that has been tremendously helpful during the pandemic because we already have a state entity that provides and looks at data and helps inform education and practice needs and priorities. We also have some historic investments from the state, particularly this fiscal year, to address these issues. We have funding for health care workers, such as bonus pay, scholarship funds, nursing faculty incentives, and expanded legislation to survey health professions through state licensing procedures to inform and get more folks into the pipeline.

There's a lot of coordination happening in the entire state and downstate, and by downstate, I mean New York City. There's a lot of coordination happening with hospital membership, small business services, educational partners, and labor unions to really think about addressing the critical pipeline needs. We're working to know: what are the needs and challenges, and how we can work differently in terms of our partnerships to address the capacity issues of our health system?

[Read Full Interview](#)

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

SPRING ALL-COUNCIL CONFERENCE

MAY 18TH 2:30 PM

BUILDING A HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE



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Wednesday, May 18 is our first **in-person** Spring All-Council Conference since 2019, entitled *Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future*.

In-person check-in will begin at 2:30 pm and **we will begin the conference at 3:00 pm**. We can't wait to see you!

**Covid-19 safety protocol: All attendees will be required to provide proof of vaccination or recent negative test.*

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SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker



**Patricia Simino Boyce, PhD,
RN,**

University Dean for Health and
Human Services, **The City
University of New York (CUNY)**

Panel 1: Creating a Diverse Health Care Workforce Through Community Engagement and Early Career Education



Moderator

DeAnna Minus-Vincent,

Executive Vice President,
Chief Social Justice &
Accountability Officer,
RWJBarnabas Health



Taruna Chugeria,

Assistant Director, Special
Programs, Office for Diversity
and Community Affairs, Cooper
Medical School at Rowan
University



Donna Custard,

President, NJ Chamber of
Commerce Foundation

Panel 2: Health Care Workforce Wellbeing



Moderator

**Judith Schmidt, DHA,
MSN, RN,**

CEO, New Jersey State Nurses
Association



Jean Rebele,

Chief Administration and
Talent Officer, Parker Health
Group, Inc.



Roy Leitstein,

CEO, Legacy Treatment
Services

A DUAL PANDEMIC: COVID-19 & RACISM

We would like to give a Shout Out to former Quality Institute intern **Sakura Ando, MSN, RN, C-EFM**, for her work in, "[COVID and Racism Cause Nurses of Color to Face 'Dual Pandemic,'](#)" published in [Behavioral Medicine](#). The impactful study was co-written by [Rutgers School of Nursing's](#) Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins, Peijia Zha, Linda Flynn, & Ando.

This study found that non-white nurses are disproportionately suffering from emotional stress induced by reactions to workplace racism and COVID-19. Congratulations to Ando, MSN, RN, C-EFM, at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing/Graduate School of Newark, Ph.D. Candidate-Division of Nursing Science.





For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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