**Open House at NCDHR**

Nearly 60 people from the Deaf community attended the March 24 open house at NCDHR. Several exciting community-based Deaf Health research projects were announced (see research projects on the next page). This open house was also a “farewell” to NCDHR’s current offices at 120 Corporate Woods as NCDHR will be moving to a gleaming new home in the Clinical and Translational Science Building on the Medical Campus at the end of April. Watch out for another open house later to welcome everyone to the new building!

Dr. Steven Barnett, Associate Director of NCDHR, warmly welcomed the guests to the open house. An ASL video screening of “Deaf sign language users, health inequities and public health: opportunity for social justice,” was shown to an attentive audience. This video is posted on CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/pcd](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd). Dr. Robert Pollard (left) described how the Deaf Wellness Center produced the ASL video for the CDC. John T. Reid, Chair of the Deaf Health Community Committee, (middle) encouraged any interested people to join the DHCC. Dr. Mike McKee (right) outlined his research goals and activities, which are aimed at understanding how health literacy impacts the health of the Deaf community.
NCDHR and its community partner, the Deaf Health Community Committee, collaborated with the schools of pharmacy and nursing at St. John Fisher College (SJFC) to conduct Deaf Strong Hospital (DSH) last March 23. DSH is a role-reversal exercise in which the graduate students become “patients” who seek medical attention from “doctors” who are American Sign Language users from the Rochester Deaf community.

Since being Deaf is the norm in this hospital, no speaking is allowed. Instead, the students try to adapt by communicating through finger-spelling, sign language, gestures or writing notes.

SJFC showed their appreciation of our collaboration and hard work by bringing a nice cake!