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Subject: ON BEHALF OF DEAN PAGE - Leadership Transition in Psychiatry

Dear Larner Community,

Earlier today, Dr. John Brumsted, President and CEO of The University of Vermont Health Network, and I announced that Dr. Robert Pierattini will be stepping down as Chair and Health Care Service Leader of the Department of Psychiatry to serve as interim leader in three important roles that span our institutions: President and CEO of the University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group; Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs for the University of Vermont Health Network; and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at our College. (See attached message.) Dr. Claude Deschamps has previously announced that he will step down from these three posts as of September 30, 2021.

Dr. Pierattini is one of our longest serving Chairs, having led his Department first as interim Chair beginning in 2001, before being named Chair in January of 2005. I am deeply appreciative of his past service to our institution and look forward to working even closer with him in his new interim roles.

Dr. Pierattini will step away from his duties as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry effective September 1, 2021 in order to focus on his new interim roles. Dr. Deschamps and I will work with members of the Department and other stakeholders as we solicit recommendations for candidates to serve as interim Chair and prepare for a national search for a permanent Chair and Healthcare Service Leader for the Department of Psychiatry.

Sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that Robert Pierattini, MD, has agreed to serve as an interim leader in three key roles: 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. As a longtime clinician, leader and educator within our organizations, Dr. Pierattini will provide steady guidance while we search for a permanent replacement for Claude Deschamps, MD, who is stepping down from these roles on Sept. 30. Dr. Pierattini will start his interim work on Sept. 1 in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Dr. Pierattini currently serves as Chair and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, for the Network Medical Group and the College of Medicine. He also chairs the Faculty Practice Council. As one of our longest-tenured department chairs, his expertise in mental health has been and will continue to be invaluable as psychiatric care issues are an ongoing concern for our region. Dr. Pierattini also is a trusted colleague and leader who will serve our organizations well in all facets after Dr. Deschamps' departure.

In taking this new role, Dr. Pierattini will step down as Chair and Health Care Service Leader for Psychiatry. We will be working with the Department of Psychiatry and other leaders to develop a plan for interim and long-term leadership there. Likewise, we'll be making plans for new Faculty Practice Council leadership between now and when Dr. Pierattini takes on his interim roles with the Network and the College of Medicine.

We continue to conduct a national search for Dr. Deschamps' replacement. In the meantime, we are grateful that a talented and respected colleague like Dr. Pierattini is willing to step up and help lead our organizations.

Sincerely,

John R. Brumsted, MD

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