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Dear Larner Community,

It is with great pleasure that I am announcing the appointment of J. Kathleen (Kate) Tracy, Ph.D., as Senior Associate Dean for Research at the Larner College of Medicine. Dr. Tracy will also serve as Professor of Medicine at our College and Director of Research at the UVM Health Network. She will begin in February.

Dr. Tracy comes to Vermont from the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMB-SOM), where she is a Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Vice Chair for Research Services, Epidemiology and Public Health and Head of the Division of Preventive Medicine. She has been a member of the UMB-SOM faculty since 2004, with secondary appointments in the UMB-SOM Department of Medicine and Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Public Health at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Since 2010, Dr. Tracy has been Director of the UMB-SOM Clinical and Translational Research Informatics Center. From 2017 to 2020, she was the inaugural Director of the Richard and Jane Sherman Center for Health Care Innovation, a UMB center formed to foster cross-campus research and education collaborations related to health care innovations. Since 2020, she has also been Special Advisor to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs of the University System of Maryland (USM), and in this position has been responsible for providing broad oversight, expertise and leadership to USM campuses' and regional centers' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Tracy holds a doctorate in clinical and health psychology from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

A scientist with deep expertise in women's health, with a concentration on cervical cancer prevention in underserved populations, and informatics methods to support multi-disciplinary team science, Dr. Tracy has published nearly 100 peer-reviewed articles in a variety of fields. Engaged in numerous interdisciplinary collaborations, she has been principal or co-principal investigator or sub-team lead on research studies totaling nearly \$100 million in funding from such organizations as the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Tracy brings extensive experience in science and leadership that will complement our existing strengths and will provide for growth of our research impact. We especially look forward to expansion of clinical investigation in the UVM Health Network in her role as Director of Research for the Network.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Tracy, and thanking her predecessor, Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D., who retired in July, and Richard Galbraith, M.D., Ph.D., who has served on an interim basis since Dr. Jensen's retirement. I would also like to thank all the members of the search committee for this important position for their work, which was led so ably by Co-Chairs Jan Carney, M.D., M.P.H., and

Mark Nelson, Ph.D.

Sincerely,

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