MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLUMBIA, U.S.A.

AND

CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1. Purpose

In order to promote educational excellence, academic ties and international cooperation, the University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, U.S.A. and the China Medical University (CMU), Taiwan, Republic of China agreed in 2013 to establish academic and scholarly collaboration in areas of mutual interest. This agreement describes and defines specific activities between the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH) at USC and the CMU to be initiated in 2017 or later.

2. General Principles

For purposes of this agreement, the institutions refer to the proposed courses of study as dual degree programs. These programs each include two distinct degrees, one given by each institution. Each institution confers its own degree for work done to meet the graduation requirements for the specific degree of that institution. Each student must satisfy the complete degree requirements for each degree. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has met any progression requirements for its degree. Each institution may change the requirements for its degree according to its own governance process and give notification to the partner institution and to the students. If a student does not meet the requirements for the award of one institution's degree, the other institution reserves the right to award its own degree to the student.

Students from Taiwan are considered residents of South Carolina for the purpose of tuition assessment. Therefore, Taiwanese students participating in USC degree programs will pay tuition at the *in-state* rate. In addition to tuition, students will pay regular fees assessed by the University, School, and Department. Information on current fees and tuition can be found at the website https://sc.edu/bursar/fees.shtml .

3. Graduate Dual Degrees

Students in PhD programs in any discipline at the CMU College of Public Health, and students in the MD, MHA and MPH programs at CMU, may apply for admission to any

MPH, MS or MSPH program at the USC ASPH. For purposes of this agreement, the institutions refer to the proposed courses of study as dual degree programs. These programs each include two distinct degrees, one given by each institution. Each institution confers its own degree for work done to meet the graduation requirements for the specific degree of that institution. Each student must satisfy the complete degree requirements for each degree. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has met all progression requirements for its degree. Each institution may change the requirements for its degree according to its own governance process and give notification to the partner institution and to the students. If a student does not meet the requirements for the award of one institution's degree, the other institution reserves the right to award its own degree to the student.

A. Application and Admission of Students

CMU students must submit an application for admission to any ASPH graduate degree program through the centralized application service SOPHAS (www.sophas.org). Requirements for USC ASPH admission conform to the general regulations of the USC Graduate School and any program-specific requirements. Candidates will be evaluated on the strength of their application and supporting documentation, including professional experience, recommendations, and personal statement. Candidates must have a sound knowledge of English, evidenced by a TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent score meeting the minimum standards of the Graduate School and the program, if higher. An applicant whose native language is English or who has graduated from a degree program taught in English is waived from this requirement. GRE or GMAT scores may be submitted by CMU students if available, but neither will be required under this agreement for consideration of admission to the MPH, MS or MSPH programs at the USC ASPH. USC will not require a WES evaluation of previous academic work at CMU or other institutions. Each application will be reviewed by the admissions committee of the ASPH program to which the CMU student is applying. Recommendations for admission will be submitted to the Graduate School, which will make the final admissions decision for the program.

B. Recognition of Course Work and Credit Transfer

Recognition of course work will be based on the transcripts of records provided by each partner institution according to the grading system of that institution. Students are required to sign a transcript release form as part of their participation in the program, allowing the registrar to release their transcripts. Following Graduate School and program policy, students can transfer a maximum of 12 credit hours from CMU to the USC program of study.

C.Financial Considerations

Students from Taiwan are considered residents of South Carolina for the purpose of tuition assessment. Therefore, Taiwanese students participating in USC degree programs will pay tuition at the *resident* rate. In addition to tuition, students will pay regular fees assessed by the University, School, and Department. Information on current fees and tuition can be found at the website https://sc.edu/bursar/fees.shtml .

Students are responsible for the costs of travel, books and educational supplies, transportation, accommodation, living expenses and appropriate health insurance. Students are responsible for obtaining adequate health insurance for their entire studies, as required by the institution they are attending.

D.CMU PhD and MD Students

As noted above, CMU students may pursue any MPH, MS or MSPH degree program in the ASPH. CMU doctoral students will be encouraged to enroll in the courses usually taken by the doctoral students of USC when allowed to satisfy the respective master's program requirements. After completion of course work and any other program requirements at USC, including any course work transferred from CMU, program comprehensive exam, and the culminating experience for the program, each student will receive the respective master's degree from USC. The student will then return to CMU to complete the doctoral dissertation. USC faculty members may become members of the dissertation committees and jointly supervise the students, if appropriate.

E.CMU MHA and MPH Students

Students enrolled in the MHA or MPH program at CMU will apply for admission during their first year at CMU. As noted above, CMU students may pursue any MPH, MS or MSPH in the ASPH. After completion of course work and any other program requirements at USC, including any course work transferred from CMU, program comprehensive exam, and the culminating experience for the program, each student will receive the respective master's degree from USC.

