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December 10, 2003

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Dear Dr. Watt:

As the Interim Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health in the College of Medicine, I am pleased to make the following report.

In a regularly-scheduled meeting today, the faculty of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health in the College of Medicine voted unanimously to request that the Department be moved to School/College of Public Health from the College of Medicine. There were no dissenting votes, no resistance to the move, and no hesitancy on the part of individual faculty members or the faculty as a unit to this transition.

As Interim Chair, I heartily endorse this unanimous decision of the faculty. I believe that they will benefit substantially as individual clinician scientists and researchers from this move, and that the faculty in the School/College of Public Health will benefit greatly from having as colleagues the faculty members from the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. Furthermore, the staff members in the Department and the one full-time resident in the Department have also endorsed this move.

I have attached letters from faculty, staff, and the resident in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health endorsing the movement of the Department to the School/College of Public Health.

Please note that we have strictly followed the guidelines in the Administrative Regulations regarding changing the status of an academic unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard R. Clayton".

Richard R. Clayton, PhD  
Interim Chair

c Thomas Samuel, JD  
Emery Wilson, MD



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Dear Dr. Watt:

I am now in my second term as Interim Chair of Preventive Medicine, having previously served in this capacity from July 2001 through June of 2002. During these assignments I have had an opportunity to get to know quite well the faculty members in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health and have great respect and appreciation for the work they do, much of which goes unrecognized and is largely unknown within the university. These folks work hard and are doing a fantastic job for the university and its many patients. In the case of the Department of Preventive Medicine, many of those patients are organizations and companies whose employees benefit substantially from the very professional way that the clinicians in the department deliver medicine. The researchers in the Department have been hugely successful in securing extramural funding for their work, much of which is public-health oriented and has practical implications for improving the health, safety, and well-being of citizens of the Commonwealth.

In my two terms as Interim Chair, I can attest to the resiliency and commitment of the faculty and staff in this Department to the overall goals and missions of the university. For much of the past several years the faculty and staff have existed in a state of uncertainty and ambiguity with regard to their status as individual members of the university community and as an academic unit. They have been willing to move beyond their own interests and to keep their eyes on the larger prize, the role of the university in the commonwealth.

I am therefore pleased, as the Interim Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, to offer my strongest support for the movement of the Department to a new College of Public Health from the College of Medicine, and to add my endorsement of the unanimous vote of the Department for this transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard R. Clayton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard R. Clayton, PhD  
Interim Chair  
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December 4, 2003

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Dear Dr. Clayton:

This is a letter of support for the involvement of the Department of Preventive Medicine in the University of Kentucky School of Public Health. An accredited School of Public Health is desperately needed to address the acute and chronic health problems of Kentuckians. The partnership would be mutually beneficial. The Department of Preventive Medicine has expertise that could be an asset to the School of Public Health, especially for a Preventive Medicine residency program and the formal existence of an accredited School of Public Health could benefit the Preventive Medicine personnel by increasing the eligibility, for instance, to apply for certain grants. The Department of Preventive Medicine has received the assurances from KMSF regarding essential items such as malpractice so hopefully the transition will occur in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Allweiss MD".

Pamela Allweiss MD, MSPH  
Assistant Professor



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Dear Dr. Clayton:

I strongly support moving the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health faculty and staff to the new College of Public Health from the College of Medicine as outlined in your November 12, 2003 memorandum to Tom Samuel and David Watt.

As you know I have held a joint appointment as Professor in Preventive Medicine since 1990. During that time (and previously) I have written many research proposals that were funded and directed many occupational injury prevention intervention studies.

I plan to retire as of June 30, 2004. Prior to that time I will apply for a post-retirement appointment in order to continue occupational injury prevention projects that I have underway as well as to develop and submit new research projects and proposals through the Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention and the College of Public Health.

The Department of Preventive Medicine has a long tradition of excellent public health research, service, and instruction. Its faculty and staff can make significant contributions to the new College of Public Health.

If ever a state needed a college of public health it is Kentucky. As Mike Neitzel stated recently forming such a college is the "right thing to do." Under the organization of the college many groups from diverse departments and disciplines who have previously collaborated on a variety of important public health activities will be able to do so more effectively. In addition, others who expertise is needed for this mission will also become more effectively involved in population-based health promotion and the primary prevention of illness and injury.

