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Since 2011, Dalimar Pérez Flores has occupied the Vice-President of Clinical Affairs position at FHCHS (FHC) of Puerto Rico, Inc. FHC is a specialized organization that manages mental health services dedicated to improving opportunities and helping people to obtain a better quality of life in Puerto Rico. A subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc., one of the most prominent and respected mental health companies in the United States. Before this work experience, Pérez has worked in governmental positions as a Deputy Administrator, the second in command of Puerto Rico's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. She also worked for more than a decade in a nonprofit organization in Rochester, New York. While in Rochester, she oversaw the largest Latino Substance Abuse Outpatient Program in Upstate New York.

Pérez obtained her Doctorate Degree in Clinical Social Work Program at the University Interamericana of Puerto Rico in May 2022. From this University, she graduated with a master's degree in Social Work in 2013. She also obtained a master's degree in Public Administration with a Concentration in the Criminal Justice System in 1995. In 1990, she earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Puerto Rico. Pérez also has completed various certifications, from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing obtained the Mental Health First Aid Instructor Certification in 2011. This positioned her in the first individual from Puerto Rico to obtain the certification to provide training in the U.S. territory. In 2001, she achieved the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor Certification from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Rochester, New York. From 2012 to 2014, Pérez was selected to participate in the Global Leadership Institute Program of the Boston University Center for Psychiatric Hospitalization. Pérez also was chosen to be part of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation national program, Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse from 2000 to 2004. Through this program, she was inspired to achieve a new level of creativity, passion and commitment to the substance abuse and mental health field through an intensive mentoring relationship, project development and educational/leadership development opportunities. She also participated as a fellow of the Hispanic Development Leadership Program of the United Way of Greater Rochester in 1998. Pérez has been called to participate in conferences, radio, and television programs as a speaker and in Governor's Public Policy Committees addressing issues such as Substance Abuse from a Public Health Approach, Returning Veterans, Mental Health

and Substance Abuse Parity, Mental and Behavioral Health Plan Response to Emergencies and Disasters, among others.