THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan Health System (UMHS)
Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO)
Re-appointments to the WCHO Board of Directors

Action Requested: Approval

Background:

In 2000, the University of Michigan Board of Regents and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners jointly created the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO) under the Urban Cooperation Act as a means to promote and achieve better coordination/integration of specialty mental health services/supports with general medical care for individuals with serious mental illness, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, primary addiction disorders and/or developmental disabilities. Each entity is responsible for appointing six members to the WCHO Board of Directors.

The WCHO, in association with its clinical partner, Community Support and Treatment (CSTS), retained its legacy mission, commitment and legal responsibility for persons within Washtenaw County with serious mental illness, co-occurring conditions, developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorders. The WCHO’s organizational connection with the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) provides WCHO/CSTS opportunities to establish primary care linkages for consumers, to coordinate physical/mental health care provisions, to engage in collaborative medical management arrangements, and to develop electronic health information exchange capabilities.

The WCHO strives to contribute to all of the Health System’s goals and objectives and to be a resource for education and research to all schools within the University. The WCHO is a clinical placement site for third year psychiatric residents. The third year medical student rotation continues to receive the highest rating of all of the psychiatry rotations. Family practice residents rotate through an integrated healthcare site and child psychiatry fellows are placed in integrated healthcare sites and at the public community mental health center. Students from the Schools of Social Work and Nursing also receive field training at the mental health center. Additionally, the WCHO partners extensively with researchers from across the University of Michigan campus, serving as the clinical site for a number of clinical practices and outcomes.

Proposed re-appointment to WCHO for the Term: April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2014:

Mrs. Martha Bloom has been a member of the WCHO for the past two years representing the University of Michigan. During this time she served on the Finance Committee and has participated fully in discussions and actions of the Board. Ms. Bloom is a strong advocate for housing and services for individuals with disabilities. In 1990, she co-founded the Ann Arbor site of the Local Initiatives Support Organization, an organization that pools national funding with matching local funds to support the development of affordable housing in Washtenaw County. She has been a member of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation since 1997, and now serves as its Vice-President. As a member of the Foundation, she has been involved in initiatives such as the Blueprint to End Homelessness (Co-Chair of the Integrated Funding workgroup) and the Community collaborative of Washtenaw County (Co-Chair of the Funders Forum). She also served on the Continuum of Care Board, comprised of County Department heads, local funders, local non-profits serving the homeless, non-profit housing developers and consumers. This Board reviews local applications to HUD for homelessness prevention funds. She served as its Chair for two years. For the past three years, Ms. Bloom has worked with other parents of developmentally disabled children to create a new supported housing option, Intentional Communities of Washtenaw (ICW). The mission of ICW is to promote housing communities of choice for developmentally disabled adults, in order to reduce isolation and develop skills for independence in a community setting.

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Dr. Jerry Walden is reapplying for a third term on the WCHO Board of Directors. He established and directed the Packard Clinic until his retirement in 2007. He is well known in the community for his commitment to serve Medicaid and indigent consumers as well as members of the community who are incarcerated. Dr. Walden worked closely with the WCHO in establishing the integrated health model at the Packard Clinic. His knowledge of providing physical health care is very valuable to the Board.

I recommend that the Regents approve the appointments/reappointments of the above named individuals to the Board of Directors of the Washtenaw Community Health Organization for the term April 1, 2011 -March 31, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
and Chief Executive Officer, UMHS

April 2011
Regents of the University of Michigan  
Attn: Dr. Karen Milner  
555 Towner  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Dear Dr. Milner,

I am writing to submit to the Regents of the University of Michigan, my application to serve a second three-year term as a member of the Board of the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO). In my first term, I have attended Board meetings regularly, served on the Finance Committee and participated fully in discussions and actions of the Board. I believe that I bring a valuable perspective to the Board and am eager to continue my service in this important work.

Included with this letter is a brief biographical statement. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

With best regards,

Martha Bloom
Martha Bloom, and her husband David (Chair, Department of Urology, UMMS) have lived in Ann Arbor since 1984. She has raised a family, been an active volunteer and has worked in the nonprofit sector for 15 years. The oldest of her four children, Alex, was born with a developmental disability and has been living independently in the community since 1994. His siblings, Amy, Emily and David no longer live in Ann Arbor, but are very involved with Alex and the planning for his future.

Martha has worked to increase the stock of affordable housing since 1990. She co-founded, along with prominent businessman Bill Dobson, the Ann Arbor site of the Local Initiatives Support Organization (LISC). LISC pools national funding that match local dollars to support the development of affordable housing in Washtenaw County.

In 1997 Martha joined the staff of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. She is currently Vice President and has been involved with community leadership initiatives such as the Blueprint to End Homelessness (Co-Chair of the Integrated Funding workgroup) and the Community Collaborative of Washtenaw County (Co-Chair of the Funders Forum). Martha also served on the Continuum of Care Board and was its Chair for two years. The Continuum of Care Board was comprised of County Department heads, local funders, local nonprofits serving the homeless, nonprofit housing developers and consumers. Its primary function was to review local applications to HUD for homelessness prevention funds.

