

May 4-5, 2011



# EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: A NEW HOME

This week was a very exciting week for NCDHR. Monday morning, NCDHR opened its doors in the new Clinical and Translational Science Building (CTSB). All the employees unpacked and NCDHR settled into their new home. Efforts were heavily increased by all as the External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting approached that Wednesday (May 4-5).

Wednesday evening, the EAC members arrived and joined the DHCC, NCDHR, and the new Exploratory Task Force for a welcoming reception. The members of the EAC consist of some of the biggest, most influential people in the Deaf community across the county. After an excellent meal, Dr. Pearson welcomed everyone and had a few opening remarks. A tour of the new CTSB building closed the EAC reception, as Dr. Pearson walked everyone around the facilities.

After a good night's rest, the EAC members returned to the CTSB for the EAC meeting Thursday

morning. NCDHR researchers presented the status of their studies and informed the EAC of the studies kicking off in the fall. John T. Reid, the chair of the DHCC, and some representatives of the other committees associated with NCDHR, presented their information to the EAC members. After these presentations, the Preventing Chronic Disease film (an ASL film about Deaf sign language users and health inequities) was shown. NCDHR interns, part-time staff, and some DHCC members also attended the meeting, getting the opportunity to meet the EAC members who are often not in the Rochester area.

After the brief film, the EAC members closed their doors, and discussed among themselves what their thoughts and concerns were. When they had finished their discussion, they presented their questions, comments, and concerns with NCDHR, giving them some goals for the future.

