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Dr. Kate Goonan, Massachusetts General Hospital



Panelists (L-R) David Fox, Dr. Rulon Stacey and Dr. Kate Goonan

THE LINCOLN FOUNDATION AND THE QUALITY TEXAS FOUNDATION PARTNERED TO PRESENT ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, November 10, 2010 – The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence in partnership with The Quality Texas Foundation hosted the Achieving Excellence in Healthcare Conference at The Mid-America Club.

Sponsored by Advocate Physician Partners, Illinois Hospital Association, Active Strategy, The Joint Commission, National Center for Healthcare Leadership, and Quest Diagnostics this event provided a unique opportunity for healthcare professionals to network with peers and learn from industry leaders in a forum addressing the enormous challenges providers face in order to deliver unsurpassed healthcare at a cost effective rate in today's economy.

Nearly 200 attendees met with organizations achieving success using the Baldrige/Lincoln framework. Speakers included: Rulon Stacey and Priscilla Nuwash from Poudre Valley Health System in Colorado, Michael Murphy with Sharp Healthcare in San Diego and David Fox from Advocate Good



Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove sharing their professional experiences leading to their ongoing quest for excellence. The panel discussion segment was interactive, giving the audience an opportunity to exchange information on a more personal level.

Afternoon breakout sessions rounded out the conference with relevant topics including: Measures that Matter delivered by Dr. Kate Goonan and Joe Muzikowski Massachusetts General Hospital, Drs. Jim Levett with Physician's Clinic in Iowa and Lee Sacks from Advocate Healthcare speaking on Patient-Centered Medical Organizations and Marie Sinioris with National Center for Healthcare Leadership and her panel of experts Joseph Cabral, North Shore-LIJ Health System and Ninfa Saunders from Virtua Health.

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