

February 3, 2020

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The University of Missouri-Columbia
and
Missouri Region F-Local Public Health Agencies

1. Purpose

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to develop academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote sustainable partnerships and mutual agreement between the University of Missouri-Columbia (herein referred to as MU) and the Missouri Region F-Local Public Health Agencies (herein referred to as Region F). Both MU and Region F may be referred to as the "party" or collectively as "parties." Region F and MU will remain separate entities, but for the purposes of participating in this MOU, the combined efforts and activities will be referred to as THE REGION F ACADEMIC HEALTH REGION (herein referred to as RFAHR). This mutually beneficial partnership is designed to enhance public health instruction, practice, research, and workforce development and to improve community health in the counties of Region F.

2. Scope of Activities

Region F and MU, through the Department of Public Health (DPH), aim to cooperate in areas that may include, but are not restricted to, all those activities mentioned in this section (2.1-2.8). Before any activity may be implemented, the Region F Administrators shall discuss the issues relevant to the satisfaction of each party and the parties will enter into specific agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the activity.

2.1 Opportunities for collaborative public health professional preparation

- 2.1.1 Region F will host Master of Public Health (MPH) and/or Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) students for practicum opportunities for which the students will receive academic credit. Region F will identify adequate local supervisor(s)/preceptor(s). DPH will provide faculty advisors, mentors and 1 practicum coordinator.

2.2 Opportunities for workforce development

- 2.2.1 DPH will assist with workforce development training based on needs identified by Region F, DPH faculty and community partners, and as part of the Public Health Program's objectives to enhance the public health workforce in the region.
- 2.2.2 Region F Staff will support DPH education through activities such as guest lectures, class projects, etc.
- 2.2.3 DPH will facilitate involvement in other Departments and Schools at MU as needed or requested.

2.3 Opportunities for enhanced public health practice and collaborative research

- 2.3.1 DPH faculty and students, and MU faculty may assist region F with community assessment activities.
- 2.3.2 Region F and DPH may collaborate on research and intervention projects, including developing strategic communication plans, applying for joint funding, supplying letters of support, and writing joint publications.
- 2.3.3 Region F and DPH will provide technical assistance and consultation to each other as requested and when appropriate.
- 2.3.4 The RFAHR Chair will facilitate interactions and data requests between MU faculty and Region F staff.
- 2.3.5 Region F and DPH will follow all proper IRB protocols.

2.4 Shared resources

- 2.4.1 When appropriate, both parties will identify areas where resources can be leveraged or shared.

2.5 Future Possibilities

- 2.5.1 Investigate options for RFAHR growth, including an advisory committee to strategically plan for future projects and collaborations.
- 2.5.2 MU and Region F may consider sharing a joint faculty position through the Department of Public Health.
- 2.5.3 DPH faculty may work with Region F by participating on advisory committees, investigations, or other opportunities as they arise.

3. Payment

- 3.1 This agreement does not involve the exchange of money between the parties, except where agreed upon by mutual consent for specific activities.

Regional Map

