Evaluation: Strategies, Measures and Outcomes
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The New York State AHEC System Advisory Board met recently to address “Evaluation: Strategies, Measures and Outcomes.” The session focused on evaluating the impact and effectiveness of the NYS AHEC System, with an overview of existing evaluation methods and the development of priorities for new strategies.

Jean Moore, BSN, MSN, Director of the Center for Health Workforce Studies, provided an overview of “Health Workforce Metrics: Evaluating Supply, Demand and Need for Health Workers.” The meeting also included a panel discussion on how the NYS AHEC System can contribute further to New York’s health and health workforce priorities.

Examples of local evaluation efforts were presented by: Gabrielle Kersaint, MSPH, Executive Director, Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island AHEC; Lottie Jameson, MS, CPA, Executive Director, Hudson Mohawk AHEC; Kathryn Reed, MS, Executive Director, Catskill Hudson AHEC; and Anita Merrill, Center Director, Northern AHEC.

Western New York Rural AHEC Chief Executive Kenneth Oakley, PhD, and Renee Cadzow, PhD, NYS AHEC System Director of Evaluation, facilitated a general discussion of next steps for evaluation, including: “What are the most important measures to address, how to better use the data that we collect, and how to overcome barriers to collecting the data that we need?”

Speakers: Richard Conti, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Richard Gottfried; Jane Preston, MPA, Chief of Staff for Senator Kemp Hannon; Jean Moore, BSN, MSN, Director of the Center for Health Workforce Studies; Thomas Burke, MS, Executive Director of the New York State Council on Graduate Medical Education, New York State Department of Health; and Barry Gray, Director of Workforce Development, New York State Department of Health.