

Barbara Bedell: Scrubs Club leaders honored for healthcare plans

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Attending the recent annual conference of the New York State Association for Rural Health are, from left, Steven L. Kelley, president and CEO of the Ellenville Regional Hospital, and chairman of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (CHAHEC), Gertrude O'Sullivan, program officer for the Foundation for Community Health, Sara Bollinger, chairman of the board of directors of the NYS Association for Rural Health, and Rob Wingate, executive director of CHAHEC.

The Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center's (CHAHEC) Scrubs Club has been honored as the Rural Health Program of the Year. The honor was given by the NYS Association for Rural Health at its annual conference in Clayton.

The co-honorees were Kathy Reed, the retired executive director who was unable to attend, and Gertrude O'Sullivan of the Foundation for Community Health. Accepting for Reed was Steven L. Kelley, CHAHEC board chairman, who also is president and CEO of the Ellenville Regional Hospital.

Scrubs Club is a health career exploration program for all high school students, consisting of 28 90-minute lesson plans that are designed to introduce students to various healthcare careers, and offer them the opportunity to experience them through hands-on activities and real-life experiences. Scrubs Club has proved to be a practical and effective hands-on approach to make a tangible impact on student career choices, said Kelley.

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