

## **Robin Ann Harvan, EdD**

Dr. Robin Harvan has devoted her professional career to the advancement of health professions education and practice. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. She currently serves as the Director of the Colorado Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) State System, reporting to the Chancellor's Office at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. The mission of the AHEC System is to address issues concerning health professions education and quality, workforce supply and distribution, access to care for under-served/rural populations, enhancing the diversity/cultural competency of the state's health care workforce; and to provide support for communities in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention. This mission is conducted on a state-wide basis through a network of five regional AHEC centers in partnership with academic institutions, health care agencies, and other organizations devoted to improving the health of the people of Colorado. She is the Past-Chairperson, former Chairperson-Elect, and former Vice Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary and Community-Based Linkages which reports to the US Secretary of Health and Congress and is staff supported by the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions. Dr. Harvan also served as a committee member, interprofessional/interdisciplinary education and practice specialist, and contributing author of the National Academies of Practice, Institute of Medicine report on *"Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality"*. Dr. Harvan was an ACE Fellow (American Council on Education) in 2001-2002 and served as a higher education administrative intern with President Coor at Arizona State University and President Hoffman at the University of Colorado. From 1995-2003 she served as Director of the Office of Education at the University of Colorado Health Science Center. This office was devoted to the advancement of health professions education, faculty development and interprofessional education at the health sciences center, serving all health professions schools and programs. From 1985-1995, Dr. Harvan was the Chairperson of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (1992-95), Director of an interprofessional graduate program in health professions education (1985-1995), and Coordinator (1985-92) of the school's interdisciplinary core curriculum at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Health Related Professions. She holds a doctorate in Education Theory, Policy and Administration, and a masters in Health Professions Education from Rutgers's University, a bachelors in Allied Health Services from Montclair State University, and an associates degree in Medical Laboratory Technology from Felician College in New Jersey.