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Huntington Hospital Volunteer Elected President of Region's Hospital Auxilian Group

Huntington, NY resident Carol Seery, a Huntington Hospital volunteer, was elected to a one-year term as president of the Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries. Her term expires June 2009.

Seery joined Huntington Hospital's auxiliary in 1991 and has been a member of its executive board since 1993, serving terms as vice president and president. She was instrumental in re-organizing the auxiliary board to create more clearly defined roles and in re-organizing the Junior Volunteer scholarships presented by the auxiliary, placing a greater emphasis on the students' hospital service as a criterion for the award.

In her role as Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries president, Seery will continue to lead this organization of hospital volunteers that is aligned with the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), the organization that represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals.

Hospital auxiliaries play a vital role in the delivery of compassionate care at each of their facilities and are major fundraisers for their respective institutions. Collectively, Long Island's volunteer auxiliaries raise millions through gift shop and thrift shop sales, fashion shows and boutiques, and other events.

In addition, they are actively involved in advocat-



Carol Seery (left) accepts the gavel and responsibilities of president from past Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries president Candy Misner. Misner is an auxilian with South Nassau Communities Hospital (Oceanside, NY).

ing on local, state, and federal levels, on behalf of their hospitals and the thousands of patients these institutions serve each day.

State Mid-Year Budget Crisis Solved Most proposed Medicaid cuts to hospitals avoided

Long Island's hospitals are grateful that most of the massive Medicaid cuts proposed in Governor Paterson's mid-year budget will not happen. However, some reductions in Medicaid spending were included in legislation passed in the legislature's emergency session.

"We are thankful to the members of our state delegation here on Long Island, as well as the entire Assembly and Senate membership, for swiftly and responsibly rejecting most of the proposed cuts," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), the association that represents all of Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals. "They kept the needs of the millions of patients our hospitals serve each day as a top priority."

Governor Paterson called an emergency legislative session in mid-August, asking legislators to work with him in dealing with the state's deficit. New York's revenues have fallen short due to the crises in the banking, financial, and energy markets. Shortfalls are expected to continue throughout the coming months and elected leaders will need to address this.

"Deficit reduction measures must be the shared responsibility of all public and private sectors," said Dahill.

Hospital Leadership Training

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) is a partner with the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University, which offers a certificate from Cornell. The leadership advancement program is for mid-to-senior and emerging leaders within hospitals and health systems. It is designed to help facilities achieve "breakthrough performance." The inaugural program runs from September 21 through November 18, with a two and a half day session at Cornell, followed by weekly web-based sessions on specific health topics.

The HANYS/Cornell Academy offers a strong curriculum that marries HANYS' expertise in data analytics and knowledge of New York's health care system with cutting-edge business and leadership strategies. Details and registration information at www.hanys.org/education/cornell.