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Jeannette DeJesús Joins Connecticut Hospital Association

Wallingford, CT – Consistent with hospitals’ mission to provide leadership to improve the health of their communities, the Connecticut Hospital Association will play a key role in advancing policy and developing strategies to address community health issues in Connecticut. “Hospitals across Connecticut are working to improve the health of their communities, most particularly the health of those residents who still suffer disproportionately from preventable and manageable chronic conditions,” said Jennifer Jackson, Connecticut Hospital Association CEO, in announcing the arrival of Jeannette B. DeJesús as CHA’s new Vice President, Strategic Alliances. “CHA is thrilled that Jeannette DeJesús has joined us to lead our work in engaging communities to address health needs as we confirm a deeper commitment to a statewide effort to improve the quality of health for all Connecticut residents. Jeannette’s outstanding record of achievement and strong passion for improving the health of Connecticut’s communities will be an enormous asset for Connecticut’s hospitals as we coordinate and unify our efforts.”



Ms. DeJesús brings to CHA an extensive background of program management, policy development, advocacy, and building coalitions in communities and with the public and corporate sectors. She has more than 20 years of experience focusing on public health, social justice, education policy, and economic development. Most recently, as President & CEO of the Hispanic Health Council in Hartford, Ms. DeJesús led efforts to improve the health and social well-being of Latinos and other diverse groups through community-based research, direct service, training, and policy advocacy. She was previously Executive Vice President of the Boston-based National Conference for Community and Justice, a premier social justice organization. Other prior experience includes managing a hospital-based rape crisis program at New York City’s St. Vincent’s Hospital and work in education policy research with Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ, and at the Center for Education Policy Analysis at Rutgers University. She earned a master of social work degree from New York University and master of public administration degree from Harvard University.

Ms. DeJesús has served on numerous boards and commissions and has been recognized with various awards, including the Hartford Business Journal's *8 Remarkable Women in Business Award*.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's not-for-profit hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.