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DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MEMO

To: DLSPH faculty, students, staff, alumni and members of the public health community
From: Dr. Jack Mandel, Professor and Director
Date: February 2, 2010
Re: DLPSH Announcement re: New Faculty Hires

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of Dr. Jack Mandel, it gives me great pleasure to announce that two new faculty members have accepted positions in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Please join us in welcoming Drs. Arjumand Siddiqi and Carol Strike to the school.

Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi joins us from the University of North Carolina's Gillings School of Global Public Health. She also held the position of Faculty Fellow at the Carolina Population Center. Completing her doctorate in social epidemiology from Harvard University, Dr. Siddiqi's research interests, which include the role of social and economic aspects of societies in shaping inequities in population health and human development, align well with our Division of Social and Behavioural Health Sciences. The overarching purpose of her work is to understand the role of "social investment strategies" in mitigating (or exacerbating) social and economic disparities in health and human development. Her research utilizes a comparative perspective to understand the consequences of social welfare policies for inequalities in health and developmental outcomes. Areas of research include the influence of income inequality and social policies on inequities in schooling outcomes amongst the advanced market economies, and an emerging body of work to understand health inequities in Canada versus the United States. Dr. Siddiqi's appointment begins April 1, 2010.

Dr. Carol Strike joins us from the Centre for Addition and Mental Health. Dr. Strike completed her PhD in Community Health at the University of Toronto, has had a status only academic appointment with us since 2001 and has taught a number of courses in the school. She brings a breadth of academic interests that align with the needs of the school's Division of Social and Behavioural Health Sciences and compliment the interests of faculty members in the division. Dr. Strike has worked in a number of related areas including the social determinants of health and in the assessment of service delivery to high-risk groups such as drug users and those living with HIV/AIDS. Recent research projects include: studying the interrelationship between drug treatment readiness, housing, food security and HIV-risk behaviours among drug injectors; physician compliance with methadone maintenance treatment guidelines; development of a

collaborative service model between drug and alcohol programs and child welfare agencies; and evaluation of the uptake of best practice recommendations by needle exchange programs across Ontario. Overall her work focuses on the development of effective public health programs and policies for marginalized populations. Dr. Strike's appointment begins July 1, 2010.

Please join us in welcoming both Dr. Siddiqi and Dr. Strike to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Sincerely yours,



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