Rough Timeline for the Establishment of the Department of Allied Health Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (with citations)

Lauren Murphree, MSLS
Updated April 17, 2018

November 3, 1966
- Bill passed by Congress allocating money for the “development of training programs for allied professional groups relating to medical and health services” (PL 89-751)
- Memo “For the Record” by Janice R. Westaby dated January 9, 1967

January 6, 1967
- Meeting, called by Dr. Miller (Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs), to discuss the implications of above bill
- Included were Dr. Weir (SOM), Dr. Barton (SOD), Margaret Moore & Ruby Barnes (SON), Janice Westaby (SPH), and an unnamed professor from School of Pharmacy.
- Memo “For the Record” by Janice R. Westaby dated January 9, 1967

February 8, 1967
- Second meeting called by Dr. Miller (Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs)
- Discussing the establishment of a “permanent advisory committee to suggest ways of coordinating and expanding the training of allied professional personnel in the University”
- Out of this meeting comes the “University’s Allied Health Professions Committee,” or at least suggestions for meeting
- Establishes the first job for the yet-unmade committee: submit grant proposal for PL 89-751
- Memo “For the Record” by Janice R. Westaby dated February 9, 1967

February 13, 1967
- Dr. C. Arden Miller sends letter to several people asking them to serve on the “University’s Allied Health Professions Committee”
- At this point in time, Dr. Weir is to be chairman and will report to Dr. Miller
- Recipients: Dr. Weir, Louise Ward, Alberta Beat, Dr. Scatliff, Virginia Lambe, Ruby Barnes, Dr. Mattocks, Dr. Barton, Dr. Chamberlin, Janice Westaby, Margaret Moore, Robert Lassiter
- The purpose of this committee is to “act in an advisory capacity on our allied health professional educational programs and on the implementation of an institutional basic improvement grant on behalf of these programs” - not at this time looking to majorly expand or create a separate department for these programs, apparently
- Letter to Recipients from Dr. Miller dated February 13, 1967

February 17, 1967
- Sometime in the last four days, Dr. Miller “submitted a grant request to develop an Allied Health Professions Training Center”
- Dr. Miller has appointed a Allied Health Professions Committee to advise him in the development of the center (assuming that this committee is the same as the “University’s Allied Health Professions Committee” mentioned above)
- **Memo to Executive Faculty from Dean Mayes dated February 17, 1967**

**February 18, 1967 - All of 1968: Major Gap in Archival Record**

**Beginning of 1968-1969 Academic Year:**
- Dr. Miller, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences Division, asks Dr. Harvey Smith to take a planning review of “the structure of the Division’s educational program for the allied health professions”
- Health Sciences Divisional Planning Board established with Dr. Smith as Chair
- Committee on Allied Health Professions established - reports to Planning Board who then reports to Vice Chancellor
- **Final Report of Allied Health Professions Committee sent to Dr. Smith on November 10, 1969**

**January 3, 1969**
- Dr. Harvey L. Smith, Chairman of the Division Planning Board for the Health Sciences Division, asks Dr. Boatman (SPH) to serve as chairman on the committee for allied health
- “Committee to review the Health Sciences programs for allied health professions”
- Appears to be a different committee from those mentioned above, it is unclear what happened to the previous committee.
- **Letter from Dr. Smith to Dr. Boatman dated January 3, 1969**

**April 15, 1969**
- Dr. Boatman sends out a memo detailing the establishment of the committee to study allied health programs, their charge, and the members - calls it “Allied Health Committee” in the subject line
- Established by Planning Board for Health Sciences
- Charge: “Review the present programs of training in allied health professions. Advise planning study - helping to guide its search for needed information, to advise the study concerning target groups, and to receive its final report as one basis for the committee’s recommendations. Make recommendations to the Board concerning future developments.”
- Members: Dr. Boatman (Chair), Dr. Barton, Lavine Duncan, Dr. Mattocks, Dr. Scatliff
- Asks for opinions to be shared
- **Memo from Dr. Boatman to Recipients dated April 15, 1969**
April 16, 1969
- Letter from Chancellor Miller to Dr. Harvey Smith mentions some procedures which could “conceivably be handled easily through a School of Allied Health Sciences”
  - Letter from Chancellor Miller dated April 16, 1969

May 1, 1969
- Dr. Boatman sends out memo identical to the one sent on April 15
  - Memo from Dr. Boatman to Recipients dated May 1, 1969

May 13, 1969
- Miss Florence Bearden of Occupational Therapy reports as a guest to the Allied Health Committee that UNC has no curriculum for Occupational Therapy at the time
- She is the one in charge of figuring out the resources needed for establishing one
- Main point: there is a big need for occupational therapists in North Carolina but there are no accredited programs in the state
  - Minutes of the Allied Health Committee dated May 13, 1969

