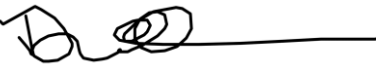
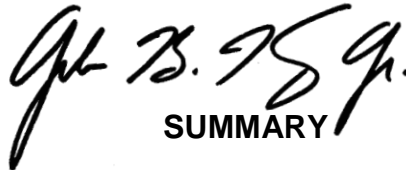




**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech   
**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: Yale University Nurse Midwifery / Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program

**DATE:** September 8, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

  
SUMMARY

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the proposed extension of permission to operate in New York State for Yale University?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2014 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Board of Regents permission to operate in New York State is required by Section 224 of the Education Law that prohibits out-of-state colleges and universities from transacting business in New York without Regents permission.

**Background Information**

Yale University is seeking an extension of Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place its students in health care agencies for supervised clinical experiences in its master's degree program titled Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (NM/WHNP). Article 139 and 140 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nurse practitioners and midwifery to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs that the State Education Department has registered. The NM/WHNP program of study is fully accredited by the ACNM Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

(CCNE). The program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed extension of permission to operate, effective September 16, 2014, which authorizes Yale University to use clinical agencies in New York to provide clinical education for a total of six students enrolled in the NM/WHNP program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree (M.S.N.).

**Timetable for Implementation**

This approval will be effective until December 31, 2019.

## **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION**

The Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (NM/WHNP) curriculum is designed to dually prepare students as clinically competent nurse-midwives and women's health nurse practitioners who provide family-centered primary health care to women. Clinical experiences with individuals and groups, incorporated throughout the two years of full-time study, emphasize use of a management process for providing health care. Relevant research and concepts from nursing, midwifery, medicine, and the sciences are studied to provide a base of theory and rationale for clinical practice and primary care. Students are expected to examine their clinical practice critically and to develop beginning skill in the use and evaluation of research methods and statistics. Leadership capabilities are emphasized. Clinical practice takes place within health care systems that provide for medical consultation, collaborative management, and referral and is in accord with the Standards for Nurse-Midwifery Practice of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties competencies for WHNPs. Electives and independent study offer opportunities for students to pursue individual educational and professional goals. The NM/WHNP program curriculum is intended to prepare students to apply for the Certification Examination of the American Midwifery Certification Board and Certification as a WHNP by the National Certification Corporation (NCC).

Yale's Nurse-Midwifery program was initially granted approval by the Board of Regents in December 1995. Since that time, the program has been revised to the current dual focus curriculum. The University requests for extension of its authorization, as previously approved, for the clinical placement of up to two students each semester, fall, winter and summer, at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York. Each NM/WHNP student will be precepted by a New York State licensed nurse-midwife, or physicians or nurse practitioner certified in Women's Health. Preceptors will be responsible for completing a competency-based written evaluation for each student. A Yale University School of Nursing faculty member will conduct a site visit each semester to evaluate each student in the clinical setting. Three course faculty at Yale are licensed registered nurses (R.N.) and certified nurse midwives (C.N.M.) and hold doctoral degrees. The remaining nine course lecturers and clinical midwives are licensed RNs and certified CNMs with master's degrees in nursing.

The NM/WHNP program requires completion of 52.6 semester hours of credit that includes 1,428 clinical contact hours. Students take core course work in health assessment, pharmacology, pathophysiology, nursing research, statistics, nursing theory, policy and leadership and complete 42.5 credits of specialized course work in nurse midwifery and the primary care of women across the lifespan. The NM/WHNP program is a residential program with no online component. The program has a 95 percent retention rate and 100 percent of graduates are employed as nurse-midwives/nurse practitioners. For the years 2011 and 2012, graduates had a 100 percent first-time candidate pass rate on the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) Exam. In 2013, the pass rate on the AMCB certification exam was 85 percent for first-time candidates and 100 percent passing on the second attempt.