

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE HONORS
DRS. PAT AND JAY CHAPMAN**

At its Statewide Conference and Clinical Forum in White Plains, New York on October 20, 2014, the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) honored Northern Oswego County Health Services (NOCHSI) physicians Drs. Pat and Jay Chapman. CHCANYS serves as the voice of community health centers as leading providers of primary health care in New York State. CHCANYS annually recognizes the significance of the Health Center Movement to honor and celebrate both its pioneers and those who are fighting today to ensure access to high quality health care for all. The Chapmans were presented the Rosemarie Forstner Award as exemplary community health center staff people who have shown a distinctive level of excellence and consistent participation in a community health center like NOCHSI.

In his nomination letter to CHCANYS on behalf of the Chapmans, Daniel Dey, NOCHSI's CEO highlighted the Chapmans' thirty years of providing health care services to Oswego County families. Dey noted the Chapmans' distinguished credentials that included them both completing their medical residencies at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., as part of the University of Rochester Medical Center. Both are Diplomates with the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Family Practice and Fellows of the American Academy of Family Practice. Both are members of the Upstate Medical University faculty and precept medical students through the Rural Medicine (R-Med) Program that promotes rural practice opportunities for aspiring physicians.

Dey noted that both Drs. Chapman are excellent physicians and extremely well loved and respected by patients. Both are strong advocates for healthy lifestyles and physical and mental well-being. Together, they have been singularly instrumental in enhancing the community's health status. Aside from his active practice at the Pulaski Health Center, Jay is a supervising physician among NOCHSI's school based health centers (SBHC). Within the APW school district, he has instituted the "Medical Minute" which is an ongoing morning program announcement. He also conducts classroom presentations for young students on health topics. He has been a medical consultant to Harbor Lights, a chemical dependency service in Oswego County, and, along with Pat, to the Oswego County Hospice. Pat has been an active member of the Oswego County Medical Society, serving as Past, and first female President, and is past Chair of the Workers Compensation Board. She has participated in the Lake Placid Sports Medicine Society, and was an event physician during the World Masters Cross Country Ski Championships in Lake Placid where Jay was a participant. Both are past recipients of the Health Care Heroes Award given by Oswego County Business, and the Rural Practitioner of the Year Award given by the Rural Health Network of Oswego County.

Both Chapmans are active participants and supporters of the cultural arts. Together they perform in the Tug Hill Players, a band specializing in Celtic music. Jay is a board member of the Salmon River Fine Arts and is Past President with the Board of Directors of the Tug Hill Tourathon. He also served for a number of years on the Pulaski Village Planning Board. Jay and Pat are both students of ornithology and nature study and share a variety of nature adventures. And alongside their unmatched professional and recreational pursuits, they have raised three charming, unique and talented children.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Pat expressed pride in being the hometown girl from Sandy Creek, who has observed and has participated in the growth of the Pulaski Health Center from a house on Delano Street to the present Oswego County wide organization that it is today, leading the way in primary care for other health centers in New York State and the Nation. Dr. Jay spoke of the vital role that community health centers play in the health and well-being of communities. He commended all those dedicated health care workers on the front lines who serve patients day in and day out.

According to Dey, "Both Chapmans are uniquely blessed, talented and versatile individuals. They conduct their spectrum of community activities and appreciation for life in a humble, selfless and unassuming manner. They are community jewels. Their collective contributions to the community health center movement and the Oswego community in general, are legendary and unmatched".

NOCHSI operates health centers in Fulton, Mexico, Oswego, Parish, Phoenix, and Pulaski, and six school-based health centers located in the APW, Mexico, Pulaski and Sandy Creek School Districts. The health centers are family-oriented health care practices that provide Oswego, Northern Onondaga and Southern Jefferson County residents with a variety of comprehensive health care and related services. NOCHSI is accredited through The Joint Commission and is designated as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home. All major insurances are accepted, and a sliding fee scale discount program is available for eligible patients. For additional information contact 298-6564 or visit www.nochsi.org.