Sincerely,

Henry P. Cole, Ed.D.

Professor, Educational and Counseling Psychology  
Professor, Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (Joint Appointment)



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December 5, 2003

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Dear Dr. Clayton:

Over the last several years, we at the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health have had the opportunity to take a close look at the implications of the transition of our department to the proposed College of Public Health. Our residual issues and concerns were conveyed to the Acting Director of the School of Public Health and the Vice Provost in a memorandum dated November 12, 2003. Since some of our issues/concerns can only be assured at the level of the Vice Provost we have requested Dr. David Watt's written assurances in response to our memo. As of today, I have not heard of Dr. Watt's response to our memo.

In anticipation of a favorable response by Dr. Watt, I give my support to the transition of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to the College of Public Health. I look forward to being a faculty of the College of Public Health.

I very much appreciate all the work that you, Dr. Samuel, Dr. Scutchfield, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Watt have done to assist the faculty of the Department in getting clarification and resolution of our concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Curd, MD, MSPH  
Assistant Professor



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December 4, 2003

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Dear Dr. Clayton,

This letter is to show my support for the transfer of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health into the College of Public Health. As you are aware, many concerns have been voiced regarding this transition, but the latest transition document appears to cover faculty issues related to the move. I think the past success of the department and its multidisciplinary focus will continue and be supported in the College of Public Health.

Thank you for your efforts related to a successful transition.

Sincerely,

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Deborah D. Danner, Ph.D.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Richard Clayton, PhD  
Interim Chair  
Dept. of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health  
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**FROM:** Robert H. McKnight, MPH, ScD *Robert McKnight*  
Associate Professor, (Regular Title Series)  
Dept. of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health  
College of Medicine

**SUBJECT:** Support for move to College of Public Health

**DATE:** December 4, 2003

I am pleased to provide my support for the transfer of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health *from* the College of Medicine *to* the proposed College of Public Health.

As a tenured faculty member in this Department, I strongly support the establishment of a free-standing College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. The creation of a College of Public Health is in the best interests of the University of Kentucky and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Likewise, my academic and professional interests are well-suited for a College of Public Health, since my MPH and Sc.D were awarded by a College of Public Health.

Over the past five years, I have been involved in numerous discussions related to the development of the College of Public Health; I have served on several committees, participated in strategic planning, and faculty recruitment.

I commend you, Dr. Tom Samuel and Dr. David Watt for addressing the concerns raised by faculty of this Department concerning the move to the College of Public Health.

Hopefully the Department can move forward to become a part of the College of Public Health. I welcome an opportunity to work more closely with my Public Health colleagues in this new college.

In summary, I support the move of the Department of Preventive Medicine (including moving my faculty line) from the College of Medicine to the College of Public Health.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Samuel, J.D.  
Interim Director  
School of Public Health

FROM: Robert H. McKnight, MPH, ScD *RMC*  
Associate Professor  
Department of Preventive Medicine

DATE: December 11, 2003

SUBJECT: Support for Move to College Status

I am extremely supportive of efforts to upgrade the *School* of Public Health to a *College* of Public Health.

For the past 14 years, I have taught public health students in the Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) program offered in the Department of Preventive Medicine. The MSPH program was never accredited, and never had adequate resources to seek accreditation. With the development of the School of Public Health in 1999, the curriculum was modified to include an MPH degree, as well as a DrPH program. Accreditation of the DrPH program is contingent on the upgrade to College status.

Movement to a College of Public Health will enable the University to assemble a dedicated and resourceful group of faculty who can concentrate on the dire public health needs of Kentucky. Many of the health issues facing Kentuckians cannot be solved by relying solely on patient-centered professions such as Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry. Rather, a College of Public Health will provide a new structure to focus on population-based health problems, rather than an individual patient by patient approach.

We have an excellent foundation at UK to move forward toward a College of Public Health. I encourage decision makers reviewing these documents to support the creation of the *College* of Public Health.





