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### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM N-CSR

#### CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

### **INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22021

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness  $^{Rx}$  Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)
One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Gabelli Funds, LLC

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554

Date of fiscal year end: <u>December 31</u>

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2014

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# Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

### Semiannual Report June 30, 2014

#### To Our Shareholders,

For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the net asset value ( NAV ) total return of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust (the Fund ) was 7.8%, compared with a total return of 10.6% for the Standard & Poor s ( S&P ) 500 Health Care Index. The total return for the Fund s publicly traded shares was 5.6%. The Fund s NAV per share was \$11.97, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$10.34 on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ). See below for additional performance information.

Enclosed are the schedule of investments and financial statements as of June 30, 2014.

### **Comparative Results**

### Average Annual Returns through June 30, 2014 (a) (Unaudited)

					Since Inception
	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	(06/28/07)
Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness <sup>Rx</sup> Trust					
NAV Total Return (b)	7.84%	22.90%	20.19%	20.94%	11.62%
Investment Total Return (c)	5.63	19.55	21.84	23.88	9.43
S&P 500 Health Care Index	10.59	30.09	22.20	20.65	10.31
S&P 500 Index	7.14	24.61	16.58	18.83	6.16(d)
S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index	5.18	15.21	15.79	17.46	10.56
50% S&P 500 Health Care Index and					
50% S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index	7.89	22.65	19.00	19.06	10.44

- (a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Visit www.gabelli.com for performance information as of the most recent month end. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The S&P 500 Health Care Index is an unmanaged indicator of health care equipment and services, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and life sciences stock performance. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged indicator of stock market performance. The S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index is an unmanaged indicator of food and staples retailing, food, beverage and tobacco, and household and personal products stock performance. Dividends are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (b) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date, and adjustments for rights offerings and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$8.00.
- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$8.00.

(d) From June 30, 2007, the date closest to the Fund s inception for which data is available.

### **Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)**

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of total investments as of June 30, 2014:

### The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust

Food	22.3%
Health Care Equipment and Supplies	18.2%
Pharmaceuticals	16.4%
Health Care Providers and Services	14.2%
Beverages	8.3%
Food and Staples Retailing	7.7%
Biotechnology	4.2%
Household and Personal Products	3.8%
U.S. Government Obligations	2.9%
Computer Software and Services	1.1%
Specialty Chemicals	0.6%
Hotels and Gaming	0.2%
Consumer Services and Supplies	0.1%
Health Care	0.0%*

100.0%

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may obtain this information at www.gabelli.com or by calling the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). The Fund s Form N-Q is available on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov and may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

### **Proxy Voting**

The Fund files Form N-PX with its complete proxy voting record for the twelve months ended June 30, no later than August 31 of each year. A description of the Fund s proxy voting policies, procedures, and how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by (i) calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554); (ii) writing to The Gabelli Funds at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422; or (iii) visiting the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

#### Certifications

<sup>\*</sup> Amount represents less than 0.05%.

The Fund s Chief Executive Officer has certified to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) that, as of June 11, 2014, she was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund reports to the SEC on Form N-CSR which contains certifications by the Fund s principal executive officer and principal financial officer that relate to the Fund s disclosure in such reports and that are required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act.

# The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust

## Schedule of Investments June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)

				Market
Shares			Cost	Value
	COMMON STOCKS 97.1%			
	Beverages 8.3%			
25,000	Campbell Soup Co.		\$ 950,303	\$ 1,145,250
30,000	Danone SA		1,708,783	2,228,126
45,000	Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.		1,287,601	2,636,100
26,000	ITO EN Ltd.		400,457	666,522
35,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.		121,875	126,104
340,000	Parmalat SpA		926,208	1,162,974
35,000	PepsiCo Inc.		2,326,366	3,126,900
30,000	Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd.		1,001,275	1,177,138
60,000	The Coca-Cola Co.		1,666,457	2,541,600
60,000	The WhiteWave Foods Co., Cl. A		1,019,796	1,942,200
424,000	Vitasoy International Holdings Ltd.		253,570	541,051
			11,662,691	17,293,965
	Biotechnology 4.2%			
20,000	Amgen Inc.		1,768,793	2,367,400
10,000	Cubist Pharmaceuticals Inc.		718,642	698,200
106,000	Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc.		2,523,397	2,554,600
7,000	Illumina Inc.		357,796	1,249,780
100,000	Lexicon Pharmaceuticals Inc.		242,099	161,000
450,000	NeoGenomics Inc.		1,365,037	1,494,000
10,000	Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals Inc.		131,483	134,900
			7,107,247	8,659,880
	<b>Computer Software and Services</b>	1.1%		
90,000	Computer Task Group Inc.		1,574,633	1,481,400
40,000	MedAssets Inc.		791,196	913,600
			2,365,829	2,395,000
	a a	0.4.0		
4 7 000	Consumer Services and Supplies	0.1%	110.063	202 753
15,000	Weight Watchers International Inc.		440,819	302,550

