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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce that Jason R. Sanders, MD, MBA, has been appointed to fill three critical executive leadership positions – President and CEO of The University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group; Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs for UVM Health Network; and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine. Dr. Sanders is an accomplished, consensus-building leader who was selected after a national search, and he will play a key role in moving our academic health system forward.

Dr. Sanders will begin work here in February, taking over roles formerly held by Claude Deschamps, MD, who stepped down at the end of September. We are grateful to Robert Pierattini, MD, for ably filling these positions on an interim basis.

Dr. Sanders will bring a wide range of clinical, academic and administrative experience to his new roles. To call out a few highlights: He currently serves as Senior Vice President and Provost at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, where he oversees seven colleges as well as clinical, research and educational programs statewide. He has responsibility for the OU Physicians group, which includes more than 800 physicians and 1,300 total providers. Dr. Sanders has a deep understanding of the value of an academic, integrated health system: He played a leading role in forming the nonprofit hospital system OU Medicine, and in subsequently unifying that entity with OU Physicians this year to form OU Health, where he is co-chair of the board. Under his leadership, the Oklahoma City-based Stephenson Cancer Center achieved National Cancer Institute designation. In addition to his administrative work, he has continued to work part-time as a primary care provider and as an assistant professor of internal medicine, while also nurturing community and philanthropic partnerships.

While Dr. Sanders has spent the bulk of his career in Oklahoma, he has New England connections through his training: He earned his medical degree and a master's in business administration from Harvard, and was an intern and resident at Massachusetts General Hospital.

We believe Dr. Sanders is the right leader at the right time for advancing our clinical, research and educational missions; for continuing to integrate our academic health system; for furthering our transition to value-based care; and for ensuring we can meet our patients' and communities' needs in a high-quality, sustainable way, now and into the future. We are grateful to everyone who was involved in the interview and selection process, and we are excited to work alongside Dr. Sanders in the New Year. We hope you'll join us in welcoming him to the Network, the Medical Group and Larner College of Medicine.

Sincerely,

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