



Jeff Walter

President & CEO

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Jeff Walter is president and CEO of Rushford and vice president of Hartford HealthCare, the premiere health care network in Connecticut with 15,000 staff members and \$2 billion in net revenue.

In addition to Rushford, the HHC system includes Hartford Hospital; MidState Medical Center; The Hospital of Central Connecticut; Windham Hospital; The Institute of Living psychiatric center; VNA HealthCare; Clinical Laboratory Partners with more than 80 locations statewide; Hartford Medical Group; MidState Medical Group; Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, which includes five assisted-living and skilled nursing facilities; Eastern Rehabilitation Network; and Natchaug Hospital, which, like Rushford, provides behavioral health services.

Rushford is one of Connecticut's leading providers of addiction and mental health prevention and treatment services. The organization, which has received national recognition, provides services to more than 12,000 children, adolescents, adults and families annually.

Mr. Walter has been with Rushford for more than 30 years and has been integral to the organization's evolving into one of the leading behavioral health care providers in the state. He previously served as director of program development for the Windham Area Community Action Program.

Mr. Walter is a leader in the behavioral health care field, both nationally and within Connecticut. He currently serves as first vice chairman of the board of directors for the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the largest association of behavioral health care providers in the country. Mr. Walter is a prominent voice on the national scene in advocating for progressive public policy and services on behalf of individuals with psychiatric and addictive disorders.

Mr. Walter also serves as co-chairman, with State Representative Christopher Lyddy, of the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, a legislatively-mandated body that oversees state funding for mental health and addiction services, including the Medicaid and Charter Oak health plans. He also serves on Connecticut's Medicaid Care Management Council. He is past president of the Connecticut Community Providers Association, the Connecticut Association of Substance Abuse Agencies and Advanced Behavioral Health Inc.

Mr. Walter is active in numerous civic organizations and, in 2010, received the Paul Harris Award from Rotary International.

Mr. Walter attended the University of Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English, and Antioch University New England Graduate School in Keene, N.H., where he earned a Master of Human Services Administration in organizational development and management.