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Dear Larner and UVM Health Network Communities,

We are writing to you today to announce that Laura W. McCray, M.D., M.C.S.E., will become Acting Chair and then Interim Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, beginning May 15, 2023. She will overlap with Department Chair Dr. Thomas C. Peterson, until June 15, 2023, and continue as Acting Chair until she becomes Interim Chair at the time of Dr. Peterson's official retirement on July 31, 2023.

Dr. McCray is a family physician in the Department of Family Medicine at the UVM Health Network and professor in the Clinical Scholar Pathway at the Larner College of Medicine. Her clinical practice is located at the UVM Medical Center's South Burlington clinic. She completed her medical training at Jefferson Medical College, and her residency in family medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She then completed a research and faculty development fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, where she obtained a Master of Science in clinical epidemiology. She served as the residency program director for the UVM Medical Center family medicine residency from 2013 to 2021 and has served in the role of vice chair for academics in the Department of Family Medicine since 2021. She completed fellowships in the National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPPD) through the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors and the Association of Departments of Family Medicine (ADFM) Leadership Education for Academic Development (LEADS). Her areas of research focus include burnout and wellness in medicine, and mental health in primary care.

Please join us in congratulating and supporting Dr. McCray in her new role and thank her for her service to our College and healthcare delivery system. We are privileged to have such a talented and consummate leader to take over the reins at the Department of Family Medicine, and its wide range of faculty, learners, providers, and staff.

We are most grateful for Dr. Peterson's outstanding service and leadership of the Department and our College.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Page, M.D.  
Dean

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President & Chief Executive Officer, The University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group  
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