Food 22.3%

94,000	Boulder Brands Inc.		719,567	1,332,920
7,000	Calavo Growers Inc.		163,583	236,810
25,000	China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd.		115,814	115,639
80,000	ConAgra Foods Inc.		2,643,435	2,374,400
8,000	Dean Foods Co.		153,494	140,720
67,500	Flowers Foods Inc.		657,458	1,422,900
61,000	General Mills Inc.		1,922,884	3,204,940
70,200	Inventure Foods Inc.		295,204	791,154
38,000	Kellogg Co.		1,914,212	2,496,600
34,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A		1,265,743	2,540,572
150,000	Kikkoman Corp.		1,768,541	3,124,229
25,000	Kraft Foods Group Inc.		882,253	1,498,750
56,707	Lifeway Foods Inc.		556,597	792,764
10,000	MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.		433,330	662,356
80,000	Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A		1,792,163	3,008,800
66,000	Nestlé SA		3,208,326	5,112,991
20,000	Post Holdings Inc.		706,353	1,018,200
				Market
Shares			Cost	Value
4,000	Rock Field Co. Ltd.	\$	52,891	\$ 76,798
50,000	Snyder s-Lance Inc.		992,296	1,323,000
16,000	The Hain Celestial Group Inc.		303,196	1,419,840
80,000	The Hillshire Brands Co.		2,471,924	4,984,000
24,000	The J.M. Smucker Co.		1,307,314	2,557,680
110,000	Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp.		176,608	307,984
60,000	Unilever plc, ADR		1,850,196	2,718,600
65,000	Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.		1,908,326	3,291,545
			28,261,708	46,554,192
	Food and Staples Retailing 7.7%			
20,000	CST Brands Inc.		665,541	690,000
77,000	CVS Caremark Corp.		2,596,984	5,803,490
30,000	GNC Holdings Inc., Cl. A		1,160,161	1,023,000
30,000	Ingles Markets Inc., Cl. A		454,430	790,500
1,000	Nutraceutical International Corp.		16,338	23,860
7,000	The Fresh Market Inc.		328,124	234,290
40,000	The Kroger Co.		852,218	1,977,200
30,000	United Natural Foods Inc.		1,034,476	1,953,000
18,882	Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.		860,311	812,304
10,000	Walgreen Co.		300,300	741,300
53,000	Whole Foods Market Inc.		764,315	2,047,390
			9,033,198	16,096,334
	Health Care Equipment and Supplies 1	18.2%		
16,900	Aramark		415,700	437,372
35,000	Baxter International Inc.		2,266,758	2,530,500
10,000	Becton, Dickinson and Co.		784,787	1,183,000

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65,000	BioTelemetry Inc.	561,121	466,050
46,000	Boston Scientific Corp.	305,682	587,420
33,188	Chindex International Inc.	785,625	786,224
32,000	Covidien plc	1,424,776	2,885,760
30,000	Cutera Inc.	282,060	311,700
9,000	Exactech Inc.	159,214	227,070
35,000	Gerresheimer AG	1,612,273	2,414,487
35,479	Greatbatch Inc.	1,020,347	1,740,600
9,400	Henry Schein Inc.	418,608	1,115,498
16,000	Hospira Inc.	530,111	821,920
20,500	ICU Medical Inc.	859,922	1,246,605
15,000	Masimo Corp.	302,929	354,000
25,000	Medical Action Industries Inc.	179,490	343,250
35,000	Medtronic Inc.	1,538,576	2,231,600
350,000	Nordion Inc.	4,383,448	4,396,000
3,500	NuVasive Inc.	119,611	124,495
19,090	Perrigo Co. plc	2,969,449	2,782,558
1,000	Smith & Nephew plc, ADR	89,710	89,280
60,000	Sparton Corp.	1,827,213	1,664,400
35,000	St. Jude Medical Inc.	1,796,956	2,423,750
25,000	Stryker Corp.	1,379,039	2,108,000
63,255	SurModics Inc.	1,394,919	1,354,922

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust

# Schedule of Investments (Continued) June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)

			Market
Shares		Cost	Value
	COMMON STOCKS (Continued)		
	Health Care Equipment and Supplies (Continued)		
25,000	The Cooper Companies Inc.	\$ 2,422,189	\$ 3,388,250
		20.920.512	29 014 711
		29,830,513	38,014,711
	Health Care Providers and Services 14.2%		
279,924	AdCare Health Systems Inc.	1,002,036	1,198,075
25,000	Aetna Inc.	1,074,473	2,027,000
80,000	Alere Inc.	2,320,170	2,993,600
35,000	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	1,144,374	2,543,100
10,000	Chemed Corp.	645,300	937,200
25,000	Cigna Corp.	959,873	2,299,250
51,000	DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	2,831,487	3,688,320
19,000	Gentiva Health Services Inc.	188,292	286,140
55,000	HCA Holdings Inc.	1,880,262	3,100,900
7,500	Humana Inc.	521,822	957,900
1,500	Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	132,876	153,600
15,000	McKesson Corp.	1,044,224	2,793,150
65,000	Quality Systems Inc.	1,249,583	1,043,250
45,000	Rhoen Klinikum AG	1,328,593	1,486,239
26,500	Tenet Healthcare Corp.	1,140,930	1,243,910
36,000	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1,743,209	2,943,000
		19,207,504	29,694,634
	Hotels and Gaming 0.2%		
7,921	Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc.	187,095	381,396
	Household and Personal Products 3.8%		
18,000	Avon Products Inc.	306,794	262,980
20,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	1,233,997	1,399,000
15,000	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	894,048	1,022,700
130,000	Coty Inc., Cl. A	2,127,917	2,226,900
20,000	Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.	538,300	501,600
12,000	The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.,		
	Cl. A	804,725	891,120
20,000	The Procter & Gamble Co.	1,540,610	1,571,800

