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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FROM: Ree Floyd, Clerk of the Council	DATE: _June 22, 20	011
TO:	DATE OUT	INITIALS
Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator Bill Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator Sandra A. Eubanks, Director HEHS	tor	
RE: Letter to Robert S. Gold, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Health Initiatives regarding Collaboration With the Prince George's County Council on Public Health Initiatives		
<ul> <li>□ Per Our Conversation</li> <li>□ For Your Information</li> <li>□ For Your Comments</li> <li>□ For Your Approval</li> <li>□ For Your Signature</li> <li>□ For Your Calendar</li> <li>□ For Immediate Action</li> <li>□ For Your Files</li> <li>□ Please Handle</li> <li>□ Please Advise</li> <li>□ Agenda Item</li> <li>□ Schedule For Committee</li> </ul>	☐ Please Reply ☐ Set-up Meeting with for ☐ Please Note & Return ☐ Please Supply More De ☐ Per Your Request ☐ Please Prepare Reply for Signature of ☐ See Me ☐ Xerox & Distribute to ☐ Mail Log Item ☐ Note Changes & Re-dra	tails

### REMARKS

Attached is a copy of the Letter of Intent from Robert S. Gold, Dean of the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health and the Prince George's County Council sitting as the Board of Health regarding the Council's support for the collaboration between the Prince George's County Board of Health and the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

## Attachments

cc: Ingrid Turner, Council Chair Gary Sabel



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Chair
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Council Member – District 4

June 21, 2011

Robert S. Gold, PhD, DrPH, FASHA, FAAHB Dean ,University of Maryland School of Public Health Bldg. 255 Valley Drive College Park, MD 20742

Re: Collaboration on Public Health Initiatives

Dear Dean Gold:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council in its capacity as the Prince George's County Board of Health to express the Council's support for the collaboration between the University of Maryland School of Public Health (hereinafter "School of Public Health") and Prince George's County Board of Health (hereinafter "Board of Health") to promote public health and assure access to quality health care for the citizens and residents of Prince George's County.

The School of Public Health and Board of Health share a common mission of improving the health of residents in Prince George's County and the border region between the County and the District of Columbia. Additionally, both the School of Public Health and the Board of Health enthusiastically acknowledge the vital role of public health institutions in health planning and policy making to positively impact the lives of the citizens and residents.

We understand that the School of Public Health is an integral component of the State's land grant University and, as such, supports the mission of extending expertise of faculty and students for the betterment of the residents of the State. The School of Public Health has demonstrated that it embraces the principle that building community capacity is critical to successful public health programs and services. To that end, the Board of Health intends to fully engage with the School of Public Health to strengthen and enhance mutual community capacity building efforts.

County Administration Building 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 Phone: 301-952-3094 • Fax: 301-952-4910 The Board of Health is the policy setting body whose mission is to protect the public's health; assure availability of and access to quality health care services; promote individual and community responsibility for the prevention of disease, injury and disability; and to oversee the execution of health policy throughout the County. Currently, among other strategies, this mission is being realized through the implementation of the State Health Improvement Plan.

Therefore, it is the intent of the Prince George's County Council sitting as the Board of Health to work collaboratively with the School of Public Health in areas of mutual interest including strategic and academic projects in furtherance of the Board of Health's mission to promote public health and assure access to quality health care for the citizens and residents of Prince George's County.

Sincerely,

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Chair



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Re: Letter of Intent between the School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park and the Board of Health of Prince George's County

#### Dear Council Chair Turner:

In recognition of similar missions and with anticipation for future collaborations I am pleased to forward this letter of intent. The University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health (the School) and the Prince George's County Council Board of Health (the Board) share a focus on improving the health of residents in Prince George's County and the border region between the County and the District of Columbia. Both parties have acknowledged the role of public health in health planning and policy in prior discussions.

The University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health is embedded in the State's land-grant University and, as such, supports the mission of extending expertise of faculty and students for the betterment of the residents of the State. The School embraces the principles that building community capacity is critical to a successful public health program of services and that this capacity building is dependent on collaboration between the School and Community. To that end the School seeks to engage with the Board to support the latter's charge.

I realize that the Board is the policy setting body for Prince George's County, whose mission is to protect the public's health; assure availability of and access to quality health care services; and promote individual and community responsibility for the prevention of disease, injury and disability. Through our discussions I understand that this mission is being realized through the implementation of the State Health Improvement Plan and the implications for Prince George's County residents.

Therefore, it is the School's intent to engage cooperatively in areas of mutual interest including strategic and academic projects. While this letter of intent cannot detail how each collaborative

project will be implemented, administered or funded, we shall agree to enter into separate subsidiary agreements for each project. Each of those agreements will address scope of work, contributions and obligations of each party in line with University policy.

We look forward to these collaborations and working together to improve the health of Prince George's County residents.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Gold, PhD, DrPH, FAAHB

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