I am pleased to be selected as a protégé in the 2010 SCABB mentor/protégé program. My mentor is Hannah Acevedo who, like me, works for United Blood Services. I joined the UBS-New Mexico team April 2009. As Donor Care Director, I am responsible for donor services and therapeutic apheresis.

This is my first experience in the production side of blood banking. My early blood bank experience was in transfusion services. My, how things have changed! I also have experience in other sections of the clinical laboratory, as well as IV solution manufacturing and healthcare supply chain. This might seem like an unusual background, but I have found many parts of my experience to be in play almost every day. I had, and continue to have, much to learn, but do not feel quite so green at this point. The regulatory experience from manufacturing, the transfusion medicine and hematology knowledge and the efficiency/workflow skills from supply chain have fit together well to help me get my feet on the ground. The analysis skills developed in all those arenas gets exercised daily, as does personnel management.

I am pleased to be serving on the Awards Committee for SCABB this year and I look forward to meeting the other members of the committee. I look forward to reviewing nominations and learning about member accomplishments. No doubt the selections will be difficult!

Protégé Mentorship Program Mission

In support of the Association’s mission, the Protégé Mentorship Program will provide a unique, interactive educational opportunity and will foster a passion for Transfusion Medicine as a long-term career.

For more information about the Protégé Mentorship Program, visit www.scabb.org/protege-mentor-prog.html or email JGiacoletti@carterbloodcare.org

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