



Patricia Walden, NHA

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Patricia Walden, NHA, is executive vice president of Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, a component of Hartford HealthCare, a regional, integrated health care network with more than 15,000 staff members in more than 80 Connecticut communities.

In her role, Ms. Walden oversees senior care communities offering skilled nursing services, sub-acute and short-term rehabilitation, out-patient rehabilitation, independent and assisted living, and Alzheimer's assisted living. These communities include Southington Care Center; Jerome Home and Arbor Rose in New Britain; The Orchards at Southington; and Mulberry Gardens of Southington.

Ms. Walden and her leadership team have been instrumental in the development of several senior care initiatives, including Good Life Fitness being in each senior living community; the CT Center for Healthy Aging, a resource and assessment center for seniors; and most recently, the implementation of Planetree, a resident and relationship-centered philosophy of caring.

In 2003, Ms. Walden was appointed to serve on Connecticut Secretary Tommy Thompson's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform. She was one of the founding members of the Breaking the Bonds Committee organized through the Department on Aging in Connecticut as part of a statewide initiative to provide restraint-free nursing home care.

Ms. Walden previously served as an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University in the Health Services Administration Department and at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute in Hartford, teaching health care management and gerontology courses. Ms. Walden has been a member of the American College of Health Care Administrators since 1978 and is on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Association of Not-for-Profit Health Care Facilities.

Ms. Walden earned her administrator's license from the University of Connecticut.