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TO: Boston University Faculty

FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer 

DATE: November 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointment of Search Committee for the Beverly A. Brown Professorship for the Improvement of Urban Health

I am pleased to announce a formal international-level search for an outstanding faculty leader to hold the Beverly A. Brown Professorship for the Improvement of Urban Health.

The Beverly A. Brown Professorship was established in 2012 by a generous gift of \$4 million to Boston University by alumnus and Board of Trustees member, Richard C. Shipley (Questrom '68, '72). It is intended to honor and support a highly distinguished professor whose research, teaching, and service ultimately advance the condition of almost half of the world's population who now live in urban areas. The advancement of the quality of life in urban areas around the globe may be achieved through a variety of approaches such as broader use of vaccines, availability of high quality food, improved access to health care, or entirely new modes of delivering health care. The ideal candidate for this professorship will be a scholar of the highest caliber, whose work seeks creative and innovative solutions to some of the greatest challenges associated with the urban environment.

As we launch this search effort, I am pleased that Dr. Sandro Galea, Dean of the BU School of Public Health and Professor of Epidemiology, has agreed to chair this search committee. An interdisciplinary committee of distinguished faculty will assist with this important process. A full roster of the committee membership is listed below.

The search committee is charged with identifying and recommending exceptional individuals for potential recruitment to Boston University to serve as the inaugural Beverly A. Brown Professor. The work of qualified candidates will seek innovative approaches to the prevention of significant health issues before they occur, or solutions to existing problems in global health. The first incumbent Beverly A. Brown Professor should have expertise in public health, management, urban health sector management, or economics, and will, at a minimum, share a joint appointment in the School of Public Health. Subsequent appointments may be in any other school or college or in combination. The Beverly A. Brown Professorship Search Committee will submit its recommendations to me, and the Professorship will be awarded by the University Provost with

the approval of the President.

Please join me in thanking our colleagues who are dedicating their time and expertise to this important search and helping to shape such an important part of BU's research portfolio. The Beverly A. Brown Professorship presents an exceptional opportunity to further elevate the excellence of Boston University, and I look forward to reporting our selection to the University community in the months ahead.

cc: Provost's Cabinet

Beverly A. Brown Professorship for the Improvement of Urban Health Search Committee

Chair:

Sandro Galea, Dean; and Professor, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health

Members:

Harold Cox, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice; and Associate Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health

Angela Robertson Bazzi, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health

Michael Shwartz, Richard D. Cohen Professor in Management, Department of Operations & Technology Management, Questrom School of Business

Helen Tager-Flusberg, Professor, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences; and Director, Center for Autism Research Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences

Donald Thea, Professor, Department of Global Health; and Director, Center for Global Health & Development, School of Public Health

Roberta White, Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health; and Professor, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine

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