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As commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Dr. Mullen oversees the state's leading public health agency. Appointed to this position by Governor Dannel Malloy in December 2010, Dr. Mullen has combined clinical work, research, teaching and administration throughout a career focused on improving the health of all people, especially the underserved.

Prior to joining the department, Dr. Mullen was director of the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Dr. Mullen previously served as the medical director of Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Her priorities at the Connecticut Department of Public Health include chronic disease and injury prevention, health care quality and safety, health equity, and supporting local efforts to create healthy communities.

In 2012 the CDC appointed Dr. Mullen to its advisory committee on health disparities, a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, appointed her to chair the CDC's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Federal Advisory Committee. She also is the New England regional representative to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Board of Directors and chairs ASTHO's Prevention Policy Committee. In 2013 she was appointed to the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Quality Measures for the Healthy People Leading Health Indicators.

Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Mullen received her Bachelor and Master of Public Health degrees from Yale University where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in psychosocial epidemiology. She graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine where she was elected to AOA, the National Medical Honor Society, after which she completed her residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She also holds a Master in Public Administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

A leader in building effective community-based chronic disease prevention programs, Dr. Mullen is committed to improving individual and population health by strengthening coordination between the public health and health care systems. She recognizes that efforts to improve the health of individuals and communities must be informed by an understanding of the social context which determines their behaviors and their access to resources.