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Area Nurses Participate in Mock Trial Through Local Non-Profit's 7th Nursing Summit

On August 12, 2010, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC), in coordination with the New York Nurses Association (NYSNA) and the Upstate New York Nursing Staff Development Organization (UNYNADO), conducted its 7th Nursing Summit, entitled *Mock Trial and Beyond*.

This all-day workshop afforded attendees:

- The opportunity to learn about current legal issues that affect the nursing professional as a whole.
- The ability to understand the anatomy of nursing-related litigation and learn how documentation affects the outcome.
- The hands-on opportunity to review a real-life court case where they were able to act as jury to determine the outcome.
- The opportunity to earn five continuing education credits.

Presentations included, "Legal Exclusive: How to Avoid Daily Practice Risks" by David Griffiths and Kate Mager; "I've Been Sued! Now What?" by Karen A. Butler, RN, BSN, JD; "Defensive Documentation: Nurses on the Front Line of Litigation" by Ann Marie Parisi, RN, CLNC; and an interactive mock trial entitled, "Mock Trial Simulation: You Be the Judge" by Shawna Patrick, MS, RN. During this mock trial presentation, attendees learned the elements of negligence and how to determine a verdict in a civil trial.

Comments from attendees, such as: "Excellent program!" and "Very informative and inspiring. My life and practice is forever changed." emphasized the overwhelming "excellent" program rating.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a partner in the New York State AHEC System and represents an 11-county region, including Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware, Greene, Columbia, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. We help provide health career and continuing education opportunities for a diverse, motivated workforce that meets the needs of health providers and underserved communities.

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