



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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

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QUALITY INSTITUTE, DIRECTOR OF QUALITY **Medical Mistakes Shouldn't Be A Crime | [NJ.com](#)** **Opinion**

Health care workers need to know they can share their experiences and mistakes, and near mistakes, without fear of criminal punishment so we can learn from them and continually improve quality and safety. That's why I am troubled by the criminal conviction of this Tennessee nurse, who acknowledged her mistake and explained where she went wrong, just like so many other health care professionals do every day across the country. Her honesty was used against her. I fear this conviction will hinder the openness we need around medical mistakes and push health care workers — not just nurses, but also physicians, pharmacists, and others — to keep quiet about their own mistakes and the mistakes of their colleagues...

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CHRISTINE NORBUT BEYER, MSW

COMMISSIONER, NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer, MSW, is Commissioner of the [New Jersey Department of Children and Families](#). The Department of Children and Families is prevention-focused, promoting strong and healthy families, and providing evidence-based support and services to keep all New Jerseyans safe, healthy, and connected.

Interview Sneak Peek: *How is your department designing the Universal Voluntary Nurse Home Visitation Program?*

Governor Murphy signed legislation in July of 2021 to enable the creation of this statewide universal home visiting program for all newborns in New Jersey. And we're excited that we're the second state in the country to have a statewide program. We identified Family Connects International as the model that best aligns here. We developed an advisory group and smaller subgroups focused on implementation, communication, evaluation, and insurance, whether private insurance or Medicaid. We have a nursing shortage in the country, and in New Jersey we are feeling it significantly. So, we are really thinking about how to best attract nurses to this work and not taking nurses away from other important work being done in the state...

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**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 2:30pm 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.*

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

NEW MEMBER



Shore Medical Center

Founded in 1940, [Shore Medical Center](#) has served the southern New Jersey community for over 80 years. In 2011, SMC opened its state-of-the-art Surgical Pavilion, featuring six Centers of Excellence: Advanced Spine & Orthopedic, Cancer Care, Cardiovascular, Emergency Department, Maternity/Pediatrics and Neurosciences. A member of the Penn Cancer Network, SMC has affiliations with Penn Medicine in cardiology, maternal-fetal medicine, and pulmonology. SMC has partnerships with Onsite Neonatal Partners, Mayo Medical Laboratories and Advanced Radiology Solutions. SMC is accredited by the Joint Commission as a primary stroke center,

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