

New York eHealth Collaborative Announces Winners for its Digital Health Conference Gala Awards

NEW YORK, Oct. 19, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- The New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) today announced the winners of its annual gala awards for individuals who have made tremendous contributions to the world of health information technology and healthcare. The awards will be presented on the first night of the NYeC Digital Health Conference 2011 on Thursday, Dec. 1.

"We look forward to bringing together the many people leading the advancement of health IT in New York State," said Carol Raphael, Chair of NYeC's Board of Directors. "It's important work we are all involved in and we want to celebrate those innovators making the big strides that will improve healthcare for all New Yorkers."

Gala Awardees:

Farzad Mostashari, MD, ScM: National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Office of the National Coordinator

Greater Rochester Business Alliance: Sandra A. Parker, President and Chief Executive Officer, accepting

Markle Foundation: Zoe Baird Budinger, President and Co-Chair of the Markle Task Force on National Security in the Information Age, accepting

Special Recognition Award to individuals at the New York State Department of Health who pioneered the state's significant commitment to health IT:

Lori Evans Bernstein

Rachel Block

Richard F. Daines, MD

C. William Schroth

Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH

Dennis Whalen

The gala will be held on the waterfront in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. Proceeds benefit technology-enabled healthcare transformation in New York. NYeC is committed to creating policies and infrastructure to promote better healthcare for all new Yorkers through the use of technology.

The event is hosted by the NYeC Board of Directors:

Carol Raphael – President and CEO, Visiting Nurse Service of New York (Chair)

Pam Brier – President and CEO, Maimonides Medical Center (Vice Chair)

Eugene Heslin, MD – President/Owner, Bridge Street Family Medicine (Treasurer)

Neil Calman, MD – President and CEO, Institute for Family Health (Secretary)

Michael C. Caldwell, MD, MPH – Commissioner, Dutchess County Department of Health

Jo-Ann Costantino – CEO, The Eddy

David H. Klein – CEO, The Lifetime Healthcare Companies

Arthur A. Levin – Director, Center for Medical Consumers

Ann F. Monroe – President, Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York

Herbert Pardes, MD – Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for New York Presbyterian Hospital

Amanda Parsons, MD – Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Health Care Access & Improvement, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Richard M. Peer, MD – Past President, Medical Society of the State of New York

Dan Porreca – Executive Director, HEALTHeLINK

Thomas P. Quinn – Senior VP for Health System Development, Upstate University Hospital; Past President and CEO, Community General Hospital

Lonny Reisman, MD – Chief Medical Officer, Aetna

Susan Stuard – Executive Director, THINK RHIO

James R. Tallon, Jr. – President, United Hospital Fund

Dennis Whalen – Executive Vice President, Healthcare Association of New York State

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