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FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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DATE: December 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Launch of National Search for Next Director of the Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health

This past fall, we [announced](#) plans for a national search – in parallel to one being conducted for the next dean of the School of Social Work (SSW) – to identify a new director of the Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health (CISWH). In order to help identify the next leader for this institutionally vital, interdisciplinary center, I have appointed a search committee that, over the coming months, will develop an applicant pool and review and recommend candidates.

I am grateful to the members of the CISWH Search Committee, listed below, for their willingness to assist in this process. Beginning first thing in January, the committee will work to seek out exceptional candidates, soliciting nominations from leaders in the field, consulting with relevant stakeholders within the University, and evaluating the qualifications and strengths of nominees and applicants. The role of CISWH director is of great importance to Boston University and our efforts at the national level to emerge as a leading producer of solutions in the social work field. Since opening in 2017, the center has worked to expand the impact of social work and social workers in healthcare delivery, public health, and global health – an effort targeted at improving outcomes, improving patient experience, promoting population health, and stimulating health equity nationally and globally. Led within SSW the center promotes social work leadership in health through inter-professional and trans-disciplinary collaboration. It accomplishes its mission through outcomes-oriented research, community partnerships, policy development, education, and training activities and through collaborations among BU faculty, particularly those in SSW and the School of Public Health, and institutions nationally.

The next director of CISWH is expected to be an exceptional leader with a demonstrable record of creative and effective interdisciplinary program development and leadership. The directorship is an endowed professor position – the Paul Farmer Professorship – within SSW.

The committee will work to identify candidates with the record of accomplishment and stature appropriate for appointment as an unmodified or modified full professor. I anticipate our being able to announce a new director by the end of the academic year and look forward to reporting back to you on the progress being made on this search. In the meantime, I'd like to give special

thanks to SSW Dean and CISWH Director Jorge Delva for his continued service through the completion of this search, and to thank the outstanding faculty of the School of Social Work for your assistance with this effort and your ongoing work to advance innovation, community-based solutions, and research excellence at Boston University.

Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health Director Search Committee

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