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Subject: On Behalf of Dean Page ~ UVM Health Network Medical Education Leadership Announcement

Dear Larner Community,

I am pleased to share the announcement below from Dr. John Brumsted, President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN), that Christa Zehle, M.D., our Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, has been appointed Director of Medical Education for UVMHN. Dean Zehle will hold this new position in addition to her current roles.

This new position is part of our Strategic Plan, Vision 2025, helping to maximize LCOM collaboration and partnership with the UVM Health Network; as such we will expand our important mission of education throughout sites in Vermont and New York.

Please join me in congratulating Dean Zehle on this new role.

Sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues,

Our direct connection with the University of Vermont and our academic missions of research and education are critical to our success as an integrated regional health care delivery system.

We had long contemplated expanding research opportunities to the Network with the goal of bringing the latest in innovation and clinical trials to our patients and their families, as well as providing research opportunities for every affiliate organization and every member of the Medical Group. As you may recall, working with Dean Richard Page and Dr. Claude Deschamps, we created the position of UVM Health Network Director of Research in June 2019. By definition, this role is held by the Senior Associate Dean of the UVM Larner College of Medicine; as Director, at 10% effort, this individual reports directly to me as the CEO of the Network. Dr. Gordon Jensen, MD, Ph.D., is the initial incumbent for this important role.

In parallel with this structure for research, we have intended to develop a unified structure for education in the Network in collaboration with the Larner College of Medicine. I am happy to announce that we have developed the role of Director of Medical Education for the Network, a position that by definition will be held by the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education at the Larner College of Medicine, Dr. Christa Zehle, and also will be 10% effort. This role will harness educational opportunities across all Network affiliates and facilitate access to these programs by our learners.

Dean Zehle first served as Associate Dean for Students and in January 2019 was named interim Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education; she was selected in January 2020, after a national search, to take this position permanently. Dean Zehle, a pediatric hospitalist, already works closely with clinical and education leaders in our Network and participates in the Network Leadership Council. In the coming months, she will collaborate with education stakeholders to develop a Network Education Committee. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Zehle.

Best,

John R. Brumsted, M.D.