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DURHAM, N.H. — James McCarthy, Harriet and Robert H. Heilbrunn Professor of Public Health and director of the Heilbrunn Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, has been named dean of the University of New Hampshire's School of Health and Human Services. He begins his duties July 1.

"The appointment of Jim McCarthy cannot have come at a better time for the School of Health and Human Services at the university," notes David Hiley, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The school is at an exciting juncture in its development — the renovation of Pettee Hall, the new Institute for Health Policy and Practice and, soon, an announcement of the McKerley Endowed Chair in health economics. Dr. McCarthy brings energy and proven leadership for these and other important initiatives. We are delighted with this appointment."

"I am very excited to be coming to a school that encompasses such a wide variety of disciplines in health and human services," says McCarthy. "One of the things that drew me to the position was that UNH is so involved in both the practical and academic aspects of health and human services. The opportunity to work for a public institution that combines teaching and research in innovative ways to improve the health and well-being of people in the state was especially attractive."

McCarthy received an AB in sociology from the College of Holy Cross, an MA in sociology from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University. He has published more than 60 research papers in peer-reviewed journals on a variety of topics related to demography and community health.
He has conducted this research in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean and South America, as well as the United States.

McCarthy is currently studying the effectiveness of adolescent and reproductive health programs in urban areas in the United States, recent fertility change in Ireland, and various aspects of demographic theory.

At Columbia's Heilbrunn Center, McCarthy directs a program with an extensive array of educational, research and service delivery programs that address public health issues in this country and throughout the world. It supports two master in public health programs and provides direct health and educational services to the New York City's Washington Heights community through a clinical network that includes a Head Start Center, six primary health clinics located in local schools, a community-based reproductive health clinic, and a variety of health education programs for adults and adolescents.

In recent years, McCarthy received major funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to establish a program on forced migration and human health, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a practice-based master of public health program on child, adolescent and reproductive health; and from the Hickey, Summit and Hewlett Foundations for research and clinical studies on the health and effects of circular migration between New York and the Dominican Republic.

Prior to joining Columbia University, McCarthy served as director of the Hopkins Population Center at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, and on the research staff at the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. He has also served as a visiting academic at the Department of Community Health and General Practice at Trinity College, Dublin, and as a consultant to numerous U.S. and international organizations.

McCarthy currently serves on the boards of directors and advisory boards of a number of civic and professional organizations, including the Alan Guttmacher Institute; The Population Information Program; the Journal of International Family Planning
Perspectives; the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; and the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.

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