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2015-16

Certification Number 144

I, **NITZA H. RIVERA PACHECO**, Pro Tempore Secretary of the Administrative Board of the Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:**

The Administrative Board, in its regular meeting of March 29, 2016, **APPROVED:**

To recognize Dr. Jeffrey William Jutai HiREC's Visiting Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research.

The members of the Administrative Board thank him for the contributions and services he has rendered to the Medical Sciences Campus.

This Certification has been approved as stated in Sections 37.3.6 and 44.2 of the University of Puerto Rico General By-Laws.

Copies of the recognition documents and Biographical Sketch are included as attachments to this Certification.

In witness whereof, I have issued this certificated and affixed the seal of the Medical Sciences campus of the University of Puerto Rico on this Fourth of April two thousand sixteen.

Nitza H. Rivera Pacheco, MD
Pro Tempore Secretary

Vo. Bo.:

Noel J. Aymat Santana, DMD, FAAPD, JD
Chancellor

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HISPANICS-IN-RESEARCH CAPABILITY: SOHP & SOM PARTNERSHIP
MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS / UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

March 16, 2016

Noel J Aymat DMD JD
Chancellor and President
Administrative Board, MSC-UPR

Administrative Board Recognition to HiREC Visiting Endowed Chair

Dear doctor Aymat:

We are very pleased to inform you and the MSC Administrative Board that a new HiREC's Visiting Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research has been selected to help our institution to advance in research capacity and infrastructure. On this occasion, the distinction was given to Dr. Jeffrey William Jutai in response to the recommendation received from the successful 2016 HiREC Phase III Awardee, Dr Elsa Orellano. Dr Orellano is Associate Professor from the Occupational Therapy program, Graduate Department , School of Health Professions and MSc Phase II graduate.

The Endowment program Hispanics-In-Research Capability: SoHP & SoM Partnership, better known as HiREC, (NIH/NIMHD grant: S21MD001830), created the HiREC Career Development Phase III Award in 2014. It is an advanced research development initiative with experienced investigators to guide and coach promising MSc Phase II graduates. See enclosed 2016 Award Announcement for the criteria to be considered a HiREC Visiting Endowed Chair.

Jeffrey William Jutai, MD, PHD, MA is Full Professor , Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences and Associate Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Jutai is a well-known and respected researcher, expert in the area of assistive technology interventions for the older population. (See enclosed Biographical sketch). He fully meets the selection and qualification criteria as defined above and we are honored by his acceptance of our invitation.

We respectfully request the Administrative Board to officially recognize the distinction of HiREC's Visiting Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research to Dr Jeffrey William Jutai for his contribution.

Sincerely,

Estela S. Estape, MT, PhD, DHL
PI & Director HiREC
School of Health Professions

Alberto Carrera Baquero, MD MSc
PI, HiREC
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Endorsed by:

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Dean School of Medicine

c. Mrs Aracelis Huertas , HiREC Project Manager
Two enclosed documents

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04 January, 2016

Elsa M. Orellano
School of Health Professions
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University of Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Orellano:

I am pleased to accept and commit to being the HiREC Visiting Endowed Chair of the HiREC Phase III Clinical and Translational Research Award for the development of the Interdisciplinary Team for Active Aging and Health Research (ITAAHR). I am also committed to serving as a partner to the ITAAHR to submit a competitive translational research grant to address disparities in functional disabilities of older Hispanics.

The research infrastructure and capacity provided by the HiREC Phase III Award will strengthen our ongoing collaborations investigating the assistive technology needs among the vulnerable population of older Hispanics at risk of functional decline. This mechanism will also will also enhance our potential to submit a successful grant to the National Institute of Health during 2016.

As the HiREC Visiting Endowed Chair and as a partner of the ITAAHR, I will dedicate 4 days in the first year to the project to offer clinical and technical expertise in assistive technology and disability disparities, assists with the conceptualization of the research grant, provide technical assistance on the preparation of the manuscript, and provide a capacity building activity in the Medical Science Campus. I also commit to meeting with the ITAAHR team once a month to advance the research activities conducive to the grant submission and sustainability of the partnership.

I wish you the best of success with your HiREC Phase III Award and eagerly await the commencement of our collaboration on this important and timely project.

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Jeffrey William Jutai, PhD, CPsych
Professor and Director
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