THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Marcia A. Valenstein, M.D., M.S., Susan Crumpacker Brown Research Professor of Depression and professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on July 14, 2017.

Dr. Valenstein received her A.B. (1977) degree from Harvard University, her M.D. (1981) degree from the University of Illinois, and her M.S. (1997) degree from the University of Michigan. She completed a psychiatry internship (1981-82) and a psychiatry residency (1982-85) at Duke University. Dr. Valenstein completed a psychiatry residency (1985-89) at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1990, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1997. She was appointed assistant professor in 2002, and was promoted to associate professor in 2007, and professor in 2012. She was named the Susan Crumpacker Brown Research Professor of Depression in 2016.

Dr. Valenstein's research focused on assessing the quality of care for patients with mental health conditions. Her work examined the use of psychotropic medications in national samples of patients, with a special focus on medication adherence and the pharmacological treatment of depression. She also assessed the relationships between the pharmacological management of patients and suicide deaths. Dr. Valenstein has been involved in multiple randomized controlled trials that focused on the development and testing of lower cost, innovative ways to provide treatment to individuals with mental health conditions. These interventions included personnel, such as peers, who until recently were not typically part of mental health teams. She has published over 170 papers in the leading peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Valenstein also investigated on-line technologies to extend the reach of mental health providers. Recently, she worked on disseminating approaches to extending mental health expertise in primary care. A number of her mentees have gone on to successful careers at the University of Michigan and other academic medical centers. She received the Medical School's Dean's Award for Local Community Service in 2014.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Marcia A. Valenstein, professor emerita of psychiatry.

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