




# BROADWAY HOUSE FOR CONTINUING CARE

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## NJ DOH Commissioner Accepts Invitation to Visit Broadway House

**(Newark, NJ, March 2018)** New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Shereef Elnahal, MD, visited Broadway House on March 19th after accepting an invitation from President/CEO James Gonzalez, MPH, FACHE, LNHA. Accompanying him was his Chief of Staff Andrea Martinez-Mejia.

Commissioner Elnahal met with Broadway House department directors and Board Member Gary Paul Wright, executive director of the African American Office of Gay Concerns also located in Newark. Mr. Gonzalez provided an overview of Broadway House's mission and history of treating people living with HIV/AIDS. Directors discussed issues faced by the patient population and how Broadway House has developed protocols and expertise in handling the comorbidities of HIV/AIDS: substance abuse, behavioral and mental health issues, opioid addiction as well as Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement projects, supportive housing and social services support that can eventually lead residents to independent lives in the community. The group also discussed the importance of continuous outreach to the community in the form of lectures, hosting events and meetings.

The group toured the historic building (1927 Mutual Benefit Life Building-Newark Landmark & Preservation Commission) that houses the facility as well as the Nursing units. The Commissioner and Ms. Martinez-Mejia also visited with residents in the Activity Room where most residents can be found.

"It's a privilege and an honor to have the Commissioner and his Chief of Staff visit us so soon after being appointed," said Gonzalez. "I know they see the importance and uniqueness of the care we provide and how we depend on Medicaid and Medicare to get this job done. We look forward to working with them during this administration."

