



## **2010 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP/PRECEPTOR FACT SHEET**

**WHAT IS THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM?** The 2010 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is an internship for students (both undergraduate and graduate) pursuing a degree or concentration in health services management. Students are assigned to members of the sponsoring facility's senior management staff to gain firsthand experience of the operations and management issues the organization faces. The program seeks to promote diversity in health care management, and members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

**We ask that participating hospitals pay the intern a stipend of \$30 a day to cover commuting costs, meals, and incidentals.**

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?** To provide students with the opportunity to learn more about the major issues, skills, and responsibilities involved with health care management. The summer experience will enhance students' knowledge and understanding of the field, putting them in a better position to pursue a career in health care administration.

**WHAT ARE THE DATES?** The program begins on June 1, 2010, and ends on August 20, 2010. The student remains on-site for the summer with the following exceptions:

- Orientation session held at GNYHA (half-day during the first week of the program)
- The Institute for Diversity in Health Management 2010 National Leadership and Educational Conference in Chicago, IL on June 10 and June 11, 2010, which students will have the opportunity to attend
- Two-day educational series at GNYHA
- Graduation ceremony (students present their projects to fellow students and preceptors)

**HOW IS THE STUDENT SELECTED AND ASSIGNED TO A SITE?** Applications are evaluated based on academic excellence, interest in and commitment to a health care management career, communication skills as presented in the applicants' personal statements, and references from faculty, community members, and employers. We look for ambitious students who have a strong potential for success. A staff member at GNYHA interviews potential students. A matching process follows, and applicants are sent to selected preceptors for an interview to determine whether an appropriate match can be made. Once the preceptor agrees, the student is offered the internship for the summer.

**WHO WILL WORK WITH THE STUDENTS?** Preceptors are responsible for the supervising the students and giving them assignments. Each student is required to be involved in a project for the summer and to write and speak about it at the program's graduation ceremony. Rotations through various departments are also strongly encouraged.

**WHY PARTICIPATE?** To mentor tomorrow's health care leaders today, and increase diversity among the ranks of health care management.