

## **Bridgeport Hospital Vice President Gina Calder among first graduates of Carol Emmott Fellowship for Women Healthcare Leaders**

BRIDGEPORT, CT (Nov. 13, 2017) – Gina L. Calder of New Haven, vice president of Ambulatory Services at Bridgeport Hospital, is one of the inaugural graduates of the Carol Emmott Fellowship for Women Healthcare Leaders. Calder joined other members of the fellowship class at a San Francisco graduation ceremony in October.

“The Fellowship was established to honor the late Carol Emmott who, as an executive recruiter, advocated for talented women executives throughout her career,” said Marna P. Borgstrom, CEO Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS) and Yale New Haven Hospital. “Gina was the perfect inaugural nominee for YNHHS because she is such a talented and personable executive with a great future in healthcare leadership.”

Calder’s fellowship project focused on developing a strategy to use community health workers to expand and enhance YNHHS’ care coordination and navigation resources. The aim of the strategy is to partner with vulnerable patients to improve their health and empower them to live the lives they want to live. To date, Calder has launched a pilot navigation program, developed a philanthropy strategy and engaged a volunteer community health worker organization. The next steps are to launch additional pilots, identify community partners and donors, and build the support and infrastructure needed for a system-wide launch.

“We are proud of Gina for all she has done in her nearly 10 years with Bridgeport Hospital,” said William M. Jennings, hospital president and CEO, and executive vice president of YNHHS. “She has taken on roles of increased scope and responsibility and succeeded at every level.”

In 2008, Calder joined Bridgeport Hospital as an administrative fellow. She served as sustainability manager for the Streamlining for Success process improvement initiative in 2009. That same year, Calder became manager, and in 2011 director of Geriatric Services and Business Development. She served as director and executive director of Geriatric Services and Patient Relations 2012-2014, until her promotion to executive director of Clinical Services in 2014.

Named vice president of Ambulatory Services in 2016, Calder leads the development and ongoing refinement of ambulatory business strategy, which includes 312,000 patient encounters and \$202 million in revenue annually. She has direct operational, strategic and business development responsibility for 13 inpatient and ambulatory areas in partnership with employed, faculty practice and community physicians. She successfully oversaw the planning and occupancy for Park Avenue Medical Center and now has executive oversight of the facility, which opened in spring 2016 as the largest, most comprehensive outpatient campus in YNHHS.

Calder was recognized in 2015 as one of the Connecticut NAACP's 100 Most Influential Blacks in the state and in 2016 received Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Fairfield County Alumnae Chapter's Dorothy I. Height Community Service Award and the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Executives Leadership Award. She earned her MPH and undergraduate psychology degrees from Yale University and is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 78 percent of the entire healthcare workforce is comprised of women; yet women are significantly underrepresented as CEOs across health industries. The Labor Department also reports that while 80 percent of everyday healthcare decisions are made by women, they are severely underrepresented in positions of leadership in the field.

*Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health, is a 383-bed acute care hospital (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital) serving parts of Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital admits more than 20,000 patients and receives nearly 300,000 outpatient treatments annually. The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is the only burn center in the state and one of only 66 verified burn centers in the United States.*

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