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Office of the President September 13, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

TRANSFER OF CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the Center for the Research on Violence Against Women in the Office of the Vice President for Research to the College of Public Health.

<u>Background</u>: The Vice President for Research directed the Center to identify new leadership and a new home due to lack of growth in the Center and use of a different funding model. The appointed Interim Director and endowed faculty of the Center met with various leaders in the Colleges of Medicine and Public Health, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, the Center on Trauma and Children and the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. The College of Public Health was identified as a potential home because the work in the college focused on primary prevention and provided a more research-intensive environment, e.g., infrastructure, colleagues, and two other existing centers with a focus on injury prevention and preventing trauma. The decision to move the Center was made prior to the departure of the former College of Public Health dean in 2022 and delayed until a new permanent dean could be appointed, which occurred in Spring 2024.

This proposal has the approval of the Office of the Vice President for Research, Center leadership, and the College of Public Health. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.