

Regent's Senior Level Health Care Executive Award



William E. Bestor, FACHE

William E. Bestor, FACHE, has been chosen to receive the 2009 ACHE Regent's Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award. Bill is the retired president and chief executive officer of Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls, and he joined the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1988.

He recently retired after serving 32 years with Community Health Care Services (Community Memorial Hospital, Community Memorial Foundation, and Community Outpatient Health Services). Bill initially joined the organization as director of fiscal services, progressed to the vice president role, worked as the executive vice president and CFO, and the past eight and one-half years as president and CEO. Bill was instrumental in supporting the development of quality care and quality of life for members of the communities served by Community Health Care Services. Expansion of the facilities occurred under his leadership and included the creation of the Heart and Vascular Center and the opening of a new Women's Health Center. Partnerships with other organizations enhanced the provision of behavioral health services, ambulatory surgery services, home care and hospice services, and skilled nursing caring. He served as a preceptor for administrative fellows within the Froedtert & Community Health regional health care system. He actively worked with the future health care executive students from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee undergraduate program, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Chapter of ACHE job shadowing program.

Bill provided valuable leadership as a member of the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) Board of Directors, the WHA Financial Solutions Board, and the WHA Information Center Board of Advisors. Additionally, he served several terms on WHA's Council on Finance and Payment.

He has been supportive of the work of ACHE in Wisconsin, actively participating in chapter activities, sharing his knowledge with others, and supporting the Wisconsin Chapter's networking and educational forums.