



## University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

<b>Senate Document #:</b>	11-12-25
<b>PCC ID #:</b>	11023
<b>Title:</b>	Proposal to Change the Name of the Ph.D. in Public and Community Health to Behavioral and Community Health
<b>Presenter:</b>	David Salness, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee
<b>Date of SEC Review:</b>	January 26, 2012
<b>Date of Senate Review:</b>	February 8, 2012
<b>Voting (highlight one):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or</li> <li>2. <b>In a single vote</b></li> <li>3. To endorse entire report</li> </ol>
<b>Statement of Issue:</b>	<p>The School of Public Health and the Department of Behavioral and Community Health propose to change the name of the Ph.D. program in Public and Community Health. The proposed name of Behavioral and Community Health better conveys the nature of the work conducted within the program and more accurately reflects the program's focus on health behavior. The new name also reflects the name of the department, which was changed last year from Public and Community Health to Behavioral and Community Health, for the same reasons. This change was supported by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.</p> <p>The Academic Planning Advisory Committee approved the proposal on November 21, 2011. The Graduate PCC Committee approved the proposal on November 21, 2011, and the Graduate Council approved the proposal on January 13, 2012. The Senate PCC Committee approved the proposal on December 2, 2011.</p>
<b>Relevant Policy # &amp; URL:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate accept the name change.
<b>Committee Work:</b>	The Committee considered the proposal at its December 2, 2011,

	meeting. Elbert Glover, Chair of Behavioral and Community Health, and Coke Farmer, Assistant Dean of the School of Public Health, were present to discuss the proposal and answer questions. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposal.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	The Senate could decline to approve the new name for this program.
<b>Risks:</b>	If the Senate does not approve this proposal, then the program will retain its existing name, which does not accurately reflect the activities of the program.
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	There are no significant financial implications with this proposal.
<b>Further Approvals Required:</b>	If the Senate approves this proposal, it would still require further approval by the President and the Chancellor, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission will need to be notified.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK  
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL**

• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to [pcc-submissions@umd.edu](mailto:pcc-submissions@umd.edu).

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• Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

**College/School: SPHL**

Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: **012033001**

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**Department/Program: Behavioral and Community Health**

Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: **330301**

**Type of Action (choose one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum change (including informal specializations)                | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New academic degree/award program</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> New Professional Studies award iteration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration</i>              | <input type="checkbox"/> New Minor                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Suspend/delete program</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                    |

*Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.*

**Summary of Proposed Action:**

Our department name was officially changed in the Fall of 2010 and we became the Department of Behavioral and Community Health to more appropriately reflect our discipline within the field of public health. In addition, to meet the Council on Education in Public Health (the accrediting body for Schools of Public Health) requirements of departmental discipline clarity, it was not appropriate to have a generic department name such as the Department of Public and Community Health that was so similar to the name of our school (the School of Public Health).

We currently offer a PhD in Public and Community health (our old department name) and would like to change it to a PhD in Behavioral and Community Health to reflect our new discipline specific department name.

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**APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.**

1. Department Committee Chair Donattou
2. Department Chair Elbert D. Stone
3. College/School PCC Chair Amr Jopota
4. Dean [Signature]
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) [Signature] 11/18/12
6. Chair, Senate PCC David Palmer 12/13/11
7. University Senate Chair (if required) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost \_\_\_\_\_