			7,446,391		7,876,100
	Pharmaceuticals 16.4%				
30,000	Abbott Laboratories		767,033		1,227,000
12,200	Achaogen Inc.		193,426		170,312
26,800	Actavis plc		3,868,053		5,977,740
55,000	Akorn Inc.		839,368		1,828,750
800	Allergan Inc.		56,712		135,376
352,000	BioScrip Inc.		2,455,813		2,935,680
42,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.		1,365,258		2,037,420
12,000	Cempra Inc.		131,086		128,760
101,200	Columbia Laboratories Inc.		705,022		693,220
12,000	Durata Therapeutics Inc.		199,944		204,360
58,500	Express Scripts Holding Co.		3,071,789		4,055,805
42,000	Johnson & Johnson		2,544,575		4,394,040
176,259	Liberator Medical Holdings Inc.		667,049		660,971
25,027	Medivation Inc.		1,717,969		1,929,081
23,027	Trical various life.		1,717,707		Market
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Shares			Cost		Value
50,000	Merck & Co. Inc.	\$	1,719,422	\$	2,892,500
45,000	Mylan Inc.	Ψ.	753,616	Ψ	2,320,200
68,000	Pfizer Inc.		1,476,615		2,018,240
12,000	Roche Holding AG, ADR		250,095		447,600
200	Shire plc, ADR		36,960		47,098
1,000	Zoetis Inc.		26,000		32,270
1,000	20000 1110.		20,000		32,270
			22,845,805		34,136,423
			22,013,003		3 1,130,123
	Specialty Chamicala 0.60				
10,000	Specialty Chemicals 0.6%		202 104		711 000
10,000	FMC Corp.		393,194		711,900
5,000	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.		490,525		521,400
			883,719		1 222 200
			883,719		1,233,300
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		139,272,519		202,638,485
	RIGHTS 0.0%				
	Health Care 0.0%				
40,000	American Medical Alert Corp.		0		400
20,000	Cubist Pharmaceuticals Inc., CVR		44,450		2,318
130,000	Trius Therapeutics, CVR		0		16,900
	TOTAL RIGHTS		44,450		19,618
			,		- ,
Principal					
Amount					
	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 2.9%				

\$6,042,000 U.S. Treasury Bills,

0.020% to 0.060%

07/24/14 to 11/20/14 6,041,483 6,041,517

Other Assets and Liabilities (Net) 265,424

PREFERRED STOCK

(1,200,000 preferred shares outstanding) (30,000,000)

NET ASSETS COMMON STOCK

(14,956,614 common shares outstanding) \$ 178,965,044

NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE

 $(\$178,965,044 \div 14,956,614 \text{ shares outstanding})$  \$ 11.97

Non-income producing security.

Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

CVR Contingent Value Right

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust

## Schedule of Investments (Continued) June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)

	% of Market	Market
Geographic Diversification	Value	Value
North America	82.2%	\$ 171,498,787
Europe	13.0	27,111,466
Japan	4.4	9,124,693
Asia/Pacific	0.4	964,674
Total Investments	100.0%	\$ 208,699,620

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

shares authorized)

June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	
Assets:	
Investments, at value (cost \$145,358,452)	\$ 208,699,620
Receivable for investments sold	327,193
Dividends receivable	260,806
Prepaid expenses	46,384
Deferred offering expense	34,906
Total Assets	209,368,909
Liabilities:	
Foreign currency, payable to custodian (cost \$4,681)	4,746
Payable to custodian	12,356
Distributions payable	24,000
Payable for investments purchased	40,778
Payable for investment advisory fees	171,066
Payable for payroll expenses	86,654
Payable for accounting fees	11,250
Payable for legal and audit fees	42,072
Other accrued expenses	10,943
Total Liabilities	403,865
Preferred Shares:	
Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (5.760%,	
\$25 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value,	
1,200,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding)	30,000,000
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 178,965,044
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 114,337,840
Accumulated net investment loss	(83,731)
Accumulated net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	1,368,610
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	63,341,168
Net unrealized appreciation on foreign currency translations	1,157
Net Assets	\$ 178,965,044
Net Asset Value per Common Share:	
(\$178,965,044 ÷ 14,956,614 shares outstanding	
at \$0.001 par value; unlimited number of	
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\$11.97

## **Statement of Operations**

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	
Investment Income:	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$23,169)	\$ 1,322,783
Interest	3,447
Total Investment Income	1,326,230
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fees	1,000,925
Shareholder communications expenses	92,540
Payroll expenses	69,837
Legal and audit fees	50,369
Shareholder services fees	46,999
Shelf registration expense	43,684
Trustees fees	30,133
Accounting fees	22,500
Custodian fees	10,366
Miscellaneous expenses	42,608
Total Expenses	1,409,961
Net Investment Loss	(83,731)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency:	
Net realized gain on investments	6,164,087
Net realized gain on foreign currency transactions	3,728
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	6,167,815
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments	7 922 942
	7,833,843
on foreign currency translations	217
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	7,834,060
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency	14,001,875
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	13,918,144
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(859,200)
Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations	\$ 13,058,944

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# **Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable To Common Shareholders**

		Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)		Year Ended ember 31, 2013
Operations:	Φ.	(02.721)	Φ.	20.752
Net investment income/(loss)	\$	(83,731)	\$	30,753
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions		6,167,815		14,585,136
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations		7,834,060		29,017,592
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations		13,918,144		43,633,481
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:				
Net investment income				(16,800)
Net realized short term gain				(428,640)
Net realized long term gain		(859,200)*		(1,282,560)
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders		(859,200)		(1,728,000)
Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations		13,058,944		41,905,481
Distributions to Common Shareholders:				
Net investment income				(125,800)
Net realized short term gain				(3,191,643)
Net realized long term gain		(3,589,587)*		(9,545,246)
<b>Total Distributions to Common Shareholders</b>		(3,589,587)		(12,862,689)
Fund Share Transactions:				
Net increase in net assets from common shares issued in rights offering				33,652,386
Offering costs for common shares charged to paid-in capital		(7,277)		(372,984)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Fund Share Transactions		(7,277)		33,279,402
		(,,=,,)		55,275,102
Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders		9,462,080		62,322,194
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders:				
Beginning of year		169,502,964		107,180,770
	\$	178,965,044	\$	169,502,964

End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$0 and \$0, respectively)

\* Based on year to date book income. Amounts are subject to change and recharacterization at year end.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Rx Trust

