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Catskill Hudson AHEC and Touro College form a healthy collaboration

Catskill Hudson Area Health Education (AHEC) is especially pleased to welcome Kenneth J. Steier, DO, MBA, MPH, MHA, MGH, Dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine – Middletown campus as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Dr. Steier's position on the Board not only offers his contribution of expertise in Health Resources Services Administration, but a prolific collaboration between Catskill Hudson AHEC and TouroCOM as well.

The Touro College and University System is one of the largest healthcare educational systems in the nation and offers a wide array of degree programs in the medical and health sciences fields. They are committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine and to training osteopathic physicians to practice medicine in underserved communities.

"This collaboration with TouroCOM is an incredible opportunity for Catskill Hudson AHEC. As I toured the campus, I believe they have the most impressive simulation and anatomy labs in our region" stated Kathryn Reed, Executive Director of Catskill Hudson AHEC. "We have already begun to prepare for field trips to these labs and the college campus for schools who have implemented the Scrub Club program. This is just the beginning of a truly rewarding partnership."

TouroCOM Middletown campus opened its doors to students on July 30, 2014 when classes began. The new medical school occupies up to 110,000 square feet, is rich in the latest technology, and has the ability to house more than 500 medical students.

"We are delighted and proud to be part of the Hudson Valley Community. We look forward to collaborating with the healthcare leaders in this area and training the physicians of tomorrow" stated Dr. Steier.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to address regional healthcare workforce shortages through education and collaborative community relationships to assist students, career seekers, and health professions. For information on Catskill Hudson AHEC programs and services, please visit www.chahec.org. For additional information on The Touro College and University System, visit <http://tourocom.touro.edu/>.

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