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AtlantiCare recognizes Bert Lopez for 25 years of service

AtlantiCare recognized Bert Lopez, of Atlantic City, for his 25 years of service to AtlantiCare Behavioral Health (ABH) and the community it serves at a dinner in his honor at Hidden Creek Golf Club in Egg Harbor Township April 15. To commemorate his 25 years of service as a board trustee, including 10 years as chairman of the board. Lopez is Region Public Affairs manager for Atlantic City Electric and former president of the Hispanic Alliance of Atlantic County. Now governor emeritus for the ABH Board, he is also treasurer for the Board of Trustees of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) and through that role, a member of the Board of Trustees of AtlantiCare.



“Bert has been a tireless advocate for those at risk of or facing mental health issues,” said Ted Stryker, Ted Stryker, president and CEO, ABH. “His commitment to increasing awareness of mental health issues, breaking down the stigma of mental illness and increasing access to treatment for those most at risk led to the creation of many ABH programs and services.”

Lopez assisted in facilitating the merger of what was then Atlantic Mental Health with AtlantiCare, creating ABH. He also led the efforts to refurbish ABH’s Hartford Outpatient Services Center in Atlantic City on North Hartford Avenue in Atlantic City. The reopening of the new comprehensive community behavioral health center took place in 2004. The new facility replaced the 80 year-old building in which ABH had previously provided services on the same site. ABH psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors and nurses provide patient services in the new center. The center provides services to more than 3,000 individuals and their families each year, representing an annual service volume of over 9,000 visits.



Stryker presented Lopez with a portrait that will hang in the Hartford Avenue Outpatient Services Center in his honor.

AtlantiCare Behavioral Health (ABH) is southeastern New Jersey’s largest provider of mental health treatment, substance use/addiction recovery services and family care programs. With 26 locations throughout the region, ABH offers a broad range of services to help individuals and their families with serious mental illnesses, anxieties relating to school or job stress, and marriage counseling services. ABH also provides employee assistance programs for area employers, which include employee counseling services, behavioral health wellness programs and critical incident debriefing services. ABH manages the 30-bed psychiatric inpatient program located at the Mainland campus of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and a psychiatric crisis intervention program at ARMC’s Atlantic City campus.

(ARMC), the AtlantiCare Foundation, AtlantiCare Health Plans, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health and AtlantiCare Health Services. ARMC became the 105th hospital in the nation to attain status as a Magnet™ designated hospital in March of 2004.