Nominations are being sought for the **Head (Chair) of the Department of Family Medicine & Biobehavioral Health of the University of Minnesota Medical School’s Duluth campus.** Your confidential recommendation of a colleague/associate who is interested/qualified is welcome.

The University of Minnesota Medical School is pleased to announce a national search for a new Chair of the Department of Family Medicine & Biobehavioral Health for the Medical School’s Duluth campus with the upcoming retirement of the current Chair, Ruth E. Westra, DO, MPH. The University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth is a regional medical campus that was founded in 1972 to serve the needs of rural Minnesota and Native American communities. They are a national leader in educating physicians dedicated to family medicine, serving the health care needs of rural Minnesota and Native American communities, as well as discovering and disseminating knowledge through research.

The Medical School Duluth is a campus of the University of Minnesota Medical School, which is one of the six health sciences schools in the University of Minnesota’s Academic Health Center. The University of Minnesota Medical School is a highly prestigious, widely respected and academically productive center for the education and training of physicians, development of investigative scientists and researchers, graduate and undergraduate medical education programs, basic and translational research initiatives, and overall clinical excellence. The Medical School Duluth is located on the University of Minnesota Duluth Campus, overlooking the western end of Lake Superior. The high quality of life in Duluth is a result of the combination of a dynamic and growing university environment, a scenic and vital city, and numerous summer and winter outdoor recreational opportunities.

Recently, the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Biobehavioral Health merged to create the Department of Family Medicine & Biobehavioral Health. This newly formed department combines the interests in health behavior, health of populations, and improving healthcare access and outcomes in rural Minnesota and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

The successful candidate will have a philosophy of collaboration and teamwork in interactions within and across departments. They will have shown the ability to successfully support multidisciplinary efforts and institutes, in a complex environment. Candidates will have demonstrated leadership and effectiveness in building research initiatives alongside clinical programs, preferably at a departmental level. They will also have a proven ability to lead and provide visionary leadership in a complex environment.

Nominations, expressions of interest and applications (including a cover letter of interest and CV/resume) should be submitted via email to Jim King or Beth Frye, MD at Witt/Kieffer, in care of Randy Dietrich at DuluthChairFamilyMed@wittkieffer.com or by calling 630-575-6701. Thank you for your consideration of this matter; all replies will be treated with confidentiality.

*The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and under-represented minorities to apply.*