F. Non-degree Enrollment

Graduates students of CMU (PhD, MD, MPH and MHA) may choose to enroll in USC as non-degree students if the graduate degree from USC is not desired. For non-degree enrollment the requirements related to application, admission and credit transfer (sections A and B above) are not applicable. Individuals desiring to enroll as non-degree-seeking students must apply through the USC Graduate School. A student who initially enrolls as non-degree can later apply for admission to a degree program. Graduate courses taken as a

non-degree student can be applied to a graduate degree if applicable to the degree's program of study.

4. THREE PLUS TWO PROGRAM FOR CMU STUDENTS

Undergraduate CMU public health students at CMU may apply to any MPH, MS or MSPH program at USC. The CMU public health undergraduate students in their junior year will submit their application for admission through the Graduate School of the University in consultation with the Dean's office of the College of Public Health of CMU. The applicants will choose the degree program in which they would like to complete their Master's program. At this stage, students would be conditionally admitted to the graduate program at USC. After completing the one year at USC, during which the students will take the master's level courses, CMU will award the students the bachelor's degree in public health. During this first year at USC, CMU students must satisfy a number of stated progression requirements (e.g., overall GPA, GPA in certain classes, achieving a minimum score on the TOEFL, etc.) to qualify for full, unconditional admission to the chosen MPH, MS or MSPH program. CMU students unable to satisfy the stated progression standards will not be allowed to continue as graduate students at USC.

Admission requirements: For conditional admission prior to completion of the CMU bachelor's degree, CMU students interested in participating in this program should (a) have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, (b) demonstrate evidence of English proficiency either through submission of TOEFL or IELTS score or through telephone or skype interview with USC faculty members, (c) submit a personal statement of educational and career goals, and (d) arrange three letters of recommendation. Students interested in the 3+2 program should submit their application by January 31st (for an August start in the same calendar year). For unconditional admission, the student must satisfy all progression requirements, and complete the bachelor's degree at CMU.

Curriculum: The curriculum differs depending upon the major and degree program selected by the student. The credit hour requirements of the MPH and MSPH degree programs vary from 42 to 45; the MS in environmental health sciences requires 36 hours. Each department has its own course requirements in addition to the public health core courses required for the MPH or MSPH program.

After the completion of course work and any other degree requirements, students will be awarded the master's degree in that discipline from USC. Therefore, within the five year time frame, students should be able to complete their baccalaureate program from CMU as well as the MPH, MS or MSPH from USC.

5. FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As part of faculty and scholar exchange between these two Universities, the University of South Carolina will welcome visiting faculty members from CMU on a regular basis. Visiting faculty appointment may be of duration varying from one month to one year depending upon individual faculty member's academic objectives and mutual interests of faculty members involved from both the institutions. Interested faculty members from CMU will contact the relevant departments of the Arnold School of Public Health to initiate the visiting faculty appointments. As visiting faculty, CMU faculty members will have access to university libraries and other university facilities. USC will assist the visiting faculty members to access off-campus housing and other logistics.

Faculty members from USC also will be encouraged to visit and spend time on campus at CMU. Interested faculty members will initiate discussions with relevant departments of CMU to organize the visit. As visiting faculty, faculty members from USC will have access to CMU university libraries and other university facilities. The visiting faculty members are encouraged to get involved in teaching at CMU, such as giving an intensive workshop or offering an elective course (1-3 credits) at graduate or undergraduate levels during their stay. The visiting faculty position can be for a time period of two weeks to six months. The sponsoring department in USC (in consultation with the Dean of ASPH) will provide financial support to the visiting faculty. CMU will provide assistance to the visiting faculty member in finding housing in the Taichung area. The visiting faculty member must contact the relevant department at CMU at least two months prior to the visit for arranging housing and other logistics in Taiwan.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon approval and signature by both parties.
- Termination may occur by mutual agreement or at the request of one party with six months written notice. If no activity or additional agreements as described herein materialize within five years the agreement will be considered terminated.
- Some collaborative initiatives may require additional written agreements executed by signed mutual consent.
- This agreement is written only in English.
- The parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status of these mutually agreed-upon arrangements and other relevant matters.

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the USC accrediting body, requires inclusion of the following statement:

  "The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees. China Medical University is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of the University of South Carolina does not extend to or include China Medical University or its students. Further, although the University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from China Medical University to be applied toward an award from the University of South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from the University of South Carolina. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work."

While no specific commitment is made by either party, we support and sign this Memorandum of Understanding in recognition of our mutual interests.

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