

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the County Council

FROM: Sara Evers, Department Acting Director *SME*

RE: University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Nursing Agreement

DATE: 2/1/2023

Department of Public Health (DPH) is seeking approval to enter into a preceptor agreement with the University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Nursing. This will allow the Department of Public Health to accept nursing students for clinical education, preceptorship, and shadowing. The health care agencies in St. Charles County, including the Department of Public Health, have been experiencing nursing shortages for many years and currently have difficulty finding viable candidates to fill nursing vacancies. Many of our employees have applied for positions with our department after being introduced to Public Health during internships and preceptor opportunities. The Department of Public Health hosts nursing, public health, nutrition, data analytic, and epidemiology interns and students whenever possible to continue to help expand student experiences and allow our staff to share the knowledge they have gained in their respective professions. In turn, DPH and the St. Charles community benefit from the projects and clinical time the students provide.