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Subject: On Behalf of Dean Page and Dr. Sanders ~ Appointment of Chair of Psychiatry
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Dear Larner Community,

We are delighted to announce that Robert Althoff, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Health Care Service Leader for Psychiatry, effective August 1, 2022. Dr. Althoff has served as Interim Chair of the department since October 1, 2021, succeeding Dr. Robert Pierattini.

We wish to thank all the members of the search committee, chaired skillfully by Dr. Pamela Gibson and Dr. Gregory Holmes, for conducting a national search that saw four outstanding finalists invited to our campus for interviews and town halls. After this extensive search process, it became clear that Dr. Althoff is the leader to advance this important department across all missions.

Dr. Althoff received his M.D. from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He did an internship and residency in pediatrics/child neurology at Washington University St. Louis/St Louis Children's Hospital, and a residency in Psychiatry at the University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen Health Care, followed by a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Massachusetts General and McLean Hospitals.

Dr. Althoff has been a member of the UVM faculty and UVMHN Medical Group since 2006, and since 2017 has served as Medical Director for Psychiatry at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (CVPH), and Division Chief, Adirondack Division, in the Department of Psychiatry. In addition to his work at CVPH, he has been involved in clinical care across the UVM Health Network, working clinically at the UVM Medical Center and Central Vermont Medical Center, and collaborating with Alice Hyde Medical Center, Porter Medical Center, and Elizabethtown Community Hospital. From 2014 to 2017 he was Executive Vice President of UVM's Research Center for Children, Youth and Families.

A national leader in child and adolescent psychiatry, Dr. Althoff has a research focus in child emotion regulation. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. He teaches undergraduate, graduate, and medical students along with residents and fellows, and mentors Ph.D. students in his laboratory, and has twice received awards for Excellence in Academic Teaching within the Psychiatry Residency at UVM.

With the crisis of mental and behavioral health in our communities, never have the challenges of delivering psychiatric care been so great, or the need for partnerships and innovations more important. We are confident in Dr. Althoff's experience and talents to lead our teams to meet those challenges. Please join us in providing your support and wishing him all the best.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Page, M.D.

Dean

Jason Sanders, M.D., M.B.A.

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