



RPRC/NCDHR at the National Symposium on Healthcare Interpreting Kelly Matthews and Lori DeWindt as keynote speakers

Lori DeWindt and Kelly Matthews of the RPRC/NCDHR were invited to give the keynote address at the National Symposium on Healthcare Interpreting at St. Catherine's University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Lori and Kelly shared several results of Rochester's Deaf Health Survey 2013/2014. NCDHR's Deaf Health Survey is a computer-based survey that allows the Deaf community in Rochester, NY to have access to public health surveys in American Sign Language (ASL). Telephone surveys about public health do not currently include those who are deaf or have hearing loss.

Following the keynote address, Kelly and Lori joined a panel of deaf professionals to further discuss issues related to health disparities in the deaf community. Emphasis was placed on the role of interpreters and how they can better facilitate health information in healthcare settings to reduce overall health disparities.



Photographs taken by Doug Bowen-Bailey

In addition to the keynote address, Lori and Kelly also held a morning workshop discussing RPRC/NCDHR's core research: Deaf Weight Wise (DWW). DWW is the first clinical trial that focuses on deaf, ASL-users. Methods and results of this research project were shared and the roles of interpreters in clinical research was highlighted and discussed by workshop attendees. To read more about this presentation, [click here](#). To learn more about the National Symposium on Healthcare Interpreting, visit: <http://healthcareinterpreting.org/national-symposium-on-healthcare-interpreting/>

To learn more about the Deaf Health Survey or Deaf Weight Wise, or to inquire about the survey results, contact Kelly Matthews at Kelly_Matthews@URMC.Rochester.edu or (585) 512-8519 VP.



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