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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO CONGRATULATES MONROE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL'S SIMULATION CENTER ON PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

ROCHESTER, NY — County Executive Adam Bello is proud to announce that Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) has been awarded the 2024 Innovation of the Year Award by LeadingAge New York for its groundbreaking Simulation Center. This prestigious recognition celebrates forward-thinking programs and services at not-for-profit long-term care providers across the State.

“Monroe County invested in MCH’s Simulation Center because we recognized a need for healthcare professionals to access innovative, hands-on-training to provide the highest standards of care,” **said County Executive Bello**. “And by compensating new staff for training, we are removing barriers for employment and attracting more people to this vitally important profession. By investing in healthcare workers, we are investing in Monroe County and we are proud that LeadingAge NY has recognized MCH’s dedication to serving our community.”

The Simulation Center, which opened during the summer of 2024, has transformed staff training at MCH. The Center features cutting-edge simulation technology, including two responsive mannequins in a semi-private room that allow staff to practice real-time scenarios in a safe, controlled environment. Another dedicated space allows teams to review recorded sessions and discuss performance improvements.

Nearly 450 employees, both clinical and non-clinical staff, have received training in the Simulation Center on topics ranging from infection control and enhanced barrier precautions to contact cleaning, with additional training programs currently in development.

“We’ve invested heavily, with support from the County and State, to create innovative and real-life learning experiences for our staff — and we’re already seeing that investment enhance the care provided to our residents,” **said Alyssa Tallo, Executive Health Director at MCH**. “We are honored that LeadingAge NY has recognized our work to transform training, and we remain committed to providing the highest quality care to those we serve.”

The Center was made possible by an \$878,000 grant from the New York State Increasing Training Capacity program and support from the County of Monroe.

About LeadingAge

LeadingAge represents more than 5,000 nonprofit aging services providers and other mission-minded organizations that touch millions of lives every day. Alongside their members and 38 state partners, LeadingAge uses applied research, advocacy, education, and community-building to make America a better place to grow old.

About MCH

Monroe Community Hospital, the 17th largest skilled nursing facility in the country and largest in New York State, provides high-quality long-term and rehabilitation care to individuals with complex and chronic health conditions. The County-owned facility has 566 skilled nursing beds and is home to residents of all ages — from infants to centenarians. For more information, visit MonroeHosp.org or follow [@MonroeCommunityHospital](https://twitter.com/MonroeCommunityHospital) on social media.

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