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Yvette Meléndez is vice president of Government and Community Alliances for Hartford HealthCare. Hartford HealthCare is the premiere health care network in Connecticut with 15,000 employees and \$2 billion in net revenue. The HHC system includes Hartford Hospital; The Hospital of Central Connecticut; MidState Medical Center; 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 two regional behavioral health centers, Rushford and Natchaug Hospital.

Ms. Meléndez provides strategic leadership in government affairs at the state and federal levels and oversees Hartford HealthCare's community benefit program and strategic community outreach. Hartford HealthCare plays an important role in improving the health and well being of the community and is committed to strengthening its strategic relationships in local communities where Hartford HealthCare members are located.

Ms. Meléndez has a diverse background in human services, public health and education. She came to Hartford HealthCare with more than 30 years experience in policy development and strategic thinking in the public sector. She served as chief of staff of the Connecticut State University System, representing the system throughout the state and cultivating relationships with higher-education institutions, school districts, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, and elected and appointed officials. She also served as vice chancellor and chief administrative officer for the system and worked for the State Department of Public Health and Addiction Services (now the Department of Public Health), where she served as deputy commissioner for administration with responsibility for regulation of all health professionals, emergency management systems, the state health laboratory, and fiscal and human resources.

Ms. Meléndez serves on the boards of directors of various local, national and international organizations, including The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. She has held governance appointments for the World YWCA, the YWCA of the USA, the Hartford Seminary and the Metro Hartford Alliance and was appointed by the governor to participate on several task forces and commissions, including the Commission on Educational Achievement.

Most recently, she was appointed by the governor to serve on the State Board of Regents for Higher Education and was selected to serve as vice chair.

Ms. Meléndez received a master's degree in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford and a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. She completed studies at Cornell University in industrial and labor relations, as well as the University of Hartford in public administration.