

# Cover Sheet: Request 11595

## COM; Department of Health Outcomes and Policy Name Change

### Info

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| Process                | Unit New/Modify/Close Dept   |
| Status                 | Pending  |
| Submitter              | Griffith, Casey Todd lilgriff@ufl.edu  |
| Created                | 3/30/2017 4:24:23 PM   |
| Updated                | 5/30/2017 10:27:31 AM  |
| Description of request | <p>The Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is requesting a name changes to the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics.</p> <p>The Department of Health Outcomes and Policy still retains its critical focus on the conduct of clinical trials and observational research focused on improving health outcomes for patients and populations. In addition, the Department has strong certificate, master's, and PhD Programs in Health Outcomes Research. While faculty often make recommendations based on their research that have the potential to influence health policy, the faculty do not conduct health policy research per se. Therefore, the Department name was never an ideal fit with the themes and approaches used in the Department to fulfill the mission areas of research, education, and service.</p> <p>Uploaded on behalf of Department by C. Griffith</p> |

### Actions

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| Department  | Approved | MED - Health Outcomes & Policy 312924001   | Shenkman, Elizabeth Ann |  | 3/31/2017 |
| Added COM, Dept of Health Outcomes and Policy name change request.pdf |          |  |                         |  | 3/30/2017 |
| College   | Approved | MED - College of Medicine                  | Rowe, Thomas C          |  | 3/31/2017 |
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| University Curriculum Committee                                       | Comment  | PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC) | Case, Brandon           | Added to the May agenda.   | 4/24/2017 |
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| University Curriculum Committee                                       | Recycled | PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC) | Morrison, Lee Shaw      | Dr. Lindner recommended that Biomedical Engineering should be consulted.   | 5/22/2017 |
| No document changes   |          |  |                         |  |           |
| College   | Approved | MED - College of Medicine                  | Rowe, Thomas C          | As advised, a consultation regarding the proposed name change has been obtained from Biomedical Engineering (HealthOutcomes_uccconsu | 5/30/2017 |
| Added HealthOutcomes_uccconsult_05.25.2017.pdf                        |          |  |                         |  | 5/26/2017 |

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March 22, 2017

Elizabeth Shenkman, PhD  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Health Outcomes and Policy  
College of Medicine

Dear Dr. Shenkman:

I reviewed the document you provided about renaming the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy to Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics. The rationale makes sense and I am in agreement with the proposed name change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "ML Good MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael L. Good, M.D.  
Dean, UF College of Medicine  
Folke H. Peterson Dean's Distinguished Professor

**Proposed Name Change: Department of Health Outcomes and Policy**

**To**

**Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics  
College of Medicine**

**January 4, 2017**

In 2014, the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) successfully initiated a biomedical informatics (BMI) program with the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy serving as the academic home for the Program Director and key faculty. The Department of Health Outcomes and Policy was a logical choice to house the Program Director and core faculty because of its more than 15-year history of using large linked health care datasets to conduct research examining a wide range of health care delivery, social, and clinical factors influencing both individual and population health and health outcomes.

Since the arrival of William Hogan, MD, as program director, the Department has also played a key leadership role, in collaboration with the CTSI in developing the concept for the Center for Advanced Data Capabilities. The overarching goal of the Advanced Center for Data Capabilities is to develop more precise strategies to prevent, diagnose, and treat chronic health conditions and diseases through the integration and interpretation of data from diverse sources, including clinical, genomic, patient-reported, metabolomic, and geospatial data. The Department is achieving this goal using the following strategies: 1) transdisciplinary team science; 2) the conduct of novel clinical trials and precision population health initiatives that leverage large, linked health-related data; 3) the translation of findings into clinical practice using implementation science strategies; 4) novel methodological approaches for the acquisition, validation, enrichment, and linkage of data; and 5) advanced training and mentoring programs.

The BMI Program has been critical for the research mission of the College of Medicine, Health Science Center and University and has resulted in the acquisition of several key grants including the NIH-funded CTSI, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)-funded OneFlorida Clinical Data Research Network, and other key NIH and federally-funded projects throughout the Health Science Center and UF. In terms of education, in 2015, the certificate and master's degree programs in BMI were launched and in 2016 a PhD in BMI was approved with the first students starting in the Fall of 2017.

The Department of Health Outcomes and Policy still retains its critical focus on the conduct of clinical trials and observational research focused on improving health outcomes for patients and populations. In addition, the Department has strong certificate, master's, and PhD Programs in Health Outcomes Research. While faculty often make recommendations based on their research that have the potential to influence health policy, the faculty do not conduct health policy research per se. Therefore, the Department name was never an ideal fit with the themes and approaches used in the Department to fulfill the mission areas of research, education, and service.

In recognition of the long-standing research focus using large linked datasets and the development of the Biomedical Informatics Program, discussions began about changing the name from the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy to the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics.

The potential name change was discussed with the Department Leadership team which is comprised of the following members: Elizabeth Shenkman, PhD (Chair), Keith Muller, PhD (Associate Chair), Bruce Vogel, PhD (Division Director, Health Outcomes), William Hogan, MD (Director, Biomedical Informatics Program and Division Director BMI), Matthew Gurka, PhD (Pre-eminent Professor, Early Childhood), Lindsay Thompson, MD (Associate Professor, Pediatrics and Health Outcomes and Policy) and Lizabeth Manini, MSA (Department Administrator). The proposed name change and rationale was also presented to Michael Good, MD, Dean, College of Medicine, in Dr. Shenkman's annual strategic plan for the Department. Dr. Good indicated agreement with the proposed plan. The proposed name change was discussed with the faculty throughout the Fall of 2016 during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

At the November 9, 2016 faculty meeting, the faculty unanimously approved to change the name to the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics. There are no budgetary implications. The anticipated impact on faculty, staff and students is very positive. The proposed name accurately reflects the research and education offered through the Department. Moreover, it eliminates the confusion that existed regarding the use of the word "policy" in the name because faculty were not engaged in policy research as a primary activity.

External Consultation Results (departments with potential overlap or interest in proposed course, if any)

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**From:** Shenkman,Elizabeth Ann  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 9:31 PM  
**To:** Griffith,Casey Todd  
**Cc:** Lindner,Angela S; Rowe,Thomas C; Kaufmann,Meggen; Manini,Lizabeth M; Muller,Keith E  
**Subject:** FW: Health Outcomes and Policy Proposed Name Change

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Casey,

Please see the positive response below from the Department of Biomedical Engineering to our request to change the name of our Department to Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics.

Please let us know if we can provide additional information and what the time frame is for the next steps.

Thank you,

Betsy Shenkman

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**From:** "Schmidt,Christine E" <schmidt@bme.ufl.edu>  
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Thank you for sending this information. This looks good and is fine with BME. We might be able to forge some valuable partnerships!

Best Regards,  
Christine

**Christine E. Schmidt, Ph.D.**  
Pruitt Family Professor and Chair  
J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering  
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*Sent from my iPhone*

On May 8, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Shenkman,Elizabeth Ann <[eshenkman@ufl.edu](mailto:eshenkman@ufl.edu)> wrote:

Dear Christine and Carlos,

My name is Betsy Shenkman and I am the chair of the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy. We have proposed to change the name of our Department to Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics. The name change reflects the addition of Biomedical Informatics in our Department along with our scientific and educational programs.

I have enclosed a document outlining our rationale and the process we have followed. The Graduate School has requested that we obtain a consultation from you regarding our name change.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am happy to meet with both of you or have a call to discuss the name change.

Thank you,

Betsy Shenkman, PhD  
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Department of Health Outcomes and Policy  
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