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## **Dayton VA Medical Center health care workers graduate from Leadership Dayton**

**What:** Dayton, OH — Three Dayton VA Medical Center health care leaders graduated from the 2015 Leadership Dayton program hosted by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce on June 10th.

Chief Nurse Jennifer Cunningham, Chief of Anesthesia Dr. Eric High and Assistant Chief for Pharmacy Christine Richardson are among the 49 graduates of the class – now in its 39th year.

Program participants met monthly to discuss leadership topics during the 11-month program. Lisa Sample, manager of training and development for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, said the three Dayton VAMC graduates are going above and beyond the course requirements.

“All three of the graduates were placed on a non-profit board in the Dayton area community so they’ll not only take their leadership skills back to the Dayton VA Medical Center but serve elsewhere in the Dayton area community as well,” said Lisa Sample, manager of training and development for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dayton VA Medical Center Director Glenn Costie, a 2013 graduate of the program, said he appreciates the value Leadership Dayton provides for medical center professionals.

“Leadership Dayton is the most effective way to learn about the greater Dayton community,” said Costie. “The relationships I made during the yearlong class I still maintain today. It is now my honor to give back by serving on the Curriculum Committee for the Leadership Dayton Board of Governors.”

With about 2,100 health care professionals, the Dayton VAMC has more than 55,000 patients enrolled and has more than 400,000 visits annually. The mission of the Dayton VAMC is to provide Veterans a continuum of care that is accessible, value-added, cost-effective, and of the highest quality within an environment of outstanding education and research.

Leadership Dayton is the fourth-oldest continuously operating community leadership program in the United States. The program is designed to identify, educate and motivate a network of community leaders and increase individuals’ capacity to serve the Dayton region. Selected participants learn through seminars, small work groups, panel discussions, direct interaction with community leaders and a variety of experiential activities.

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