THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

INFORMATION ITEM

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Subject: Modification to the Organization of the Depression Center

In November 2001, the Board of Regents approved the establishment of the University of Michigan Depression Center. The current executive director of the Depression Center, Dr. John Greden, was also the chair of the Department of Psychiatry at that time, and therefore a reporting line to the dean of the Medical School was most appropriate. This communication provides further clarification of the Department of Psychiatry's responsibility for oversight of the administration of the Depression Center including its physical space and operations, as well as the reporting line for the executive director to the chair of the Department of Psychiatry.

A senior Department of Psychiatry faculty member with expertise in depression will serve as executive director of the Depression Center. The executive director will be appointed by the dean of the Medical School in consultation with the chair of the Department of Psychiatry and will report to the chair of Psychiatry. Annually, the executive director will provide a report to the dean of the Medical School and the chair of the Department of Psychiatry. The executive director will also distribute copies of the report to the deans and directors of University of Michigan schools, colleges, centers and institutes with which the Depression Center collaborates.

The Depression Center is administered through the Department of Psychiatry and is primarily housed in the Rachel Upjohn Building. The Department of Psychiatry is responsible for the clinical, research and educational space within the Rachel Upjohn Building consistent with sponsored funding and donor intentions. The chair of Psychiatry, in consultation with the executive director, will make the space assignments to the Depression Center.

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