October 22, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences, and the new Masters of Public Health in Health Policy via the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students in both MPH programs and PhD program may be interested in taking courses in Behavioral Health and Nutrition. Specifically, we expect students to take HLPR 820, Social and Environmental Determinants of Health and to have the option of taking HLPR 632, Health Science Data Analysis as one of their required additional statistics courses.

As the department that teaches the largest number of credits in the College of Health Sciences, we see the opportunity to extend our classes to students in the new MPH programs as an important element of broadening their perspective as part of their public health training. We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Peterson, Ed.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition
Email: pmpeter@udel.edu
October 23, 2018

Memorandum

To: Jennifer A. Horney  
Professor and Director  
Program in Epidemiology  
College of Health Sciences

From: Trevor A. Dawes  
Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums  
and May Morris University Librarian

I am responding to your request to supply information about the capability of the University of Delaware Library, Museums and Press to support the proposed Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Policy and Management.

The existing online and print collections of the University of Delaware Library, Museums and Press, which are strong in public policy, the social sciences, and related interdisciplinary areas, are currently able to support this program. However, no additional funding is available for new resources. Enclosed is a description of collections, resources and services available for this purpose.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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Enclosure

c: Kathleen S. Matt, Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences  
Maria Aristigueta Coons, Charles P. Messick Chair, Public Administration,  
School of Public Policy and Administration  
University of Delaware Library, Museums and Press  
Erin Daix, Librarian and Director of Assessment  
Susan Davi, Associate Librarian and Head, Collection Management and  
Licensed Electronic Content Department  
M. Dina Giambi, Associate University Librarian for Budget and Collections  
Sarah Katz, Senior Assistant Librarian, Reference and Instructional Services Department,  
and UDLib/SEARCH Training Coordinator  
Sandra Millard, Deputy University Librarian, Associate University Librarian for  
Public Services and Outreach, and Program Director, UDLib/SEARCH  
Carol Rudisell, Librarian and Head, Reference and Instructional Services Department  
John Stevenson, Associate Librarian and Head, Multimedia Collections and  
Services Department

Faculty Senate  
Karren Helsel-Spry, Administrative Assistant IV
U.S. government documents. As Library liaison, Mr. Stevenson works with the School of Public Policy and Administration to:

- Further develop Library collections, both print and electronic to support the teaching, learning and research needs of the program
- Provide research support for faculty and students in a consultation setting
- Provide instruction in a classroom setting
- Serve as a resource for the information needs of the faculty and students as they relate to the Library, Scholarly Communication, Open Access and other topics

Two other librarians have considerable expertise in related subject areas and can provide additional specialized services, as needed. They are:

- Sarah Katz (sekatz@udel.edu) – Health Sciences
- Erin Daix (daix@udel.edu) – Sociology, Anthropology, Disaster Research

More than 200 research guides <guides.lib.udel.edu/> in all subject areas have been developed and are maintained by librarian liaisons. These research guides describe library resources and assist students in the research process. These guides introduce students to a wide array of useful resources including databases, eJournals, eBooks, reference materials, visual material and more. The librarians mentioned above are also available to work with faculty to develop research guides for specific courses within this program.

The Library subscribes to more than 400 online databases <library.udel.edu/databases/> which support research in all areas. Among the most important databases for study and research in health policy and management are: PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science, the PAIS Index, HeinOnline: Government, Politics & Law, EconLit, [ProQuest] Congressional Publications, Nexis Uni, LexisNexis State Capital, Criminal Justice Abstracts, CINAHL, and PsycINFO.

Public health data is available from PolicyMap (a data and mapping platform), Statistical Insight, Statistical Abstracts of the United States, Statista, the OECDiLibrary, and Data.gov. The Library also subscribes to iPoll (public opinion data from the Roper Center). Finally, SAGE Research Methods, a cross-disciplinary research methods tool which includes books, journal articles, reference works, case studies, sample datasets and videos about designing and conducting a research project, may also be useful.

In addition to its extensive print-based collections, the Library provides access to more than 100,000 electronic journals <library.udel.edu/ejournals/> and more than 670,000 electronic books <library.udel.edu/ebooks/>. Within the Library’s eJournal collection, the social sciences and sciences are particularly strong, including almost all the journals published by Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley as well as smaller publishers such as SAGE, American Medical Association, BioMed Central, PubMed Central, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press,
October 16, 2018

Memorandum

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        Professor and Director
        Program in Epidemiology
        College of Health Sciences

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cc:    Kathleen S. Matt, Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences

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- Sabine Lanteri (slanderi@udel.edu) – Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
- John Stevenson (varken@udel.edu) – Public Policy & Administration, Digital Mapping/GIS, Government Documents (U.S.), Census (U.S.)