## **Financial Highlights**

## Selected data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014			ded Decem	•	•
O B	(Unaudited)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Operating Performance: Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 11.33	\$ 9.55	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.47	\$ 7.76	\$ 6.21
Net investment income/(loss) Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, and	(0.01)	0.04	0.05	0.01	(0.05)	(0.05)
foreign currency transactions	0.95	3.53	2.25	0.95	0.98	1.60
Total from investment operations	0.94	3.57	2.30	0.96	0.93	1.55
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a)						
Net investment income		(0.01)	(0.00)(b)		(0.07)	
Net realized short term/long term gain	(0.06)*	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.16)		
Total distributions to preferred shareholders	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.07)	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations	0.88	3.44	2.15	0.80	0.86	1.55
Distributions to Common Shareholders:						
Net investment income Net realized short term/long term		(0.01)	(0.05)			
gain	(0.24)*	(0.90)	(1.04)			
Return of capital			(0.02)			
Total distributions to common shareholders	(0.24)	(0.91)	(1.11)			
Fund Share Transactions:						
					0.01	

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Increase in net asset value from											
common share transactions											
Decrease in net asset value from											
common shares issued in rights											
offering			(0.72)				(0.72)				
Offering costs for preferred shares											
charged to paid-in capital									(0.16)		
Offering costs for common shares									,		
charged to paid-in capital		(0.00)(b)	(0.03)		(0.00)(b)		(0.04)				
			,		( )( )		,				
Total Fund share transactions		(0.00)(b)	(0.75)		(0.00)(b)		(0.76)		(0.15)		
Net Asset Value Attributable to											
Common Shareholders, End of											
Period	\$	11.97	\$11.33	\$	9.55	\$	8.51	\$	8.47	\$	7.76
2 4234	Ψ	1117	Ψ 11.00	Ψ	,	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	0	Ψ	,,,,
NAV total return		7.84%	36.86%		25.37%		8.80%		9.15%		24.96%
		7.0.70	20.0070		20.0176		0.0070		).15 /c		21.7070
Market value, end of period	\$	10.34	\$ 10.38	\$	8.62	\$	7.14	\$	7.08	\$	6.70
market value, end of period	Ψ	10.57	Ψ 10.50	Ψ	0.02	Ψ	/.1T	Ψ	7.00	Ψ	0.70
Investment total return		5.63%	35.99%		36.33%		6.68%		5.67%		33.73%
mvesiment total letum		5.05%	33.9970		30.3370		0.0070		3.0770		33.1370

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## **Financial Highlights (Continued)**

### Selected data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period:

Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

	2014				Year Ended December 31,						
	(U	naudited)		2013		2012	, iiu	2011		2010	2009
Ratios to Average Net											_ , , ,
Assets and											
Supplemental Data:											
Net assets including											
liquidation value of											
preferred shares, end of											
period (in 000 s)	\$	208,965	\$	199,503	\$	137,181	\$	125,576	\$	101,440	
Net assets attributable to											
common shares, end of											
period (in 000 s)	\$	178,965	\$	169,503	\$	107,181	\$	95,576	\$	71,440	\$ 65,750
Ratio of net investment											
income/(loss) to average											
net assets attributable to											
common shares before											
preferred share											
distributions		(0.10)%(c)		0.02%		0.56%		(0.44)%		(0.65)%	(0.72)%
Ratio of operating											
expenses to average net											
assets attributable to											
common shares		1.65%(c)		1.71%		1.94%		2.22%		2.11%	2.04%
Ratio of operating											
expenses to average net											
assets including											
liquidation value of											
preferred shares		1.41%(c)		1.41%		1.52%		1.66%		1.82%	
Portfolio turnover rate		17.4%		52.1%		46.6%		66.2%		45.2%	55.7%
Preferred Shares:											
5.760% Series A											
Cumulative Preferred											
Shares											
Liquidation value, end of	ф	20.000	ф	20.000	ф	20,000	ф	20.000	Φ	20.000	
period (in 000 s)	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	
Total shares outstanding		1.200		1 200		1.200		1 200		1 200	
(in 000 s)		1,200		1,200		1,200		1,200		1,200	
Liquidation preference	ф	25.00	φ	25.00	φ	25.00	φ	25.00	ø	25.00	
per share	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	
Average market value (d)	\$	25.81	\$	26.47	\$	27.46	\$	26.34	\$	25.35	
Asset coverage per share	\$	174.14	\$	166.25	Þ	114.32	\$	104.65	\$	84.53	

**Asset Coverage** 697% 665% 457% 419% 338%

Based on net asset value per share at commencement of operations of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at the net asset value per share on ex-dividend dates including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the rights offerings, assuming full subscription by shareholders. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

Based on market value per share at initial public offering of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund s dividend reinvestment plan including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the rights offerings, assuming full subscription by shareholders. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

- \* Based on year to date book income. Amounts are subject to change and recharacterization at year end.
- (a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the periods.
- (b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (c) Annualized.
- (d) Based on weekly prices.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)** 

**1. Organization.** The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust (the Fund ) currently operates as a diversified closed-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 20, 2007 and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the 1940 Act ). Investment operations commenced on June 28, 2007.

The Fund s investment objective is long term growth of capital. The Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets, under normal market conditions, in equity securities and income producing securities of domestic and foreign companies in the healthcare and wellness industries. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to economic, political, and regulatory developments in this particular sector of the market, positive or negative, and may experience increased volatility to the Fund s NAV and a magnified effect in its total return.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies.** The Fund s financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Security Valuation. Portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted sale price or a market s official closing price as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. If there were no sales that day, the security is valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices or, if there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day, the security is valued at the most recently available price or, if the Board of Trustees (the Board) so determines, by such other method as the Board shall determine in good faith to reflect its fair market value. Portfolio securities traded on more than one national securities exchange or market are valued according to the broadest and most representative market, as determined by Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser).

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of sixty days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities—fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded.

Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined by the Board. Fair valuation methodologies and procedures may include, but are not limited to: analysis and review of available financial and non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and changes in valuation

of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S.

### **Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)**

dollar value American Depository Receipts securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund s investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Board's determinations as to the fair value of investments).

