

# Perspectives

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## HCANJ 17th Annual Assisted Living Conference a Success!

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno was the opening speaker at HCANJ's 17th Annual Assisted Living Conference which was held Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Sheraton Eatontown. "The Lt. Governor had clearly done her homework and had a strong grasp on what challenges assisted living providers face every day," says John Indyk, HCANJ Vice President. "We are encouraged by her candor and willingness to personally address our concerns."

Following the Lt. Governor, Lowell Ayre, Deputy Commissioner of Human Services provided an update on that Department's activities as they relate to long term care. "We are pleased that Deputy Commissioner Arye has taken an effort to relieve our providers of some of the challenges presented by the changes to MLTSS. We look forward to working with him and his staff in those continued efforts." says Jon Dolan, President & CEO of HCANJ.



**Joe Warner  
Award  
Recipients  
Announced**

AHCA/NCAL has announced this year's Joe Warner Award recipients. Robin Hillier, Barry Lazarus and New Jersey's own Bob Van Dyk will receive the Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award at Congressional Briefing in Washington, DC on June 15th.

Robin Hillier currently serves as the co-chair of the AHCA Independent Owners Committee and is owner of Lake Pointe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Conneaut, Ohio.

Barry Lazarus is the chair of the AHCA Finance Committee as well as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at HCR Manor Care in Toledo, Ohio.

Bob Van Dyk is the past chair of both the AHCA Board of Governors and the NCAL Board of Directors, as well as President and CEO of Van Dyk Health Care in Ridgewood, NJ.

AHCA/NCAL gives this award to association members who have worked directly to educate members of Congress about the needs of long term care residents (including assisted living) and post acute care patients, and who advance quality long term care. The award recognizes provider members who possess the same compassion for and commitment to the country's elderly and individuals with disabilities that exemplified the work of former President and CEO of Illinois-based Heritage Enterprises, Joe Warner.

Congratulations, all!



**Kurtz retires  
from NJALC  
Board**

At the April meeting of the New Jersey Assisted Living Council (NJALC), Mary Jo Kurtz, Van Dyk Health Care announced her retirement from the NJALC Board. Ms. Kurtz has served on the NJALC Board since July 2009 and her vision and humor will be sorely missed. The Board unanimously elected Todd Aronson, Van Dyk Park Place to fill the vacancy.

NJALC meetings are held every other month and all member HCANJ assisted living communities are encouraged to attend.