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### **CU College of Nursing Dean Provencio-Vasquez Appointed to NIH National Advisory Council on Nursing Research**

**AURORA, Colo.** (July 29, 2020) – The University of Colorado College of Nursing Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez was recently appointed to a four-year term to the National Advisory Council on Nursing Research, a federal advisory council to the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Provencio-Vasquez is one of 15 members on the Council to advise, assist, and consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Council is comprised of leading representatives from health and scientific communities including professional nurses who are recognized as experts in the area of clinical practice, education and research, as well as experts in public health, behavioral health, public policy, law, health policy, and economics.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is one of 27 Institutes that comprise the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Its mission is to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations. NINR supports and conducts clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness across the lifespan. The Institute's research focus encompasses health promotion and disease prevention, quality of life, health disparities, and end-of-life. NINR seeks to extend nursing science by integrating the biological and behavioral sciences, employing new technologies to research questions, improving research methods, and developing the scientists of the future

“I am thrilled to be able to provide my expertise to the national conversation on health research,” said Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP. Dr. Provencio-Vasquez is a former neonatal and pediatric nurse practitioner, an expert on women at risk for substance use/abuse, high-risk sexual behavior and intimate partner violence, and Dean of CU College of Nursing. He brings a unique perspective combining research, education, and practice.

“Dr. Provencio-Vasquez brings a distinctive perspective and special expertise that will undoubtedly add great value to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research's work,” said CU Anschutz Medical Campus Chancellor Donald M. Elliman, Jr. “This appointment is fitting recognition of his many contributions to advancing nursing research and practice nationally.”

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