

## **Center for Health Services Management and Research**

### **Proposed Name Change**

The Center for Health Services Management and Research was established in 1998 by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, as a campus-wide multidisciplinary research center reporting to the Chancellor of the Medical Center. The Center was established to address important issues in health services organization, financing, accessibility, cost, quality, appropriateness, and outcomes with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of individuals and populations. In addition to its health research responsibilities, the Center was also charged with outreach responsibilities to train health professionals for work in managed care and other new health services environments.

In 2004 the Board of Trustees approved the creation of the College of Public Health. As a consequence, the newly created Department of Health Service Management within the College of Public Health assumed some of the health management training responsibilities of the Center. Research activities/efforts related to health services/outcomes remained in all colleges of the academic medical center, and in several other academic units on campus, and the need remained for a trans-college multidisciplinary research center reporting to the Provost. However, the catalyzing function of the Center waned.

The renewed focus nationally on health services/systems research created by the Affordable Care Act, has resulted in substantial funding opportunities in this area for UK faculty, and has increased the need for an active multidisciplinary research center to catalyze campus research in these areas. It is a propitious time to reinvigorate the intellectual life and scientific output of the Center.

The Center will maintain its focus on creating, testing and scaling next generation solutions for health care delivery to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare delivered within the UK Healthcare system and overall population health. The goal of the Center will be to accelerate the discovery of new knowledge concerning clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of health care delivery innovations, particularly for rural and limited-resource settings.

The Center will maintain productive relationships with federal and nonfederal extramural funding agencies that position the Center's campus-wide multidisciplinary team of investigators to compete successfully for research funding, particularly in the growing fields of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER). The Center will collaborate with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, particularly with the community outreach and biomedical informatics cores, to take advantage of the synergistic goals and infrastructure needs of HSR and translational science.

This request is for an administrative update to the Center's name. The revised title of the unit is the *Center for Health Services Research*. The Center shall continue to report to the Provost.

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Office of the President

May 5, 1998

Members, Board of Trustees:

## NEW MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Health Services Management and Research.

Background: The concept of the University of Kentucky Center for Health Services Management and Research was developed in 1997 to address important issues in health services organization, financing, accessibility, cost, quality, appropriateness, and outcomes, with the ultimate goal of improving the health status of individuals and populations. In its roles as consultant and continuing education provider, the Center will provide information about health policy issues, perform health research and train health professionals for working in managed care and other new health services environments.

The Center will strengthen the health services activities of faculty in the five colleges of the UK Chandler Medical Center. In particular, the Center will work to build and improve the research infrastructure, support faculty research programs, develop faculty and student competencies, and encourage interdisciplinary research and consultation. Externally, the Center will create and sustain partnerships with public and private entities for education, research, and service.

The Center Director will report to the Chancellor of the Medical Center. Faculty associates will be appointed whose work in research, teaching and service are in concert with the mission of the Center. Grant funding for research, continuing education and service projects is expected from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services, federal health and health services research agencies, private foundations, health service organizations, and health professions associations.

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Action taken:



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