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Stockton Center on Successful Aging Presents Lecture on Re-tooling for an Aging America

Lecture Set for Oct. 29

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Galloway Township, NJ- What will it take for our nation, state, and region to fully prepare for the changing healthcare needs of a rapidly aging nation? This issue will be the topic of a lecture entitled "Re-tooling for an Aging America: Critical Issues in the Long-Term Care Workforce" presented by The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) on **Thursday, October 29, 2009** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in Room F111 on Stockton's Pomona Campus.

The lecture, the first in SCOSA's 2009/10 Scholarly Lecture Series on Aging, will be presented by Elyse Perweiler, MPP, RN, a noted national expert on this topic. This presentation will focus on the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, "Re-tooling for an Aging America: Building the Healthcare Workforce," which was released in April of 2008. The lecture will examine the suggested directions provided to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, which has served as a catalyst for change in education and training of healthcare professionals.

The presentation will also highlight opportunities for academic institutions and the potential for the formation of new, creative partnerships that will play key roles in healthcare reform. The impact of the report will be discussed within the context of the newly formed Eldercare Workforce Alliance and the flurry of legislative bills that have arisen in response to the looming workforce crisis. Critical issues to be considered in strategic planning will be explored as part of the discussion with the audience.

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Perweiler is an Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM); serves as Director of the New Jersey Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program; Associate Director of Planning, Development and Public Policy for the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging; Associate Director of the New Jersey Geriatric Education Center (NJGEC); and holds adjunct faculty appointments at UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions-Department of Interdisciplinary Programs and Seton Hall University. Ms. Perweiler was on the Board of Directors for the National Alzheimer's Association (1997-2005) and currently serves on numerous national and state committees and boards, including the Stockton Center on Successful Aging.

The Stockton Center on Successful Aging, founded in 2008 and directed by Dr. David Burdick, promotes education, research, and services to respond to local, regional, and statewide needs related to population aging. The Center's core mission is to encourage older residents to "age successfully" through vital involvements and engagement in their community. For more information, visit www.stockton.edu/scosa.

SCOSA's Scholarly Lecture Series, organized by Dr. Lisa Cox, focuses on presenting the latest research on issues of aging for providers, faculty, students, older adults and the general public. This lecture has been approved for 1.0 contact hours for social workers, marital and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors. Ultra Credit is available for students.

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