

NYSUT PROFESSIONAL ISSUES FORUM ON HEALTH CARE

May 2, 2009

Crowne Plaza Albany City Center Hotel - Albany, NY

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

On behalf of the NYSUT Health Care Professionals Council, we invite you to attend the 2009 NYSUT Professional Issues Forum on Health Care to be held on May 2, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany.

The NYSUT Health Care Professionals Council is an advocacy group for the more than 15,000 workers in the health field who are members of bargaining units throughout the state. The Professional Issues Forum on Health Care is a major event sponsored by the Council and we encourage local presidents to support local member participation in this important conference.

This conference is designed for nurses, psychologists, clinical instructors, pharmacists and therapists who work in public and private sector schools, hospitals, universities, visiting nurses associations and residential and day treatment facilities.

CONFERENCE FEE

The per person registration fee is \$65 which covers the conference cost, materials and meals.

HOUSING

If you require overnight accommodations, contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel directly at 518-462-6611. NYSUT has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate. When calling the hotel, reference the NYSUT Professional Issues Forum on Health Care. The cut-off date for these discounted rooms is April 10, 2009.

TRAVEL

Participants/locals are responsible for transportation costs and miscellaneous expenses. Any personal charges on the hotel bill must be paid by the individual at check-out.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

NYSUT has applied for CEU credit for each workshop offered at this year's conference. CEU credit is provided by AFT Healthcare, an accredited approver of continuing education in nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

HOW TO REGISTER

Follow the links for the tentative conference agenda including workshop descriptions and directions to the Crowne Plaza. When you're ready to register, go to <http://www.nysut.org/ereg/PIF09>. You may also download the registration form for return by mail.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registrations must be received by March 25.

QUESTIONS?

For questions on conference registration, housing or travel, please contact Jayne Ferro (NYSUT Travel and Conference Services) at 800-342-9810, extension 6699 or via e-mail at jferro@nysutmail.org.

For other conference questions, please contact Jeannine Doggett (NYSUT Program Services) at 800-342-9810, extension 6249 or via e-mail at jdoggett@nysutmail.org

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Registration Form

If registering more than three participants, please photocopy this form or include all requested information for each additional participant on another sheet and attach to this form.

Registrations must be received by March 25, 2009. If paying by credit card, you can register online at www.nysut.org/ereg/PIF09.

Mail form to: NYSUT Travel & Conference Services, Professional Issues Forum on Health Care Conference Registration, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110-2455.

Make checks payable to: NYSUT
Please print.

Local Name: _____
(NO ACRONYMS PLEASE)

NYSUT Regional Office: *(please check one)* Capital District Elmira Mid-Hudson Nassau New York City
 Plattsburgh Potsdam Rochester Southwestern NY Suffolk Syracuse Tarrytown Utica Vestal
 Watertown Western NY

Participant Name #1: _____ Job Title: _____

Nickname for Badge (if different): _____ NYSUT Member ID # or Last 4 Digits of SS #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Work

Best Daytime Telephone #:

(include area code)

Home E-mail Address for Confirmation: _____
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Please refer to the agenda for the following: *(Please circle one session for each time slot)*

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:

Session A 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Choose one: A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7

Session B 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Choose one: B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7

Keynote Address: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Do you plan to attend? Yes or No

\$ Amount Enclosed Per Person \$ _____ (\$65 per person registration fee which covers the conference cost, materials and meals)

Total amount enclosed for all registrants \$ _____

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Participant Name #2: _____ Job Title: _____

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Tentative Program

Saturday, May 2, 2009

- 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION
- 8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. EXHIBITS
- 9:00 A.M.– 10:15 A.M. WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION
*Anne Goldman, R.N., Special Representative of the Federation
of Nurses/UFT and Chair, NYSUT Health Care Professionals Council*
- GREETINGS
Kathleen M. Donahue, NYSUT Vice President
- OPENING SESSION: New Leadership and New Healthcare Legislation
Mary Lehman MacDonald, Director, AFT Healthcare
- 10:15 A.M.– 10:30 A.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. SESSION A – CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
- A1. The Profession: Recruitment, Retention and Rights of Foreign Nurses**
- This session explores basic workers' rights for foreign health care professionals who are recruited to work in U.S. health care facilities. Discussion will include job security; freedom from discrimination; equal pay for work of equal value; access to grievance procedures; safe and sanitary work and living environments; effective and culturally appropriate orientation; mentoring and supervision; freedom of association and collective bargaining; civil rights and equal protection under the law; and professional development and education.
- A2. The Union: School Nurse Contract Exchange**
- This session examines some of the unique issues which health care members face and explores how they can be addressed at the bargaining table. There will be an opportunity to review contract language and discuss strategies for bargaining. Participants should bring 5 copies of their current contract.
- A3. The Diagnosis: Autism Spectrum Disorders – Identifying and Assessing Children with Developmental Disorders - Part 1**
- This workshop explores autistic spectrum disorders: autism, pervasive developmental disorder, Asperger's syndrome and other developmental disorders that can co-exist or be confused with

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The Diagnosis: Autism Spectrum Disorders - Part 1.....continued

ASD. Using the correct diagnostic tools (applied behavioral analysis) provides the basis for building appropriate and effective programming strategies for the child's success in school and in the community. Video vignettes will be utilized to illustrate "red flags" seen in children prior to diagnosis, and to illustrate a framework for effective programming of children with ASD.