May 6, 1969
- Margaret Moore, Director of the Division of Physical Therapy, dictates statement for sending to the Allied Health Committee
- Follow-up to statement made to the Committee in person at an earlier date
- Basically, the Division of Physical Therapy wants to be able to speak for themselves and have the same rights as other faculty and divisions, which they currently do not have under the SOM constitution
  - Statement to the Allied Health Committee dated May 14, 1969

May 22, 1969
- Opinion about how much the School of Dentistry can contribute to training of dental auxiliaries in the state of North Carolina expressed to committee
  - Letter to Dr. Boatman from Unknown dated May 22, 1969

May 22, 1969
- Alumnus shares opinions about considering the need for graduate education in physical therapy in the state of North Carolina
  - Letter to Dr. Boatman from Jan F. Perry dated May 22, 1969

June 6, 1969
- Discussion of the Rehabilitation Counseling Area faculty
  - those in charge think that it is best for them to stay where they are in the School of Education
- However, they support a School of Allied Health because its organization could help them improve communications with other schools
- *Letter to Dr. Boatman from Bob Lassiter dated June 6, 1969*

**September 1969**
- Report of the Allied Health Professions Committee written up
- *Report of the Allied Health Professions Committee dated September 1969*

**October 13, 1969**
- Report of the Allied Health Professions Committee sent to Dr. Harvey Smith, says that this is the final report, there are limitations - mentions what the report describes and that the Committee prefers moving forward with Section V of the report
- The Committee recommends that UNC establish a School of Allied Health Professions in the Health Sciences Division
- *Letter to Dr. Smith from Allied Health Committee dated October 13, 1969 in the front of typed and bound Report of the Allied Health Professions Committee dated September 1969*

**November 10, 1969**
- Final report of the Allied Health Committee sent to Dr. Harvey Smith
- *Letter to Dr. Smith from Dr. Boatman dated November 10, 1969*

**January 21, 1970**
- Expresses the interest of the Physical Therapy faculty in a School of Allied Health Sciences
- *Letter to Chancellor Sitterson from Margaret Moore dated January 21, 1970*

**February 2, 1970**
- The Dean's Cabinet of the School of Public Health takes action in favor of a School of Allied Health Sciences
- *Memo from Dr. Boatman to the Allied Health Committee dated February 26, 1970*

**June 11, 1970**
- Committee on Allied Health sending report about School of Allied Health Sciences
- “Committee recommends that you [Dr. Miller] initiate action which is necessary for the University to consider whether or not it wishes to establish a School of Allied Health Sciences in the Health Science Division.”
- *Letter to Dr. Miller from Allied Health Committee dated June 11, 1970*

**June 1970**
- Draft Report of the Allied Health Committee on a School of Allied Health Sciences
- *A School of Allied Health Sciences: Final Report (For Study Only) dated June 1970*

**August 1, 1970**
- Office of Allied Health Sciences created as an interim step in process of improvement
- Letter to Dr. Sheps, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences Division from Unknown dated May 6, 1971*
- *In 1970, Dr. Miller was still Vice Chancellor. The change appears to have happened over the 1970-1971 academic year.

October 1970
- Proposal for School of Allied Health Sciences drafted for discussion only
- Draft Only Proposal for a School of Allied Health Sciences dated October 1970

October 7, 1970
- Dr. Miller warns Dr. Boatman to be careful about going over the head of other people to speak to the Board of Higher Education (about establishing School of Allied Health Sciences)
- He suggests that Boatman consult Bill Wells for information about University procedures.
- Letter to Dr. Boatman from Dr. Miller dated October 7, 1970

October 16, 1970
- Anticipation of having a proposal for new School of Allied Health Sciences ready to submit to the UNC Faculty Council at the start of the new year (1971)
- Letter to Dr. Henry Boren, Secretary to the UNC Faculty from Dr. Boatman dated October 16, 1970

March 10, 1971
- Progress report about School of Allied Health Proposal - they’ve met with groups on campus to explain and information has been passed on to Dr. Sheps
- Memo to the Allied Health Advisory Committee from Dr. Boatman dated March 10, 1971

April 1971
- School of Allied health Proposed
- Proposal for a School of Allied Health Sciences dated April 1971

