

April 12, 2011

Dr. Louise Lemieux-Charles Interim Director Dalla Lana School of Public Health 155 College Street Health Science Building, 6th floor Toronto, ON M5T 3M7

Dear Dr. Lemieux-Charles,

I am pleased to write in support of the plan to establish the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation as an Extra-Departmental Unit A.

The Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing has long enjoyed a close association with the Department of Health Program Management and Evaluation. We have cross appointed faculty, shared programs of research and teaching and mutual interests in initiatives such as the ICES on Campus and the combined MN/MHSc program.

HPME has been extremely effective in building a strong reputation in evidence-based policy, generating new knowledge on health system effectiveness and providing leadership training for a multiprofessional group of students with careers in service delivery and health policy.

HPME has created a stable and highly productive research and teaching environment and its faculty have established a strong network across a variety of disciplines and professions. Its evolution into an Institute will allow it to take advantage of new opportunities for partnerships and collaboration, promote itself in an entrepreneurial and responsive way to the service sector and policy makers, and at the same time maintain its identity and brand.

The Faculty of Nursing sees the evolution of HPME into an Institute (EDU:A) as a move which will support the further development of collaborations and partnerships with internal and external stakeholders, while enabling closer strategic and administrative alignment with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. This is clearly a positive and timely move.

Following consultation with faculty who are cross appointed or collaborate closely with HPME, I am pleased to report strong support for the initiative from the Faculty of Nursing.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 19, 2011

Louise Lemieux-Charles PhD Professor and Chair Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation Health Sciences Bldg. 155 College St., 4th floor Toronto, ON M5T 3M6

Dear Louise:

This letter is written on behalf of the Council of Health Sciences Deans in support of the plan to establish the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation as an Extra-Departmental Unit A.

HPME has enjoyed a close working relationship with members of the Council through its collaborative teaching and research programs. Examples include the joint Master's program in Health Administration, Nursing and Social Work, research collaborations with Pharmacy through the Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment Network and with Nursing through the Nursing Health Human Resource Research Unit. Many faculty members have appointments in HPME and are engaged in their teaching programs. We view this proposal as a move which will support the development of further collaborations and partnerships in the University of Toronto and allow HPME to rapidly respond to a changing environment and take advantage of new opportunities. The proposed strategic alignment with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health will strengthen the population health and health services foci of the University of Toronto.

Following our meeting with you, we endorse HPME's proposal to become an EDU-A.

Sincerely,

Henry Mann

Henry J. Mann, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, FASHP Chair, Council of Health Sciences