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The Library also provides online access to Bates’ Visual Guide to Physical Examination, the LWW Health Library (anatomical sciences and physical therapy sections), Lippincott Advisor, and Primal Pictures, “the world’s most detailed 3D model of human anatomy online.” Access to JoVE Video Journal and JoVE Science Education is also available. These resources may be useful to students in this program.

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October 25, 2018

Jennifer A. Horney, PhD, MPH, CPH
Professor and Director, Program in Epidemiology
College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware
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Dear Jen,

On behalf of the Department of Applied Economics and Statistics, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences. According to your request, you sought an agreement for the following:

Students in the MPH and PhD program in epidemiology may be interested in taking courses in the Department of Applied Economics and Statistics. Specifically, we expect students to take STAT 608 and STAT 656 as part of their required core courses. In addition, advanced students may have the option to take STAT 611, Regression, STAT 674, Applied Database Management, and STAT 675 Logistic Regression to fulfill their one additional statistics course elective that is required as part of their degree plan. Additionally, students may be interested in enrolling in STAT 666 (Special Topics e.g., Math Review, Introduction to Statistical Software) courses to improve their basic skills in foundational concepts and the use of software.

We will accept your students into these courses and will make sure there is additional room for your program. There is a natural linkage between Statistics and Public Health and Epidemiology. We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program in the College of Health Sciences.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Ilvento
Professor and Chair
October 6, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Physiology, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

Students in the MPH and PhD program may be interested in taking courses in Kinesiology and Applied Physiology. Specifically, students may be interested in taking KAAP 609, which provides a foundation in concussion pathophysiology, epidemiology, and clinical issues, as one of their epidemiology content or elective courses.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program in our College.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John J. Jeka
Professor and Chair, Kinesiology and Applied Physiology
College of Health Sciences
University of Delaware
October 1, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Data Science Institute, I am pleased to write this letter of enthusiastic support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences. This will be an important and timely addition to UD’s expanding educational programs to train the next generation of researchers, educators and health professionals.

There are clear synergies between data science and the new Program in Epidemiology—as health sciences are increasingly becoming data intensive, with huge amount of complex data types being collected to answer important questions about how a broad range of biological, environmental and lifestyle factors affect health.

We look forward to a close collaboration, establishing linkages between students and faculty looking to use data science to address the biggest and most complex challenges to improving the health of individuals and communities in the future.

Sincerely,

Cathy H. Wu, Ph.D.
Unidel Edward G. Jefferson Chair in Engineering and Computer Science
Professor, Departments of Computer & Information Sciences and of Biological Sciences
Director, Data Science Institute
October 25, 2018

Jennifer A. Horney, PhD, MPH  
Professor, Program in Epidemiology

Maria P. Aristigueta, PhD  
Charles P. Messick Chair in Public Administration  
Director, School of Public Policy and Administration

Dear Drs. Horney and Aristigueta,

On behalf of the College of Health Sciences, please accept this letter of strong support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program with concentrations in Epidemiology and Health Policy and Management to be housed jointly in the College of Health Sciences and the College of Arts & Sciences.

These new degrees provide a number of opportunities for collaboration across our Colleges. For example, exposure to courses and faculty with expertise in sociological perspectives of health, disaster science and management, or survey development could benefit students in the epidemiology program. Courses that focus on epidemiologic methods and applications used to study population health will benefit students in the policy concentration seeking more exposure to the study of disease determinants.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty in the Colleges of Arts & Science and Health Sciences with this new degree.

Sincerely,

Kathleen S. Matt, PhD  
Dean, College of Health Sciences  
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October 19, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Master of Public Health (MPH) to be co-sponsored by SPPA and the College of Health Sciences. The faculty voted to support this effort on October 19, 2018.

SPPA will be providing three courses in support of the program - one required for all MPH (SPPA 620, a new course), and two required for Health Policy & Management concentrations (UAPP657 and SPPA 621, a new course).

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

Sincerely,

Maria P. Aristigueta

Maria P. Aristigueta
Charles O. Messick Chair of Public Administration
Director, School of Public Policy and Administration
Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

These new degrees in the Epidemiology Program provide a number of opportunities for collaboration across our Colleges. The health of populations, which is the focus of epidemiology, is closely linked to the health of individuals, animals, and our environment. The program’s focus on applied epidemiology compliments our research and engagement programs around One Health, disease response and food safety.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

Sincerely,

Mark Rieger, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
Director, Agricultural Experiment Station
October 1, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

These new degrees in the Epidemiology Program provide a number of opportunities for collaboration across our Colleges. For example, many of the tools and methods that were developed by geographers, such as Geographic Information Systems, have become critical to epidemiologists studying associations between health and place. The global environment and earth and ocean systems clearly have a critical impact on the health of populations, sustainable development, and food and other environmental resources.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

Sincerely,

Estella Atekwana
Dean, College of Earth, Ocean and Environment
October 1, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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Dear Dean Matt,

Please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Master of Public Health and a Ph.D. in the new Department of Epidemiology in the College of Health Sciences.

