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Northwestern Health Sciences University's Dr. Michele Maiers Joins the RAND Corporation as Co-Director of the Center for Collaborative Research in Complementary and Integrative Health

Maiers will further enhance research and innovation for the CIH community through this new role

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – November 1, 2022 – [Northwestern Health Sciences University](#) (NWHSU), the evidence-based integrative health sciences university in Bloomington, Minnesota, announces that its executive director of research and innovation, Michele Maiers, DC, PhD, MPH, has joined the RAND Corporation as co-director of the Center for Collaborative Research in Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH). Dr. Maiers will also continue to serve in her role at NWHSU supporting the mission of providing evidence-based solutions to the healthcare community through its research and policy efforts.

The Center for Collaborative Research in CIH is a collaboration between the RAND Corporation and institutions that train CIH practitioners. The Center leverages RAND Corporation's research infrastructure to support collaborative research across CIH institutions, including NWHSU, which has been a member since 2020.

"Our organizations' visions are closely aligned, and NWHSU has deeply valued our partnership with the Center over the last two years. We are thrilled that Dr. Maiers is joining the RAND Corporation in a leadership role to further enhance evidence-based solutions of CIH," said Deb Bushway, PhD, President and CEO of NWHSU. "While continuing to advance research, policy, and innovation here at the university, Dr. Maiers will bring great expertise to the Center."

In her role as co-director, Dr. Maiers will facilitate research activity both within and across participating institutions and develop strategies for advancing the Center. This builds upon Dr. Maiers' commitment to policy and research efforts at NWHSU for over two decades.

"It is a privilege to serve the community in this new capacity and move the needle on positioning CIH as part of the solution in the healthcare community," said Dr. Maiers. "Our collective success will not only increase research but also support scholars and faculty at CIH institutions to have a greater influence on the studies being conducted in their field."

About Northwestern Health Sciences University

For over 80 years, Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), based in Bloomington, Minn., is a leader in healthcare education and research as well as comprehensive health and wellness services. Its more than 130 faculty members annually teach programs in chiropractic, acupuncture and Chinese medicine, functional nutrition, integrative care, massage therapy, medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, medical laboratory science, radiation therapy, radiologic technology and post-baccalaureate pre-health. NWHSU prepares the next generation of healthcare professionals to not only deliver, but also advance healthcare. NWHSU has more than 7,500 graduates throughout the U.S. and in 21 countries. For more information, please visit [nwhealth.edu](#).

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