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2015 Nursing Summit Addresses DSRIP

On October 22, 2015, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) presented the 2015 Nursing Summit, entitled *The Role of the Nurse in Shaping the Future of Healthcare: Progressing Toward the Triple Aim* at the picturesque Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. Seventy-six attendees gathered to enhance their understanding of topics associated with the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program as the main mechanism by which New York State will implement changes to the delivery of healthcare.

A major goal of this Medicaid reform project is in decreasing preventable hospitalizations by 25% over time as well as reducing Medicaid spending through various mechanisms. To achieve healthcare reform of this magnitude, institutions have developed and implemented strategies toward achieving the “Triple Aim.” These strategies are geared toward improving overall health in a defined patient population; improving the patient care experience and outcomes; and decreasing or containing the cost of per capita care.



Assemblywoman
Aileen Gunther

This year’s keynote speaker was Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, New York State Assembly, District 100, who presented, *A Nursing Prerogative: the Aim to Improve Health*. “Our healthcare delivery system is in the midst of radical changes, with the goal of reducing cost and improving outcomes,” said Assemblywoman Gunther. “Nurses are on the frontline of healthcare. They need all the information available to ensure that they can continue to provide excellent care. The Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center is a great resource, and I was happy to be a part of the Nursing Summit.”

Other impactful presentations include, *The Role of Technology and Social Media in Achieving the Triple Aim; Integration of Specialty Services to Improve Patient Outcomes; Community Involvement to Enhance Integration of a New Healthcare Environment: The Future of Nursing in Action; and The DSRIP Effect New Roles and Responsibilities for Nurses*.

The Nursing Summit is an annual flagship program developed and offered by Catskill Hudson AHEC; a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area.

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