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## Tomorrow's Health Care Executives

VA Health Care Upstate New York, which consists of the Albany, Bath, Buffalo, Canandaigua and Syracuse VA medical centers and twenty-nine community outpatient clinics in upstate New York, has four Graduate Healthcare Administration Training Program (GHATP) Fellows graduating in June. The GHATP program enhances the health care trainees experience with opportunities in the field to apply their knowledge and skills in a hands-on approach in a hospital setting. As part of their graduate training each fellow participated in GHATP's national poster board competition and presented their posters at the American College of Healthcare Executive (ACHE) Annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago, Illinois the week of March 20- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Emily DiOrio** of Binghamton, preceptor David West Interim Network Director for VA Health Care Upstate New York, presented a poster on "cultural transformation" and "redefining the traditional VA Community Living Center" (nursing home care) by designing them to be "neighborhoods" with the look and feel of "home". Ms. DiOrio's poster presentation took third place out of fifty-three fellows who participated in the conference.



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Left to right: David West Interim Network Director, VA Health Care Upstate New York and Emily DiOrio

**Jennifer Roman** of Albany, preceptor David West Interim Network Director, presented a poster on enhancing preventive and behavioral health care through Telehealth services.



Jennifer Roman.jpg

**Kevin Stanford** of Chester, Pennsylvania, preceptor was also David West, graduate work was on establishing a process for centralized scheduling in VA Health Care Upstate New York.



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**SteveTyzik** of Albany, preceptor James Cody Director, Syracuse VA Medical Center, presented a poster on reducing Emergency Department diversions and improving patient “flow”.



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Left to right: Steve Tyzik and James Cody Director, Syracuse VA Medical Center

All four fellows complete their one year fellowship program this June.