For the past six years, Martha has worked with other parents of developmentally disabled children to create a new supported housing option. The mission of Intentional Communities of Washtenaw (ICW) is to promote housing communities of choice for developmentally disabled adults, in order to reduce isolation and develop skills for living in an interdependent setting. In broad terms, an intentional community is a planned residential community with a much higher degree of social interaction than other communities. The members of an intentional community typically hold a common vision and share responsibilities and resources. Intentional Communities of Washtenaw intends to develop a range of housing options for developmentally disabled adults, based on their individual strengths and gifts, as well as their needs and personal preferences. ICW is a program of Catholic Social Services and opened its first housing community in August 2008. Currently ICW is working with eight families to develop a second site in a farm-like setting. An ICW community in Saline is being explored.

Martha is a secondary consumer of WCHO services and has represented the University of Michigan on the WCHO Board for the past three years.
Karen Milner, MD  
Medical Director, WCHO

Dear Dr. Milner:

I am reapplying for a position on the Board of Directors for the WCHO.  
I have found that serving on the board has been fulfilling of my interest in providing excellent care to our citizens who are receiving services and those whose needs remain to be served in treatment of their mental and physical health problems. My service, I think, compliments my efforts in these areas while in formal medical practice for many years and my interest in the needs of prisoners in these health arenas currently. 
I hope to continue to serve the WCHO.

Sincerely,

Jerry S. Walden

Enc. Curriculum vitae.
CURRICULUM VITAE

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ADDRESS
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EDUCATION
B.S., Alma College, 1963
M.D., University of Michigan, 1966

MILITARY SERVICE

CERTIFICATION
Diplomate, American Board of Family Physicians.

LICENSE
State of Michigan, 1967

INTERNSHIP
Philadelphia General Hospital, 1966 – 1967

SUB-INTERNSHIP
Takum Christian Hospital, Takum, Nigeria. Assisted with hospital and outpatient primary care including minor surgery. Then due to the physician administrator's urgent leave, I became the acting medical director for six weeks, 1966.

TEACHING and ADMINISTRATIVE

APPOINTMENTS
University of Michigan; Clinical Associate Dept. of Obstetrics, 1973 – 1984; Clinical Associate Dept. of Family Practice 1984 – 2006; Community Office Rounds-UM, a behavioral pediatrics study group, 1993 – present; Preceptor for Family Practice and Pediatric and Internal Medicine residents, medical students and physician assistant students. Faculty member of Pediatric Psychiatry Clinical Case Forum, 2007- 2008.
Member, Study Group on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in returning prisoners from Michigan prisons. 2008.
Co-founder and Executive Vice President of Allied Primary Care-a 50-member, non-profit physician group with a mission to preserve independent medical practice, 1998-2006.
CLINICAL PRACTICE

Eastern Michigan University; Preceptor for geriatric graduate student physicians from Mexico City in a joint program with EMU, 1992.


Family Practice Physician, Summit Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI. In addition to a full-time practice, I co-founded and was medical director of a methadone treatment program, the first in Washtenaw County. 1969 – 1973.

Staff Physician, Huron Oaks, Catherine McAuley Health Center, Ann Arbor, MI. I cared for chemically dependent adults and adolescents who were hospitalized in the treatment unit. 1986 – 1990.

Founder, Executive Director, Physician, Packard Community Clinic, a non-profit family practice devoted to meeting the health needs of all segments of the community, Ann Arbor, MI. 1973 – Nov.1, 2006.


MEDICAL EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Cain v. Michigan Department of Corrections; (Ingham County Circuit Court.) 1999.


HONORS and AWARDS

Who’s Who in Executives and Businesses 1999-2000
Who’s Who in Leadership 2004
Washtenaw Community College Service Award, 1990

Elizabeth Gall Award, Michigan Association of Infant Mental Health, Washtenaw Chapter 1993.

Community Service Award; Michigan State Medical Society, 1998

2008 Liberty Bell Award from the Washtenaw County Bar Ass. an award for Community Service to Washtenaw County.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Family Physicians
Michigan Academy of Family Physicians
Physicians for a National Health Program
Christian Community Health Fellowship
Physicians For Social Responsibility
Washtenaw County Medical Society
Michigan State Medical Society
Michigan Association of Infant Mental Health.

I have a longtime involvement in assisting parents of infants to maximize their success in parenting. Our practice developed parenting programs over twenty years beginning 1982.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Washtenaw County Health Organization, Board of Directors-2005-present. This organization incorporates 4 regional community mental health boards with the U. of Michigan Health System and has a budget of over $150 million annually.

Washtenaw Housing Alliance, Board of Directors-2004-2006.

Guild House Advisory Board 1996 – 1999


Packard Community Clinic, annual Children's Health Fair 1979-present. I also have assisted in local church health fairs for migrant workers and volunteered in Mexico as a physician, 1983-1994.

Organized and provided relief and medical services to indigenous Mayan peoples in Chiapas, Mexico 1994-2001

Medical Director of the Washtenaw County Shelter Association; Unpaid position, provided medical supervision for the health care of the homeless in Washtenaw County, 1999-2003.

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS


TESTIMONY

I have provided expert testimony in the following cases:

Cain v. MDOC: I testified in court.
Hadix v. Johnson now renamed Hadix v. Caruso: I have been deposed and testified several times over a 11 year period.
Caldwell v. Hammond: I was deposed and testified.
Caldwell v. Center for Correctional Health. I was deposed.
Powe v. Frank: I was deposed.
Jones’El v. Frank: I was deposed and testified.
Flynn v. Doyle: I was deposed.
Bigleyer v. MDOC: I was deposed.
Johnson v. CMS.I was deposed.
Stoudemire v. MDOC. I was deposed.

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