

January 20, 2006

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Thomas Carli, M.D.**, clinical associate professor of psychiatry and assistant dean for clinical affairs in the Medical School. Dr. Carli died on December 9, 2005, at the age of 59.

Driven to improve the care of patients with chronic illnesses and to integrate care for mental illnesses with that for physical illness, Dr. Carli devoted his career to transforming the delivery of health care. He worked tirelessly to initiate and sustain efforts that served patients within the University Health System, Washtenaw County, and the State of Michigan.

Dr. Carli received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Wayne State University in 1968 and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1972. After completing his internship, he spent a year of psychiatry residency at the University of British Columbia before returning to the University of Michigan, where he rose to chief resident. From 1977-81, he worked in emergency and outpatient psychiatry and then entered private practice. In 1985 he was recruited to the faculty, where he served as an instructor and director of several outpatient psychiatry programs. He was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1990 and clinical associate professor in 1997.

From 1995-2001, Dr. Carli served as director of one of the nation's first academic managed behavioral health care organizations, the Michigan Center for Diagnosis and Referral. In 1998, he became the founding medical director of the Washtenaw Community Health Organization, an innovative joint program of the University Health System and Washtenaw County that provides for the medical and mental health needs of the county's mentally ill and underinsured residents. Recently, he was made medical director of the Washtenaw Health Plan, which serves the county's uninsured residents. Dr. Carli was a past president of the Michigan Psychiatric Society and in 2003 he was appointed by Governor Granholm to the Michigan Mental Health Commission.

Dr. Carli was founding medical director of the UMHS Medical Management Center, which re-shaped the way patients with chronic illnesses are cared for, and he co-developed and served as founding medical director for Partnership Health, a joint program with Ford Motor Company focused on chronic illnesses. He also was medical director for behavioral health at M-CARE and director of workplace and university programs for the U-M Depression Center.

As we mourn this untimely loss, our condolences go to his wife, Laura Nitzberg; his daughter, Anna; his sons, Tatha and Nikos; and his daughter-in-law, Kimberly (Stec) Carli.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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