



January 2, 2008

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Dear Alan,

I am following up on your letter to Bob Golden sent after the September meeting with Tom Schlenker, you, and members from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. I am sorry that the meeting was scheduled at a time I was unable to join, but understand it was a very productive discussion.

Thank you for your offer in your September letter to facilitate a process to select a member of the local public health community to work with the SMPH to increase public health content in our medical student curriculum and other potential new collaborative initiatives.

As you correctly surmised, we are now ready to move forward on this project. We will convene a design and implementation work group to implement the recommendations from our task force on public health education for medical students. I have attached the document for your review. The document was created by an internal faculty task force and the suggestions must now be considered, modified and enhanced as needed for new content to be ready by August 2008.

A member of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County would be welcome to participate as a member of this team. I anticipate this would be a twice monthly commitment to attend meetings over the next six months. An alternative suggestion is to consider a regular meeting with me at a time and place convenient for the identified Board member(s) where updated information on the new curriculum can be presented for your ideas, input and feedback.

In addition to these two suggestions, Bob has asked me to keep you apprised of additional potential opportunities for collaboration.

Alan, perhaps the most efficient next step will be to schedule a telephone appointment between you and me at your earliest convenience. My administrative assistant, Laurie Schumacher (265-6785) is available to assist in arranging this discussion. I am looking forward to talking together.

Best wishes,

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