A4. The Brain: Symptoms of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

An estimated 1.6 to 3.8 million sports and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States each year. This workshop provides an overview of concussion and examines the signs and symptoms of a traumatic brain injury (TBI), the severity of a traumatic brain injury (TBI), and the wide range of functional changes affecting thinking, sensation, language, or emotions.

A5. The Disease: Childhood Cancer Comes to School

Children with cancer often experience disruptions in their education due to repeated hospitalizations, side effects from chemotherapy, or generally not feeling well enough to fully participate in daily school life. As their health improves and treatment allows, returning to school can be either a relief or a challenge for children with cancer. This session addresses the complex issues of educating children with cancer successfully through planning and good communication.

A6. The Specialty: ENT Issues – The Health Care Professional's Role in the Treatment of Hearing Disorders, Dysphasia and other ENT Disorders

This workshop will reflect on the role of the health care professional in specialist ear, nose & throat hospital, primary care settings, and in schools. Content includes information and health education needs of ear, nose and throat patients, their families and health care personnel. Deafness, hearing impairment and its implications, and communication with the hearing impaired and voiceless will be discussed.

A7. The Mental Health Issue: Childhood Sexual Abuse

Mental health services can certainly help in dealing with the impact of child sexual abuse. This workshop examines the strengths of the mental health approach in treatment and its recognition that affordable, culturally relevant services can be an important part of responding to and recovering from this trauma. Information and mental health resources for health care providers will be provided. Most importantly, the session will conclude with a discussion of prevention.

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12:30 P.M.- 1:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON

Recognition of NYSUT Health Care Professional of the Year

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alan B. Lubin, *NYSUT Executive Vice President*

1:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

SESSION B - CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

B1. The Profession: The Law for Licensed Professionals

With the increasing complexities of patients' medical needs and changes in the health, education and privacy laws that govern patient treatment, this workshop examines: malpractice, legal claims against health care providers, actions if served with legal papers, hiring an attorney, and possible court proceedings. Questions about licensure, practice and liability will be welcomed. The presenter is a registered nurse and practicing attorney, presenting an overview of the NYS law that governs health care professionals on professional licenses and liability.

B2. The Union: The Role of Unions in Achieving National Health Care

With the new federal administration, the hope and promise for much needed changes in health care, including Medicare, seem imminent. This workshop examines approaches to national health care and provides the knowledge needed to facilitate communication with members on this critical issue.

B3. The Diagnosis: Autism Spectrum Disorders – Part 2

The second part of this workshop will explore the challenges that health care professionals face in working with diagnosed students in the school setting. Family modalities and sibling issues will also be discussed.

B4. The Brain: Learning Disabilities: Evaluation and Intervention

What is the health care professional's role in making recommendations on appropriate learning environments for students with learning disabilities? This session presents the need for comprehensive evaluations in the identification of students with specific learning disabilities (SLDs). Response to intervention (RTI) models, Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA; 2004), the role of standardized testing, aptitude-achievement discrepancy formulas and comprehensive evaluation will be discussed.

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B5. The Disease: Caring for Diabetic Children in the Classroom

About 151,000 of the 17 million people with diabetes in the United States are children. That means one in 400 school-age children has diabetes. Children with diabetes often must take daily insulin injections and their blood glucose levels must be regularly monitored -sometimes several times a day - in order to avoid life-threatening complications. This workshop focuses on the new trends and technologies for treating diabetes in children.

B6. The Specialty: The Body-Mouth Connection: Periodontal Disease

Periodontal (gum) diseases, including gingivitis and periodontitis, are serious infections that, left untreated, can lead to tooth loss in children and adults. This workshop presents recent findings and research that suggests this may contribute to the development of heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death; increase the risk of stroke; increase a woman's risk of having a preterm, low birth weight baby; pose a serious threat to people whose health is compromised by diabetes, respiratory diseases, or osteoporosis.

B7. The Mental Health Issue: Bipolar Disorder in Children

Children and teenagers with Bipolar Disorder have manic and/or depressive symptoms. Some may have mostly depression and others a combination of symptoms. This session discusses the development, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of children who are dealing with this mental health disease and the role of the health care provider in making appropriate referrals.

3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**
“At Least I’ve Still Got My Health”
Speaker: Brett Leake, *The HUMOR Project, Inc.*

Brett Leake and his clean, inspiring comedy have been featured everywhere from the American Comedy Awards to the Kennedy Center. Brett made television history when he became the first differently abled comedian to appear on *The Tonight Show* (five times). When Brett set out to become a comedian, a reporter wanted to know how long a man with muscular dystrophy could stand the rigors of a traveling stand-up comic. Brett supposed he had about 7 years. That was 25 years ago! Brett attributes his laughing longevity to the healing power of humor. Listen to Brett and learn about the extraordinary rewards of letting go...and letting go with laughter!