The “Linking Health Professions Training to Community Workforce Needs” September 16, 2003 meeting of the New York State AHEC System Advisory Board featured general sessions on barriers to effective educational responses to state and community health workforce needs, critical workforce training needs now and in the future, and the role for the New York State AHEC System in addressing these issues at the community, regional and statewide levels.

Marcy Dreimiller, (r) VP, Human Resources and Support Services, Glens Falls Hospital, and Chair, Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board.

The meeting featured “Success Stories: Communities Respond to Health Workforce Needs” and the following panelists: Joanne Borfritz, Executive Director, CNYAHEC, Collaboration and Technology Launch Nursing Program; Richard Merchant, MA, Executive Director, NAHEC, Regional Approach to MLT Training; Jane Munro, Associate Director, R-AHEC, New Collaborations in Workforce Retraining; Marcy Dreimiller, VP, Human Resources and Support Services, Glens Falls Hospital and Chair, Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Board, Recruitment/Training: A Hospital Perspective; and Jaya Egan, MPH, Executive Director, BWAHEC, MPH Program at Lehman College.

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