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December 2, 2003

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Dear Dr. Clayton:

It is my pleasure to write an updated letter of support for the development of a College of Public Health (CPH) and our department's transfer to the new college. While the department has had a successful history in the College of Medicine (COM), particularly given its small size, at this point in time I feel that it is beneficial for all parties for us to move to the CPH. The CPH gains a core faculty group, as well as lab space and equipment, to effectively establish the environmental health department required for accreditation. Including the occupational medicine and industrial hygiene emphasis in the CPH also places it in a good position to collaborate, without as much problem with perceived competition, with other academic environmental programs, both here and at Eastern Kentucky University in particular.

The department gains the opportunity to broaden our efforts on prevention and population-based health issues, with recognition of our relatively different approach to many health problems, compared to the important focus on individual diagnosis and treatment emphasized by the other clinical departments in the medical center. We also gain access to more students, hopefully providing them with insight into clinical issues and helping them interact more effectively during their public health careers.

The faculty will have joint appointments in, and continue their clinical service through, the College of Medicine and KMSF. Thus, the COM is not so much losing a department as it is gaining better access to the resources of the CPH. I predict that the faculty will be an important bridge between the two colleges, and not just in the area of environmental health. We have already had the opportunity to connect faculty from both colleges with efforts underway in the other college that has enhanced their own research and/or service. I think this arrangement is a good example of the "breaking down the silos" approach the university is emphasizing.

I would be happy for you to refer to me any faculty who has questions about the department's transfer and its role in the CPH/COM. I remain enthusiastic about our prospects for improving the health of those in Kentucky and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Associate Professor

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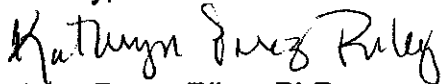
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December 4, 2003

Dr. Clayton:

I am writing to express my support for the transition of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health into the School/College of Public Health. I also want to express my support for the requests made and issues raised in the letter dated November 12, 2003, sent by the members of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to Thomas Samuel, JD, Acting Director of the School of Public Health and David Watt, PhD, Vice Provost. A great deal of thought and effort has been expended in the Department's work on the transition into the School/College of Public Health, and I trust that the move will be beneficial to all parties.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Perez Riley, PhD  
Associate Professor (part-time)  
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Dear Dr. Clayton,

This letter is to register my support for the transfer of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, currently in the College of Medicine, to the College of Public Health. Over the past several years, a variety of concerns have been voiced by the department regarding such a transfer. In recent months, these issues have been earnestly addressed and, as such, the time has come to move forward. I look forward to enjoying the new collegial atmosphere in the College of Public Health and the opportunities it presents both personally and for our department.

Sincerely,

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Susan E. Spengler, MD, MSPH



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Dear Dr. <sup>Dick</sup>Clayton,

Thank you for the leadership you have provided to the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health during 2003. As a tenured faculty member of the Department, I am writing to document my support for a transition into the College of Public Health as it is established in 2004. With your efforts with Dr. David Watt and Tom Samuel to ensure that Department faculty members will maintain their existing KMSF benefits following the transition, I have no remaining concerns.

The College of Public Health should be a healthy environment for our Department and I have no doubt that we will continue to work closely with College of Medicine faculty in the research arena. Therefore, I enthusiastically support this transition.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Wyatt, DMD, MPH  
Associate Professor, with Tenure,  
Department of Preventive Medicine  
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Dear Dr. Watt:

The staff of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, including staff with the Southeast Agricultural Injury Prevention Center, have been informed and consulted regarding the proposal to create a College of Public Health. We express our full support for the creation of a College of Public Health and the subsequent administrative move of the Department and Center from the College of Medicine.

College status is the next logical step to obtain accreditation for the Public Health degree programs that will serve as the training and research tools to assist in solving the public health issues in the Commonwealth and contribute to the strategic goal of making the University of Kentucky a top twenty institution and a nationally recognized university.

Sincerely,

Lynda Charles

Jessica Harris

Mark Hayden

Marsha Jouett

James Kelley

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Dear Dr. Clayton;

This is a letter of support for the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to move from the College of Medicine to the School of Public Health.

I have been with the Department for 13 years and I have seen a lot of changes during this time. Some of the changes have been good while others have not been as beneficial. This is a good opportunity to get involved in other types of ventures and be able to grow as a group.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Early".

Karen L. Early  
Industrial Hygienist