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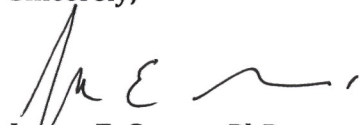
Dear Dr. White:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for the College of Nursing's proposed new Master's emphasis in Care Management. This new emphasis meets a critical need in the Health Care, specifically in light of the Affordable Care Act and healthcare reform. Care Management is a collaborative, client centered approach that leverages resources within and external to the health care delivery system to coordinate care and reduce health care costs while enhancing the quality of life for clients. Nurse Care Managers are highly skilled clinical professionals who apply their expertise in critical thinking, clinical care, and analytical skills to provide coordinated, seamless care for patients and their families. They provide a vital leadership role in coordinating the needs of the patient in the overall care management process.

The College of Nursing is ideally suited to implement this new emphasis by building on their experience offering the Clinical Nurse Leader curriculum and Geriatric Care Management certificate. Chief Nursing Officers and Deans of the nursing programs throughout Utah have joined together as a working team in order to integrate the needs of industry and the community, and design an innovative Master's and certificate program. These programs have received support from Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as the Utah Cluster Acceleration Program due to the critical need for this particular skill set in of health care reform.

I wholeheartedly support the development of a Master's emphasis in Care Management within the College of Nursing at the University of Utah and believe this program will be instrumental in making improvements affordability and access to quality health care.

Sincerely,



James E. Graves, PhD
Dean and Professor