



November 3, 2015

Dr. Shawn Gerstenberger, Dean
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Re: UNLV Proposal for Executive MHA

Dear Dean Gerstenberger:

I am very happy to support your school's proposal to create an Executive Master of Health Care Administration program at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We have worked closely with your school and the Department of Health Care Administration and Policy over the years to develop professionals in the health care arena. This new degree provides tremendous opportunity for physicians and managers in medical practice settings. While many academic programs cater to large institutions such as hospitals, there is a significant health care administration employment group in practice management. Many administrators in these group practices would benefit from having a master's degree that focuses on their profession, but traditional graduate programs are often difficult to arrange with their practice schedule. I have spoken with faculty within the UNLV program and I am convinced that they recognize the role of the practice manager now and in years to come, particularly in the growth of outpatient practice settings.

Tailoring a program for professionals with health care administration experience will enable our employees to contribute to the knowledge of the industry as well as learn from their peers as to what other organizations face in the health care market. The Nevada Chapter of the Medical Group Management Association is willing to participate in whatever ways possible to make this a successful program.

Our organization will certainly make information about this new program available to our members. It will give them a valuable opportunity to expand their career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Kulikowski".

Joe Kulikowski
Nevada MGMA President