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Stephen W. Larcen, Ph.D., is president and chief executive officer of Natchaug Hospital in Mansfield, interim CEO of Windham Hospital in Willimantic, and vice president of behavioral health for Hartford HealthCare (HHC).

Natchaug Hospital is the primary provider of a regional system of care for children, adolescents and adults with mental illness and substance-abuse problems. The hospital's 57-bed facility in Mansfield Center, Conn., provides inpatient care for more than 650 seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, as well as 1,300 adults in crisis each year. Natchaug also operates Journey House, a residential treatment center for adolescent girls, and after-school and special education school programs in Danielson, Enfield, Groton, Mansfield, Montville, Norwich, Old Saybrook, Putnam and Vernon. Windham Hospital is a 130-bed acute-care hospital serving thousands of people in northeastern Connecticut. Both Natchaug and Windham are members of Hartford HealthCare, which includes 15,000 employees in more than 80 communities throughout the state.

Dr. Larcen has more than 40 years experience in behavioral health and health care management. He has been president and CEO of Natchaug since 1990 and took on the role of vice president of behavioral health for HHC in 1997. Among his previous positions, he served as vice president of operations of Cumberland Health Systems in Nashville, Tenn.; CEO of Northwest Medical Center in Knoxville, Tenn.; and executive director of United Services, a mental health center, in Dayville, Conn. He also worked as an organizational consultant in mergers and affiliations, organizational development, clinical and business operations, and financial management for a wide range of health care facilities and organizations.

Dr. Larcen is a member of the management committee and former president of Behavioral Health Connecticut LLC and is active in the Connecticut Hospital Association. Among his many leadership and community activities, he was appointed by the governor to the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, is a corporator of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and serves on the East Lyme Board of Finance. Dr. Larcen received the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems' 2010 NAPHS Grassroots Leadership Award for his work in elevating the importance of grassroots advocacy within the association and taking direct, personal action to educate members of Congress about issues affecting access, coverage and fair funding for quality mental health services.

Dr. Larcen has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia and a master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Connecticut. He completed an internship in clinical and community psychology at Washington University in St. Louis and an advanced training program in community mental health administration at the Staff College of the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, D.C.