

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of December 10, 2019

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – UC HEALTH: BACKGROUND, PERSPECTIVES, AND NEXT STEPS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive Vice President Byington will introduce the initial steps in her broader plans to engage the Committee and the University community in a manner that balances all three components of UC Health’s tri-partite mission of research, education, and clinical services.

BACKGROUND

Biography

Carrie L. Byington, M.D., is an academic physician-scientist who has had continuous grant support as principal or coinvestigator totaling approximately \$90 million since 1998. Dr. Byington’s research spans the translational spectrum and has focused primarily on bacterial and viral respiratory pathogens in children. She is board certified in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Byington’s career accomplishments include awards from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and Drexel University College of Medicine’s Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Inventors. She was the Chair of the Infectious Diseases Advisory Group for the U.S. Olympic Committee, responsible for protecting Team USA athletes and staff from the Zika virus during the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil.

Dr. Byington joined UC Health after holding significant leadership roles at Texas A&M University System and the University of Utah. At Texas A&M, she concurrently served as vice chancellor for health services for the system, as senior vice president of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and as the Jean and Thomas McMullin distinguished professor and dean of the Texas A&M College of Medicine.

Prior to joining Texas A&M, Byington spent more than 20 years in teaching and leadership positions with the University of Utah, including serving as associate vice president, faculty and academic affairs, with the University of Utah Health Sciences Center, and principal investigator for the Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences. She received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Texas A&M University and Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine, both with honors. She trained in pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital and in pediatric infectious diseases at UCSF.

Perspectives: New Leadership, Listening, and Learning

As she emphasized in her initial communications to the University community, Dr. Byington believes UC Health is in a strong position to drive meaningful transformations that strengthen health education and improve patient care in California and beyond. Dr. Byington is deeply committed to addressing some of the toughest issues in healthcare today, including providing high-value health care, increasing access to care—especially for vulnerable populations—and working to eliminate health disparities.¹

Since Dr. Byington started as Executive Vice President of UC Health on October 31, 2019, she has traveled to UC medical centers and campuses to listen and learn from University leadership about their accomplishments and opportunities in research, education, and clinical care. Over the past five weeks Dr. Byington has met with leadership at three UC medical centers at the UC Davis, UC Irvine, and UC San Francisco campuses, including the Chancellors, Chief Executive Officers, Academic Senate members, and other leaders.

In the next several months, Dr. Byington will continue her visits at each UC Health campus, including UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Riverside, and UC San Diego. Dr. Byington will also visit UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz to evaluate their health needs.

Speaker Series

Dr. Byington also will describe her goals and future plans to develop a regular Speakers' Series to highlight some of the many accomplishments at University medical centers and health professions schools in clinical care, engagement with local communities and patient populations, education, and research.

Attachment 1: Financial Dashboard for University of California Medical Centers

ⁱ <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2019/11/new-leader-of-uc-health-shares-her-values-and-vision.html>