

# Regional health group planning public health care presentations

## Meeting being scheduled for Senior Center in Batavia

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A regional health foundation has formulated different video versions of what health care could look like in the future and wants people to take a look and see what they think to help shape policies over the next decade.

The "Reaching for Excellence" program basically asks what users want out of health care, officials of the Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York said during a stop in Batavia last week.

It took about a year to put the concept and the scenario package together, according to Foundation President Anne Monroe.

The program involves viewing four different videos of what future health care could look like. Each video is about 4½ minutes long.

The organization, an independent operation that looks at health and health care, plans to make hundreds of presentations to get "user" opinions, Monroe said.

People listen and respond, she said. "Is this something that would appeal to people or not?"

The foundation just needs hosts to provide an audience and the places for presentations; a project team will do the presentation work.

There is no cost to the sponsor for what is a new initiative, called One Friday, Four Futures, to the community.

"We're still in the process of getting the word out," said Pamela Whitmore, director of the Genesee County Office for the Aging, who accompanied foundation officials in a visit to *The Daily News*.

But Whitmore assured there would be a meeting at the Senior Center on Bank Street in the city.

Older adults are the largest segment of the health care population and their needs in rural areas are a concern, Whitmore said. "It's a real issue we need to look at," she said.

Services clubs would also be good for presentations, said Monroe.

"We want to make sure that

we cover as wide a variety of people in the community as possible," she said.

Monroe was accompanied by Earl Wells III, president of e3communications in Buffalo. He said it is a chance for users to create public policy rather than waiting for elected officials to do it.

It gives a "what if" look ahead, said Monroe. "What will health care look like and how will it be funded?"

Monroe said the foundation can be reached at (716) 852-3030.



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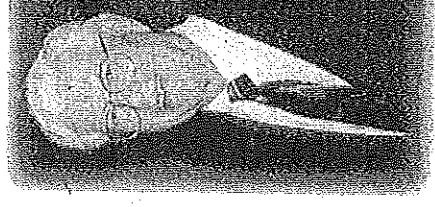
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