

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
May 20, 2010

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Department Name Change in the School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan-Flint

CURRENT NAME: Department of Health Sciences and Administration

RECOMMENDED NAME: Department of Public Health and Health Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2010

The dean and the Management Team of the School of Health Professions and Studies of the University of Michigan-Flint request approval to change the name of the Department of Health Sciences and Administration to the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2010.

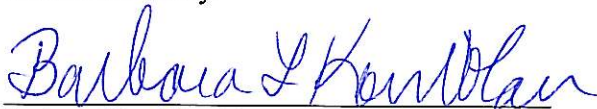
The rationale for the request is three-fold. The current name does include administration but excludes health education of which the department has Bachelor of Science and Master's of Science degrees, encompassing five undergraduate and two graduate programs. A name that had public health in the title would capture both our health administration and our health education components and make it comparable to other universities.

Public health would convey the nature of our current programs having a minor in public health science. Because our current name does not convey what programs we offer, they are not known outside our department or outside the university.

Having a current department name that reflects what programs that we really offer would provide the department and School more visibility within the community, increase our marketability, and highlight the expertise that we have among our faculty.

We respectfully request that the Regents endorse this request to change the name of the Department of Health Sciences and Administration to Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2010.

Recommended by:



Barbara Kornblau, Dean
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Recommendation endorsed by:



Vahid Lotfi, Interim Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Ruth J. Person, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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