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Julie Daly Meehan is Vice President of Investor Engagement & Retention with the MetroHartford Alliance. She works across all Alliance programs and initiatives to engage investors in fully leveraging their investment and participation for a well-rounded and more consistently satisfying experience. She is also focused on exploring and enhancing regional talent attraction and retention efforts, and interfaces with the marketing department on specific social media functions.

A highly valued member of the Alliance, Julie joined the staff in 2007 when she began her tenure as the driving force behind HYPE (Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs), helping young professionals become better engaged in community life, expand professional and social opportunities and become ambassadors for the Hartford Region. From its earliest days, Julie led HYPE's strategic planning and defined its focus, structure and programming, growing the initiative to one of the largest and most successful organizations of its kind in the nation. She continues to provide high-level oversight for HYPE, which has become a critical component of talent attraction and retention in the Greater Hartford Region.

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Julie earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in 2005 and currently serves on the Boards of Directors for both Achieve Hartford! and KNOX, Inc. She and her husband Sean Meehan live in Wethersfield, and are expecting their first child in November.

Julie joined the Alliance team by way of Leadership Greater Hartford (LGH), where she provided direct support to Senior Program Directors on five leadership training programs for two years. She was introduced to LGH through her coursework at the University of Connecticut, where she earned a BS in Human Development and Family Studies in 2005.

Julie sits on the Boards of Directors for both Achieve Hartford! and KNOX, Inc. She is a Corporator for Hartford Hospital and The iQuilt Plan, an Ambassador for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and The Mark Twain House & Museum, and sits on the Board of Overseers for The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts. Julie was recognized in the 2008 class of the Hartford Business Journal's *40 Under Forty*, as one of *Hartford's Finest Young Professionals* by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 2010, as one of Hartford Magazine's *50 Most Influential* in 2012, in the Connecticut Magazine *40 Under 40* Class of 2015, and as a Leadership Greater Hartford Polaris Award winner in 2016. She lives in Wethersfield with her husband Sean and their dog Holly.