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Dear School of Medicine Community:

I am announcing an exciting new leadership hire for our Kahlert Institute for Addiction Medicine. **Kelly Dunn, PhD, MBA, one of the nation's leading experts on opioid use disorder, will begin serving as the inaugural director of the Institute by the end of the year.** Dr. Dunn will join us from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where she is currently a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences with a joint appointment in Health Policy and Management in the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

I want to thank our entire search committee, led by Irina Burd, MD, PhD as chair, and Joe Cheer, PhD as vice chair, who made this recruitment happen. I also want to thank our donors and all stakeholders for their ongoing support, without whom the work of this Institute would not be possible.

Dr. Dunn has served as the Principal Investigator on projects totaling more than \$21 million in awards from the National Institutes of Health and has impressively authored more than 130 peer-reviewed publications on substance use and opioid use disorder. Her current work focuses on the conduct of Phase II/III randomized controlled assessments of medications, mainly those targeted for opioid use disorder.

Dr. Dunn is a passionate leader in the critical field of addiction research and medicine, and we are looking forward to moving the Institute and the School of Medicine's mission further with Dr. Dunn's vision. I hope you will all join me in welcoming her to our team.

With enthusiasm and commitment,
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