

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents  
May 19, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation

Action Requested: Approval of a new Institute

Background:

In accordance with Regents Bylaw 6.03 on institutes and centers we are proposing to establish the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI). The IHPI will be an academic unit reporting to the Medical School. The Medical School executive committee unanimously approved the formation of the institute on April 28, 2011.

The mission of the IHPI will be to “enhance the health and well-being of local, national, and global populations through innovative, interdisciplinary health services research that informs and influences public policy and enhances public and private efforts to improve the quality, safety, equity and affordability of health care services.”

In March 2009, as part of the plans for the development of the North Campus Research Complex (NCRC), a faculty committee was formed to identify entities across the University with expertise in health services research and to consider the formation of an institute to be housed on the new campus. The committee charge was to prepare a report that:

- Included a draft mission statement for the unit;
- Recommended an organizational structure and needed investments;
- Identified the potential for translation of the unit’s research into public benefit;
- Identified and described the potential for international activities and relationships;
- Included benchmarks and indicators for success with measurable goals and a vision of the unit two, five and ten years from now.

A report was submitted in July 2010. The report reflected the input of leaders in health services research from the Medical School and the School of Public Health and identified 40 units of the University in seven schools and colleges currently engaged in health services research. The report identified the following key elements as the foundation for building the IHPI:

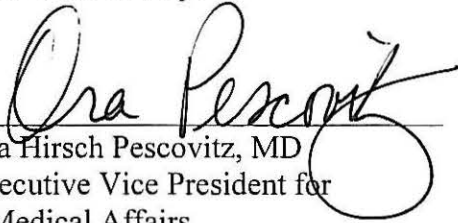
- Research programs that seek a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment for advancing their work;
- Strategically planned investments in coordinated action for scholarly innovation and policy impact;
- Investigator initiated and thematic research incubators for new collaborations;
- State of the art core resources for consultation and project planning.

The report also identified a key government partnership with the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System and described potential corporate partnerships that may further enhance the new institute.

The director of IHPI will be appointed by the president and will report to the dean of the Medical School. The IHPI will be governed by an executive committee, appointed by the president in consultation with the dean of the Medical School.

**It is recommended** that the Board of Regents approve the establishment of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation effective June 1, 2011.

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