We at the Disaster Research Center recognize the importance of the new Program in Epidemiology in the College of Health Sciences. We look forward to working collaboratively with students and faculty in Epidemiology on transdisciplinary topics related to the public health impacts of disasters and the methods used to better understand them.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Kendra
Director, Disaster Research Center
Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration

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Tricia Wachtendorf
Director, Disaster Research Center
Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
To: Jennifer A. Horney, Professor and Director, Program in Epidemiology  
From: Karen F. Parker, Professor and Department Chair  

October 8, 2018

Thank you for contacting the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice about your proposed Masters of Public Health (MPH) in the College of Health Sciences. As stated, the proposed Masters degree is a 42 credit professional degree that students will complete in 2 years. As a result, you see enrolled students having interest in a graduate statistics course offered in our graduate program, in an effort to fill their requirements. Specifically you request that SOCI605 (Data Collection and Analysis) be offered as an additional statistical elective that students can take as a part of their MPH plan.

This letter serves to notify you that the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice supports your request to have the SOCI605 course listed as an elective in your MPH program. If I can provide additional information, let me know. Best of luck to you on this exciting new graduate program.
To: Maria Aristigueta, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration
From: Karen F. Parker, Professor and Department Chair

October 19, 2018

Thank you for contacting the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice about your proposed concentration in Health Policy and Management that is part of a joint CAS-CHS Masters in Public Health (MPH) degree program. Specifically you request that SOCI633 (Sociology of Health & Illness) and SOCI647 (Disparities in Health & Healthcare) be listed as electives that students can take as a part of their MPH plan.

This letter serves to notify you that the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice supports your request to have the SOCI633 and SOCI647 courses listed as an elective in your MPH program. If I can provide additional information, let me know. Best of luck to you on this exciting new graduate program.
September 17, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
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Dear Dean Matt,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposal to the Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware for the establishment of a Masters in Public Health (MPH) degree to be housed in the College of Health Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH) is pleased to support this proposal for several reasons. Over the past ten years, we have developed a strong relationship with the University of Delaware. DPH and UD have collaborated on a multitude of projects over the years related to publications, evaluations, data analysis, and community engagement initiatives.

We are interested in working with MPH students as part of their required practicum experiences, as well as to contributing to the success of the program and the success of its students more generally. DPH has an urgent need for a larger pool of epidemiologists and public health professionals who are trained in social determinants of health and health in all policies concepts.

Bringing public health training more formally to the University of Delaware through the development of the MPH program is a critical element of improving the health of our community and our state. Not only will it provide opportunities for those already working in public health who may need additional training or credentials, it will also fuel the workforce pipeline in an area that is expected to see major shortages over the next 10 to 20 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Karyl T. Rattay, MD, MS
Director
Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean, College of Health Sciences
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October 4, 2018

Dear Dean Matt,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposal to the Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware for the establishment of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program, accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), to be jointly housed in the College of Health Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences.

As Delaware’s designated affiliate to the American Public Health Association, the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association (Academy/DPHA) is pleased to support this proposal. Since our founding in 1930, we have maintained a strong relationship with the University of Delaware.

Recently, the Academy/DPHA and UD have collaborated on a multitude of projects including National Public Health Week, lay and professional education, an ongoing lecture series at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, providing UD students with internship opportunities, and having our own staff and membership speak at UD classes and events, and through publishing opportunities in our Delaware Journal of Public Health.

In addition, we are a partner with the UD Partnership for Healthy Communities and the Center for Community Research & Service for the State Health Improvement Plan work currently underway under contract with the State of Delaware.

We are interested in working with MPH students as part of their required practicum experiences, as well as to contributing to the success of the program and the success of its students more generally. We recognize the urgent needs at the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and across the state, for a larger, qualified pool of epidemiologists and public health professionals. This includes a need for colleagues who are trained in social determinants of health and “health in all policies”, while being familiar with the unique Delaware landscape.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy Gibbs
Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of the Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association [Omar A. Khan, MD, President]
October 25, 2018

Maria P. Aristigueta, DPA  
Charles P. Messick Chair in Public Administration  
Director, School of Public Policy and Administration

Jennifer A. Horney, PhD, MPH  
Professor, Program in Epidemiology

Dear Drs. Aristigueta and Horney,

On behalf of the College of Arts & Sciences, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program with concentrations in Health Policy and Management and Epidemiology to be housed jointly in the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Health Sciences.

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We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty in the Colleges of Arts & Science and Health Sciences with this new degree.

Sincerely,

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John Pelesko  
Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

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October 19, 2018

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