Valuation Innuts

A financial instrument s level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in the aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of the Fund s investments in securities by inputs used to value the Fund s investments as of June 30, 2014 is as follows:

		variation input	5	
	Lev	vel 2 Other Signif	icant	
	Level 1	Observable	Level 3 SignificantTo	tal Market Valu
	<b>Quoted Prices</b>	Inputs	<b>Unobservable Inputs</b>	at 6/30/14
INVESTMENTS IN				
SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Common Stocks(a)	\$ 202,638,485			202,638,485
Rights(a)	2,318		\$ 17,300	19,618
U.S. Government Obligations		\$ 6,041,517	1	6,041,517
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN				
SECURITIES ASSETS	\$ 202,640,803	\$ 6,041,517	\$ 17,300	208,699,620

<sup>(</sup>a) Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for the industry classifications of these portfolio holdings. The Fund did not have transfers among Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 during the six months ended June 30, 2014. The Fund s policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

### Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

**General.** The Fund uses recognized industry pricing services—approved by the Board and unaffiliated with the Adviser—to value most of its securities, and uses broker quotes provided by market makers of securities not valued by these and other recognized pricing sources. Several different pricing feeds are received to value domestic equity securities, international equity securities, preferred equity securities, and fixed income securities. The data within these feeds is ultimately sourced from major stock exchanges and trading systems where these securities trade. The prices supplied by external sources are checked by obtaining quotations or actual transaction prices from market participants. If a price obtained from the pricing source is deemed unreliable, prices will be sought from another pricing service or from a broker/dealer that trades that security or similar securities.

**Fair Valuation.** Fair valued securities may be common and preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, and fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which are restricted as to transfer. Among the factors to be considered to fair value a security are recent prices

### **Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)**

of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not apply. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a lower or higher value in Level 3 securities. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

The Adviser reports quarterly to the Board the results of the application of fair valuation policies and procedures. These include back testing the prices realized in subsequent trades of these fair valued securities to fair values previously recognized.

Derivative Financial Instruments. The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies by investing in a number of derivative financial instruments for the purposes of increasing the income of the Fund, hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase, or hedging against a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency. Investing in certain derivative financial instruments, including participation in the options, futures, or swap markets, entails certain execution, liquidity, hedging, tax, and securities, interest, credit, or currency market risks. Losses may arise if the Adviser's prediction of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency, and interest rate markets is inaccurate. Losses may also arise if the counterparty does not perform its duties under a contract, or that, in the event of default, the Fund may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments or other contractual remedies owed to it under derivative contracts. The creditworthiness of the counterparties is closely monitored in order to minimize these risks. Participation in derivative transactions involves investment risks, transaction costs, and potential losses to which the Fund would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. The consequences of these risks, transaction costs, and losses may have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to pay distributions.

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts. The Fund may engage in forward foreign exchange contracts for the purpose of hedging a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency as deemed appropriate by the Adviser. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued at the forward rate and are marked-to-market daily. The change in market value is included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

The use of forward foreign exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund s portfolio securities, but it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. Although forward foreign exchange contracts limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund held no investments in forward foreign exchange contracts.

Limitations on the Purchase and Sale of Futures Contracts, Certain Options, and Swaps. Subject to the guidelines of the Board, the Fund may engage in commodity interest transactions (generally, transactions in futures, certain options, certain currency transactions, and certain types of swaps) only for bona fide hedging or other permissible transactions in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Pursuant to amendments by the CFTC to Rule 4.5 under the Commodity Exchange Act ( CEA ), the Adviser has filed a notice of exemption from registration as a commodity pool operator with

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respect to the Fund. The Fund and the Adviser are therefore not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the CEA. In addition, certain trading restrictions are now applicable to the Fund as of January 1, 2013. These trading restrictions permit the Fund to engage in commodity interest transactions that include (i) bona fide hedging transactions, as that term is defined and interpreted by the CFTC and its staff, without regard to the percentage of the Fund s assets committed to margin and options premiums and (ii) non-bona fide hedging transactions, provided that the Fund does not enter into such non-bona fide hedging transactions if, immediately thereafter, either (a) the sum of the amount of initial margin deposits on the Fund s existing futures positions or swaps positions and option or swaption premiums would exceed 5% of the market value of the Fund s liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions, or (b) the aggregate net notional value of the Fund s commodity interest transactions would not exceed 100% of the market value of the Fund s liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions. Therefore, in order to claim the Rule 4.5 exemption, the Fund is limited in its ability to invest in commodity futures, options, and certain types of swaps (including securities futures, broad based stock index futures, and financial futures contracts). As a result, in the future, the Fund will be more limited in its ability to use these instruments than in the past, and these limitations may have a negative impact on the ability of the Adviser to manage the Fund, and on the Fund s performance.

Foreign Currency Translations. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments, and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income, and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Unrealized gains and losses that result from changes in foreign exchange rates and/or changes in market prices of securities have been included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gain/(loss) on investments.

**Foreign Securities.** The Fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the inability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies, and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

*Foreign Taxes.* The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments, or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

**Restricted Securities.** The Fund may invest without limit in restricted securities. Restricted securities include securities whose disposition is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of restricted securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than

does the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the

### **Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)**

over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the SEC may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. The continued liquidity of such securities is not as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and accordingly the Board will monitor their liquidity. The Fund held no restricted securities at June 30, 2014.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date with realized gain/(loss) on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium and accretion of discount) is recorded on the accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized using the effective yield to maturity method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends from foreign securities that are recorded as soon after the ex-dividend date as the Fund becomes aware of such dividends.

Custodian Fee Credits and Interest Expense. When cash balances are maintained in the custody account, the Fund receives credits which are used to offset custodian fees. The gross expenses paid under the custody arrangement are included in custodian fees in the Statement of Operations with the corresponding expense offset, if any, shown as Custodian fee credits. When cash balances are overdrawn, the Fund is charged an overdraft fee equal to 110% of the 90 day Treasury Bill rate on outstanding balances. This amount, if any, would be included in the Statement of Operations.

Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions to common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are based on income and capital gains as determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from income and capital gains as determined under GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities and foreign currency transactions held by the Fund, timing differences, and differing characterizations of distributions made by the Fund. Distributions from net investment income for federal income tax purposes include net realized gains on foreign currency transactions. These book/tax differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent, adjustments are made to the appropriate capital accounts in the period when the differences arise. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund.

Distributions to shareholders of the Fund  $\,$  s 5.76% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares ( Series A Preferred ) are recorded on a daily basis and are determined as described in Note 5.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2013 was as follows:

	Year Ended		
	<b>December 31, 2013</b>		
	Common	<b>Preferred</b>	
Distributions paid from:			
Ordinary income (inclusive of short term capital gains)	\$ 3,370,327	\$ 452,777	

362 1,275,223
589 \$1,728,000

*Provision for Income Taxes.* The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). It is the policy of the Fund to comply with the requirements of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)**

substantially all of its net investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes is required.

As of December 31, 2013, the components of accumulated earnings/losses on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed long term capital gains	\$ 315,185
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	54,842,662
Total	\$ 55,157,847

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the Fund is permitted to carry forward for an unlimited period capital losses incurred. As a result of the rule, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short term or long term capital losses rather than being considered all short term as under previous law.

The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation/depreciation at June 30, 2014:

		Gross	Gross	
		Unrealized	Unrealized	<b>Net Unrealized</b>
	Cost	Appreciation	Depreciation	Appreciation
Investments	\$ 145,903,469	\$ 65.092.697	\$ (2.296,546)	\$ 62,796,151

The Fund is required to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund s tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more-likely-than-not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Income tax and related interest and penalties would be recognized by the Fund as tax expense in the Statement of Operations if the tax positions were deemed not to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of June 30, 2014, the Adviser has reviewed all open tax years and concluded that there was no impact to the Fund s net assets or results of operations. The Fund s federal and state tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain open, subject to examination. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will monitor the Fund s tax positions to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary.

**3.** Agreements and Transactions with Affiliates. The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the Advisory Agreement ) with the Adviser which provides that the Fund will pay the Adviser a fee, computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the value of the Fund s average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred shares. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Fund s portfolio and oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund s business and

affairs.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund paid brokerage commissions on security trades of \$28,172 to G.research, Inc., an affiliate of the Adviser.

The cost of calculating the Fund s NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund paid or accrued \$22,500 to the Adviser in connection with the cost of computing the Fund s NAV.

As per the approval of the Board, the Fund compensates officers of the Fund, who are employed by the Fund and are not employed by the Adviser (although the officers may receive incentive based variable compensation

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)**

from affiliates of the Adviser). For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund accrued \$69,837 in payroll expenses in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund pays each Trustee who is not considered an affiliated person an annual retainer of \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended. Each Trustee is reimbursed by the Fund for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. All Board committee members receive \$500 per meeting attended. In addition, the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$3,000, the Nominating Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$2,000, and the Lead Trustee receives an annual fee of \$1,000. A Trustee may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings held on behalf of multiple funds. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

- **4. Portfolio Securities.** Purchases and sales of securities during the six months ended June 30, 2014, other than short term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$33,301,550 and \$35,667,219, respectively.
- **5. Capital.** The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest (par value \$0.001). The Board has authorized the repurchase of its shares on the open market when the shares are trading on the NYSE at a discount of 10% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the NAV of the shares. There were no common shares repurchased during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013.

The Fund filed a \$200 million shelf registration statement with the SEC that went effective May 16, 2014, enabling the Fund to offer additional common and preferred shares.

On June 17, 2013, the Fund distributed one transferable right for each of the 11,217,460 common shares outstanding on that date. Three rights were required to purchase one additional common share at the subscription price of \$9.00 per share. On July 25, 2013, the Fund issued 3,739,154 common shares receiving proceeds of \$33,279,402, after the deduction of offering expenses of \$372,984. The NAV per share of the Fund was reduced by approximately \$0.75 per share as a result of the issuance of shares below NAV.

On June 3, 2014, the Fund distributed one transferable right for each of the 14,956,614 common shares outstanding on that date. Three rights were required to purchase one additional common share at the subscription price of \$9.00 per share authorized by the Board in accordance with the offering document.

The Fund s Declaration of Trust, as amended, authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of \$0.001 par value Preferred Shares. The Preferred Shares are senior to the common shares and result in the financial leveraging of the common shares. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to common shareholders. Dividends on Series A Preferred are cumulative. The Fund is required by the 1940 Act and by the Statement of Preferences to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Preferred Shares. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Preferred Shares at redemption prices of \$25 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset

coverage requirements could restrict the Fund s ability to pay dividends to common shareholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The

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income received on the Fund s assets may vary in a manner unrelated to the 5.76% rate, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to common shareholders.

On August 20, 2010, the Fund received net proceeds of \$28,725,173 (after underwriting discounts of \$945,000 and offering expenses of \$329,827) from the public offering of 1,200,000 shares of Series A Preferred. Commencing August 20, 2015 and at any time thereafter, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the Series A Preferred in whole or in part at the redemption price. The Board has authorized the repurchase of the Series A Preferred in the open market at prices less than the \$25 liquidation value per share. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Fund did not repurchase any of the Series A Preferred. At June 30, 2014, 1,200,000 Series A Preferred were outstanding and accrued dividends amounted to \$24,000.

