

Congresswoman Nan Hayworth Tours Mount Kisco Center and Discusses Potential Medicaid Cuts

Representative Nan Hayworth toured Open Door's Mount Kisco center with Lindsay Farrell, President and CEO and discussed the proposed Federal cuts to Medicaid spending on Friday, June 24th. Ms. Farrell stated that the changes being discussed in Congress "would decimate us".



One proposal has been made by Representative Paul Ryan to change Medicaid into a block grant system. Rep. Hayworth stated that this is "a sound concept", however it could put providers like Open Door at a disadvantage.

While visiting Rep. Hayworth also met with Dr. Daren Wu, Chief Medical Officer, who demonstrated how the eClinicalWorks Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system displays patient records and gives doctors reminders about what information needs to be followed up on at each visit. It was emphasized that the EMR is the cornerstone of our proactive preventative services and contributes greatly to our ability to provide cost efficient services. Open Door received a HIMSS Davies Award for Excellence last year for how it implemented and uses the system.

Dr. Wu explained that the technology used at Open Door helps reduce waste because providers are not as likely to repeat tests. "Everything goes in the right direction," Wu said.

"This is a very impressive, effective clinic, with state of the art medical, electronic medical records, data collection," Rep. Hayworth said.

Rep. Hayworth was also told about Open Door's patient advocates who work with patients and provide education on dealing with chronic disease like diabetes, hypertension, asthma, etc. Grace Beltran, Open Door's Marketing Manager, told Rep. Hayworth, "It's all around education".

Open Door plans to open a facility in Brewster which will go through state licensing. Ms. Farrell indicated that federal grant support will be unavailable for this center and it will be dependent on Medicaid.

