

Rhode Island Health Care Association

Setting the Pace in Nursing Home Care



Orlando Bisbano, Jr.

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East Providence Nursing Home Administrator Elected to National Board

Warwick, RI, 10/15/09 – Embracing the theme of quality at their 2009 Annual Convention and Exposition, held in Chicago, Illinois last week, the American Health Care Association (AHCA), the nation's largest association of professional long term health care providers and national affiliate of the Rhode Island Health Care Association (RIHCA), announced the results of its recent Board of Governors' elections. AHCA's Board of Governors is comprised of leading long term care providers and elected at the convention.

Orlando Bisbano, Jr., Administrator/co-owner of Orchard View Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in East Providence was one of four candidates nationwide elected to the Board. Other at-large Board members elected at the convention were Lane M. Bowen from Kentucky, Fran Kirley from Maryland, and Ted LeNeave from Virginia.

Bisbano serves as Chair of the AHCA Quality Improvement Committee, which is tasked with driving quality care in the national long term care arena. He is a past President of AHCA's state affiliate, the Rhode Island Health Care Association, where he continues to serve as a Board member. He is also a past president of the American College of Health Care Administrators, Chair of the Rhode Island Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators, Chair of the Board of Quality Partners of Rhode Island and President of the Ocean State Post Acute Network. His vast experience has earned him a Distinguished Administrator Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators and a President's Award and a Distinguished Administrator Award from the Rhode Island Health Care Association.

"We're honored to have someone with Lonnie's experience in Rhode Island," said Virginia Burke, President/CEO of the Rhode Island Health Care Association. "He's worked hard to elevate the quality of care in our nursing homes and his election to the AHCA Board signifies that others throughout the country recognize that as well."

As the nation's largest association of long term and post-acute care providers, the American Health Care Association (AHCA) advocates for quality care and services for frail, elderly and disabled Americans. Compassionate and caring employees provide essential care to one million individuals in our 11,000 not-for-profit and proprietary member facilities. The Rhode Island Health Care Association is a state affiliate of AHCA, with a membership comprised of 61 of Rhode Island's 86 skilled nursing facilities.