The holders of Preferred Shares generally are entitled to one vote per share held on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Fund and will vote together with holders of common stock as a single class. The holders of Preferred Shares voting together as a single class also have the right currently to elect two Trustees and under certain circumstances are entitled to elect a majority of the Board. In addition, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of all outstanding shares of the Preferred Shares, voting as a single class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization adversely affecting the Preferred Shares, and the approval of two-thirds of each class, voting separately, of the Fund s outstanding voting stock must approve the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company. The approval of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding Preferred Shares and a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund s outstanding voting securities are required to approve certain other actions, including changes in the Fund s investment objectives or fundamental investment policies.

- **6. Industry Concentration.** Because the Fund primarily invests in common stocks and other securities of foreign and domestic companies in the health care, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage industries, its portfolio may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuations than a portfolio of securities representing a broad range of investments.
- **7. Indemnifications.** The Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts. Management has reviewed the Fund s existing contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.
- **8. Other Matters.** On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into a settlement with the SEC to resolve an inquiry regarding prior frequent trading in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the Global Growth Fund ) by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, without admitting or denying the SEC s findings and allegations, paid \$16 million (which included a \$5 million civil monetary penalty). On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (the Court ) against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (the Officer ) of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. On May 2, 2014, the SEC filed with the Court, a stipulation of voluntary dismissal of the civil action against the Officer, and on June 19, 2014, the Court approved the stipulation and entered an order of dismissal of the

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action against the Officer. The settlement by the Adviser and its disposition of the action against the Officer did not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

**9. Subsequent Events.** On July 17, 2014, the Fund issued 4,985,538 shares of common stock, receiving net proceeds of \$44,489,842, after estimated offering expenses of \$380,000. The NAV per share of the Fund was reduced by approximately \$0.77 per share as a result of the issuance of shares below NAV.

Management has evaluated the impact on all other subsequent events of the Fund and has determined that there were no other subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)** 

## Shareholder Meeting May 12, 2014 Final Results

The Fund s Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on May 12, 2014 at the Greenwich Library in Greenwich, Connecticut. At that meeting, common and preferred shareholders, voting together as a single class, elected Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, Vincent D. Enright, and Anthonie C. van Ekris as Trustees of the Fund. A total of 13,802,989 votes, 13,793,804 votes, and 13,760,348 votes were cast in favor of these Trustees and a total of 199,969 votes, 209,154 votes, and 242,609 votes were withheld for these Trustees, respectively.

Anthony J. Colavita, James P. Conn, Robert C. Kolodny, Kuni Nakamura, and Salvatore J. Zizza continue to serve in their capacities as Trustees of the Fund.

We thank you for your participation and appreciate your continued support.

#### Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)

Section 15(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), contemplates that the Board of Trustees (the Board ) of The Gabelli Healthcare & WellnessRx Trust (the Fund ), including a majority of the Trustees who have no direct or indirect interest in the Investment Advisory Agreement (the Advisory Agreement ) and are not interested persons of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act (the Independent Board Members ), are required to review and approve the terms of the Fund s proposed Advisory Agreement. In this regard, the Board reviewed and approved, during the most recent six month period covered by this report, the Advisory Agreement with Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser ) for the Fund.

More specifically, at a meeting held on February 25, 2014, the Board, including the Independent Board Members, considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of the Adviser and the approval of the Advisory Agreement.

#### Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services.

The Independent Board Members considered information regarding the portfolio managers, the depth of the analyst pool available to the Adviser and the portfolio managers, the scope of administrative, shareholder, and other services supervised or provided by the Adviser and the absence of significant service problems reported to the Board. The Independent Board Members noted the experience, length of service, and reputation of the portfolio managers.

#### Investment Performance of the Fund and Adviser.

The Independent Board Members considered one year, three year and five year investment performance for the Fund as compared with relevant sector equity indices and the performance of other sector equity closed-end and open-end funds prepared by Lipper, including other funds focused on healthcare or biotechnology. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund s performance was above the median of funds in its Lipper peer group for the prior five year and three year periods and below the median of funds in its Lipper peer group for the prior one year period. The Independent Board Members also recognized that the performance of many of the funds in the Lipper peer group is not necessarily a good comparison for the Fund because of the Fund s unique investment strategy compared with the investment strategies of many funds in the peer group. The Independent Board Members therefore recognized the more limited usefulness of the peer group comparison and concluded that the Adviser was delivering satisfactory performance results consistent with the investment strategy being pursued by the Fund. The Independent Board Members also noted that the net asset value of the Fund had (i) outperformed the S&P 500 Health Care Index over the one year and three year periods, (ii) outperformed the S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index over the one year, three year, and five year periods, and (iii) outperformed an index comprised of 50% S&P 500 Health Care Index and 50% S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index over the one year, three year, three year and five year periods.

### Costs of Services and Profits Realized by the Adviser.

(a) Costs of Services to Fund: Fees and Expenses. The Independent Board Members considered the Fund s management fee rate and expense ratio relative to industry averages for the Fund s peer group category and the advisory fees charged by the Adviser and its affiliates to other fund and non-fund clients. The Independent Board Members noted that the mix of services under the Agreement is much more extensive than those under the advisory agreements for non-fund clients. The Independent Board Members noted that the investment advisory fee (as a

percentage of assets attributable to common shares), management fee (as a percentage of total managed assets), other non-management expenses and total expense ratio paid by the Fund are higher than

#### Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited) (Continued)

the median and average for its peer group. They were advised that the above average other and total expenses related to the large number of shareholder accounts and related transfer agency costs. They concluded that the management fee is acceptable based upon the qualifications, experience, reputation, and performance of the Adviser.

(b) Profitability and Costs of Services to Adviser. The Independent Board Members considered the Adviser s overall profitability and costs. The Independent Board Members referred to the Board Materials for the proforma income statements for the Adviser and the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2013. They noted how the proforma income statements for the Fund illustrated how the Adviser s profitability would be affected as the Fund asset levels change. The Independent Board Members also considered whether the amount of profit is a fair entrepreneurial profit for the management of the Fund, and noted that the Adviser has substantially increased its resources devoted to Fund matters in response to recently enacted regulatory requirements and new or enhanced Fund policies and procedures. The Independent Board Members concluded that the profitability to the Adviser of managing the Fund was reasonable.

