Developing Our Response to Health Care Workforce Recruitment & Retention Issues

On September 10, 2001, members of the New York State AHEC System Advisory Board met in Albany to provide guidance about the New York State AHEC System response to the recruitment and retention issues facing the health care industry in New York State.

The meeting featured a panel comprised of moderator, Edward S. Salsberg, MPA, Director; Center for Health Workforce Studies, Dale R. Fish, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Health Related Professions, University at Buffalo, Christine Johnston, MPH, Vice President for Public Policy, New York State Association of Health Care Providers, and Peter T. Pileggi, Associate Provost for Hospital and Clinical Services, State University of New York.

Small group sessions focused on 1) models of educational programs and their impact on recruitment and retention of health professionals in underserved communities and 2) roles for the New York State AHEC System at community, regional and statewide levels. Reports from this session were facilitated by Molly McKeown, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, State University of New York.

The mission of the AHEC System is to enhance the quality of and access to health care, improve health care outcomes and address health workforce needs of medically underserved communities and populations by establishing partnerships between the institutions that train health professionals and the communities that need them most.