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To

Dr. John Hirdes,
Professor-cum-Coordinator,
School of Public Health Sciences,
University of Waterloo, Canada.

No. GMCH/PLA(Research Projects)/2022/
Dated, Chandigarh the

Subject:- Memorandum of Undertaking "(MOU)" for Educational and Scientific Cooperation between School of Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo, Canada between Govt. Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Chadi Path, Sector 32 B, Chandigarh.

Reference to email dated 14th October, 2022 on the subject cited above.

Please find enclosed herewith Memorandum of Undertaking "(MOU)" for Educational and Scientific Cooperation between School of Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo, Canada between Govt. Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32 B, Chandigarh duly signed by Prof. Jasbinder Kaur, Director Principal on behalf of the Chandigarh Administration for exploring possibilities for cooperation in education and research for your kind consideration and further necessary action in this regard.

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Endt. No. GMCH/PLA(Research Project)/2022/

Registrar (Academic),
for Director Principal
Dated:- 05 DEC 2022

action:-

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information & necessary

01. P.S. to D.P. for the kind information of Director Principal, GMCH, Chandigarh.
02. Spare copy for master file.

Registrar (Academic),
for Director Principal
GMCH-32, Chandigarh

University of Waterloo, Canada
GMCH-32, Chd.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU")
FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES,
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO,
CANADA**

AND

**GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL (GMCH) CHANDI PATH, SECTOR
32B, 32B, SECTOR 32, CHANDIGARH, 160047, INDIA**

(Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties")

1. Purpose

The Parties wish to explore possibilities for cooperation in education and research. Given their current areas of specialization and expertise, the following general forms of cooperation ("Joint Activities") may be appropriate:

- a. Joint research activities of common interest in the General Field of Mental Health.
- b. Exchange of non-confidential information including, but not limited to, exchange of teaching and research documentation.
- c. Exchange of visiting faculty members for research, lectures, and discussions.
- d. Training of front-line mental health professionals in the use of interRAI mental health assessment systems, including the associated care planning protocols.
- e. Pilot implementation of the interRAI Community Mental Health assessment system and the interRAI Subject Quality of Life instrument for mental health and addictions in sites in Chandigarh/Punjab identified by Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh.
- f. Training of government representatives and researchers in the analysis of interRAI mental health data and their use to inform clinical practice, service delivery, program evaluation and policy development.
- g. Participation of the Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, in a grant proposal on use of interRAI systems to evaluate community mental health outcomes to be submitted for funding by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and/or other international funding agencies.
- h. Support for training of highly qualified personnel through research projects that include participation of graduate students in Canada and India as part of the collaborative research team.

2. Responsibilities

- a. To the extent feasible, the Parties will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, academic departments, and research institutes for the purpose of engaging in Joint Activities.
- b. All Joint Activities are subject to all Parties' normal review and approval processes and should be implemented through signed agreements. Formal Letters of Invitation are required for all visiting personnel.
- c. Themes of Joint Activities, conditions for using their results, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation, including financial arrangements, should be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis. In particular:
 - a. No Institution will be responsible for any expenses incurred by visiting faculty from the other, including travel, living and accommodation, medical care nor personal expenses, except as may be arranged on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Visitors to the University of Waterloo will be required to maintain adequate health insurance during their stay. Students will need to enroll in the University Health Insurance Plan and Waterloo's Supplemental Health Insurance Plan. Non-students, including visiting scholars, should contact Human Resources to arrange coverage.

3. Confidential Information

- a. During the term of this MOU, each party may receive confidential or proprietary information of the other party. Each party agrees that the other party's confidential information other than which is publicly known, is confidential and proprietary information. The parties shall not during the term of this MOU or thereafter use any confidential or proprietary information of the other party for any purpose and in any manner whatsoever without the prior written consent of the other party except as otherwise required by law.

4. Government Policies / Regulations

- a. This MOU will be void if it is inconsistent with any of the provisions of the Government of India instructions or any of the provision of the policies/regulations of School of Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo located at Waterloo, ON Canada.

5. Appointment of co-ordinators

- a. The Parties each intend to appoint a Coordinator who will: serve as the primary contact person for cooperation under this MOU, facilitate arrangements associated with visits, ensure that necessary approvals are in place and oversee the general welfare of visitors.

➤ Coordinator at the University of Waterloo: Dr. John Hirdes, University Professor, School of Public Health Sciences hirdes@uwaterloo.ca

➤ Coordinator at the Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh. will be Dr. Jasbinder Saini, - dpgmch-chd@gmch.gov.in & jasbinderkaur@yahoo.co.in *Kaur*

Other Terms

6. ~~d~~ **Non-Binding Effect.** The Parties intend for this MOU to be non-binding, ~~except for Article 2.c.c.~~ Nothing in this MOU should be construed to obligate the Parties to any current or future expenditure of resources, or to enter contract with one another. Based on mutual agreement of the Parties, binding agreements may be developed to carry out the purposes of this MOU.

7. ~~e~~ **Commencement Date.** Cooperation under this MOU is to commence upon the date of the last signature.

8. ~~f~~ **Term and Termination.** This MOU should remain in effect for five years from the Commencement Date. Any Institution may terminate their participation in the MOU by providing six (6) months advance notice in writing, provided that such termination shall not affect any other agreements between the Parties and any such agreements shall be completed in accordance with their terms.

9. ~~g~~ **Renewal, Extension and Amendment.** This MOU may be renewed, extended, or amended by written mutual agreement of the Parties. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination or expiration, unless otherwise agreed upon between the two Parties.

10. ~~h~~ **Notices.** Any notice to be given under this MOU must be in writing and addressed to:

- **Contact Person for the School of Public Health Sciences, University Waterloo:** Dr. John P. Hirdes
- **Contact Person for the Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh** will be Dr. Jasbinder Saini *Kaur*

Notice will be deemed given (i) when verified by written receipt if sent by courier, or when received if sent by mail without verification of receipt or (ii) when verified by automated receipt or electronic logs if sent by facsimile or email. Notices sent by facsimile or email should be followed as soon as possible by original signed documents.

11. ~~i~~ **Non-Exclusivity.** This MOU in no way restricts the Parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with others.

12. ~~j~~ **News Releases.** Any news releases resulting from this MOU must be coordinated with Waterloo's University Communications and Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh or other appropriate offices.

13. ~~k~~ **Dispute Resolution.** Any disputes in connection with this MOU should be settled by negotiation between the Parties through their designated Contact Persons. *after mutual consent*

14. ~~l~~ **Independent Parties.** Nothing contained in this MOU should be construed to create or imply a joint venture, partnership, principal-agent or employment relationship between the Parties.

15. ~~m~~ **Indemnification.** Each Institution shall at all times indemnify and hold harmless the others against all claims, actions, loss or damage arising from the indemnifying party's

performance or lack of performance under the Agreement or the acts of commission or omission of its employees, agents or students while carrying out this MOU.

The Parties Have Executed This MOU On The Dates Shown Here under:

Dated at Waterloo, Ontario this 19th day of October, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Leslie Copp

Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2022/10/19)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.



per: _____

Leslie Copp

Director, Office of Research

per: _____

Ellen MacEachen

Dr. Ellen MacEachen

Director, School of Public Health Sciences

per: _____

Lili Liu

Dr. Lili Liu

Dean, Faculty of Health

Dated at Waterloo this 19 day of October, 2022

per: _____

Jasbinder Kaur

Dr. Jasbinder Saini, Director and Principle, ^{at}
Government Medical College and Hospital

Dated at Chandigarh this 06 day of December, 2022