#### **Extent of Economies of Scale as Fund Grows.**

The Independent Board Members considered whether there have been economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund and whether the Fund has appropriately benefited from any economies of scale. The Independent Board Members noted that, although the ability of the Fund to realize economies of scale is limited, economies of scale may develop for certain funds as their assets increase and their fund level expenses decline as a percentage of assets, but that fund level economies of scale may not necessarily result in Adviser level economies of scale. The Independent Board Members concluded that there was an appropriate sharing of economies of scale.

#### Whether Fee Levels Reflect Economies of Scale.

The Independent Board Members also considered whether the management fee rate is reasonable in relation to the asset size of the Fund and any economies of scale that may exist, and concluded that the Fund s current management fee structure (that is, without breakpoints) was considered reasonable.

#### Other Relevant Considerations.

- (a) Adviser Personnel and Methods. The Independent Board Members considered the size, education, and experience of the Adviser's staff, the Adviser's fundamental research capabilities, and the Adviser's approach to recruiting, training, and retaining portfolio managers and other research and management personnel, and concluded that in each of these areas the Adviser was structured in such a way to support the high level of services being provided to the Fund.
- (b) Other Benefits to the Adviser. The Independent Board Members also considered the character and amount of other incidental benefits received by the Adviser and its affiliates from its association with the Fund. The Independent Board Members considered the brokerage commissions paid to an affiliate of the Adviser. The Independent Board Members concluded that potential fall-out benefits that the Adviser and its affiliates may receive, such as affiliated brokerage commissions, greater name recognition, or increased ability to obtain research services, appear to be reasonable, and may in some cases benefit the Fund.

## Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited) (Continued)

#### **Conclusions**

In considering the Advisory Agreement, the Independent Board Members did not identify any factor as all important or all controlling, and instead considered these factors collectively in light of the Fund surrounding circumstances. Based on this review, it was the judgment of the Independent Board Members that shareholders had received satisfactory absolute and relative performance at reasonable fees and, therefore, re-approval of the Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. As a part of its decision making process, the Independent Board Members considered, generally, that shareholders invested in the Fund knowing that the Adviser managed the Fund and knowing its investment management fee schedule. As such, the Independent Board Members considered, in particular, whether the Adviser managed the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives and policies as disclosed to shareholders. The Independent Board Members concluded that the Fund was managed by the Adviser consistent with its investment objectives and policies.

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#### Portfolio Management Team Biographies

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. that he founded in 1977 and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

**Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA,** joined Gabelli in 2003 as a research analyst. He focuses on companies in the cardiovascular, healthcare services, and pharmacy benefits management sectors, among others. He also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Mr. Jonas was a Presidential Scholar at Boston College, where he received a BS in Finance and Management Information Systems.

**Kevin V. Dreyer** joined Gabelli in 2005 as a research analyst covering companies within the consumer sector. He currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Mr. Dreyer received a BSE from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

We have separated the portfolio managers commentary from the financial statements and investment portfolio due to corporate governance regulations stipulated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have done this to ensure that the content of the portfolio managers commentary is unrestricted. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at www.gabelli.com.

The Net Asset Value per share appears in the Publicly Traded Funds column, under the heading Specialized Equity Funds, in Monday s The Wall Street Journal. It is also listed in Barron s Mutual Funds/Closed End Funds section under the heading Specialized Equity Funds.

The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling (914) 921-5070 or visiting www.gabelli.com.

The NASDAQ symbol for the Net Asset Value is XXGRX.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund may from time to time purchase its common shares in the open market when the Fund s shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares. The Fund may also, from time to time, purchase its preferred shares in the open market when the preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value.

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Not applicable.
Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.
Not applicable.
Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.
Not applicable.
Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed registrants.
Not applicable.
Item 6. Investments.
(a) Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included a part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.
(b) Not applicable.
Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Item 2. Code of Ethics.

Companies.

Not applicable.

There has been no change, as of the date of this filing, in any of the portfolio managers identified in response to paragraph (a)(1) of this Item in the registrant s most recently filed annual report on Form N-CSR.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

# REGISTRANT PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	(a) Total Number Shares (or Uni Purchased	, ,	(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
Month #1 01/01/14 through 01/31/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #2 02/01/14 through 02/28/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #3 03/01/14 through 03/31/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #4 04/01/14 through 04/30/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #5 05/01/14 through 05/31/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #6 06/01/14 through 06/30/14	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common 14,956,614
	Preferred Series A	N/APreferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Total	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	N/A

Preferred Series A N/APreferred Series A Preferred Series A N/A N/A

Footnote columns (c) and (d) of the table, by disclosing the following information in the aggregate for all plans or programs publicly announced:

- a. The date each plan or program was announced The notice of the potential repurchase of common and preferred shares occurs quarterly in the Fund s quarterly report in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- b. The dollar amount (or share or unit amount) approved Any or all common shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund s common shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares.

Any or all preferred shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund s preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value of \$25.00.

- c. The expiration date (if any) of each plan or program The Fund s repurchase plans are ongoing.
- d. Each plan or program that has expired during the period covered by the table The Fund's repurchase plans are ongoing.
- e. Each plan or program the registrant has determined to terminate prior to expiration, or under which the registrant does not intend to make further purchases. The Fund s repurchase plans are ongoing.

# Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant s Board of Trustees, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101)), or this Item.

#### Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant s second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to

Edgar Filing: Gabelli Healthcare & WellnessRx Trust - Form N-CSRS materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

## Item 12. Exhibits.

- (a)(1) Not applicable.
- (a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady

Agnes Mullady, Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer

Date 9/4/2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady

Agnes Mullady, Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer

Date 9/4/2014

<sup>\*</sup> Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.