April 9, 1971
- School of Medicine decides to support Plan I: Department of Allied Health Professions Programs
- This plan includes Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, X-Ray, Hospital Administration, Chaplains, Inhalation Therapy/Anaesthesia Aides/Nurse Anesthetists and Medical Record Science as divisions under a new Department of Allied Health Professions
- Minutes of School of Medicine Allied Health Professions Programs dated April 9, 1971

May 6, 1971
- Dr. Shep, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, says that there’s a lot of work happening for forming a better allied health program
- Says of the considerations is the development of a school of Allied Health, there’s a lot of support for it but some people also have questions about it
- Thinks they’re in a place where they can move forward
- *Letter to Chancellor Sitterson from Dr. Sheps dated May 6, 1971*

May 6, 1971
- Transmitting proposal for allied health school which has been under discussion
- Several options were considered but the committee unanimously recommended a school, and as an interim step the Office of Allied Health Sciences was created on August 1, 1970 - since then the report has been studied and discussed among administration and faculty
- *Letter to Dr. Sheps from ?? dated May 6, 1971*

May 20, 1971
- SOM does not approve of a school of allied health
- "The Advisory Committee of the School of Medicine does not at this time endorse a separate School of Allied Health Sciences for a variety of reasons which have been conveyed to Dr. Ralph Boatman...the Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the faculty of the School of Medicine ‘Plan I - A Department of Allied Health Professions Programs’ as the strong arrangement for meeting the interests and needs of the several programs in question."
- Outlines three programs: Department, Division, Assistant Dean
- *Memo to Dr. Sheps from Dr. Isaac Taylor*, dated May 20, 1971
- *Dr. Isaac Taylor not addressed as Dean until letter dated June 7, 1971*

May 24, 1971
- Vice Chancellor Sheps wants to hear more about why the School of Medicine does not approve of a school of allied health
- Wants to hear whether the concise statement describing the Medical School attitude towards the school from Dr. Boatman’s memo of March 19 is “an accurate reflection of the Medical School’s reasons for not endorsing a School of Allied health.....it would be most helpful indeed if you could indicate what is meant by ‘concern that allied health education would follow route of nursing education’...it would also be helpful if you could indicate what type of control you believe the Medical School faculty needs to have over allied health programs."
- *Letter to Dr. Isaac Taylor from Dr. Sheps dated May 24, 1971*

May 31, 1971
- Affirming that the School of Medicine does not support a new school of allied health
- *Letter to Dr. Sheps from Dr. Taylor dated May 31, 1971*

June 7, 1971
- Telling Dr. Taylor that the Chancellor does not want to make a decision on the Allied Health Professionals school - wants to leave it up to the next chancellor
- Earliest time for more consideration will be early fall
- *Letter to Dr. Isaac Taylor, Dean, SOM from Dr. Sheps dated June 7, 1971

**September 14, 1971**
- Meeting of Directors, Allied Health Professions Programs
- Margaret L. Moore, Chairman
- Information that the committee of the School of Medicine voted not to endorse a school of allied health, but they moved to make a department of allied health instead and are in talks with Dean Fordham, SOM*
- If it passes it will require amendment to the constitution of the SOM
- *Minutes of Meeting of Directors, Allied Health Professions Programs dated September 14, 1971
- *Change in SOM Dean from Taylor to Fordham appears to have taken place at the beginning of the 1971-1972 School Year

**October 4, 1971**
- Memo addressing confusion about how the allied health programs are organized
- Dr. Margaret Moore is the coordinating officer for them
- *Memo to SOM Faculty and Staff from Dean Fordham dated October 4, 1971

**November 30, 1971**
- School of Medicine sets forth plans which would lead to adopting a separate department for Allied Health in that school
- *Memo to Chancellor Sitterson from ? Dated December 10, 1971

**December 10, 1971**
- Dean Mayes thanking Dean Fordham for the proposal of a new department of allied health, that there are things in motion for something else but that they will give it consideration
- *Letter to Dean Fordham from Dean Mayes (not sure which school he is dean of)

**December 20, 1971**
- Opinion that “subprofessional programs” such as the Allied Health Sciences should be integrated into existing units instead of established as their own school
- *Letter to Dr. Sheps, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences from Daniel A. Okun, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, dated December 20, 1971
- Letter of reply states that they are considering establishing a separate department
- *Letter to Oken from Dr. Sheps

**January 24, 1972**
- The medical faculty of the SOM voted to develop a Department of medical Allied Health Professions and requested administrative approval to proceed with the development of that department.
- *Letter to Dr. Sheps from Dr. Fordham, Dean of the School of Medicine dated February 4, 1972*

**March 15, 1972**
- Department of Medical Allied Health Professions has not yet been approved by the chancellor, meaning that graduate degrees for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and hospital administration cannot move forward in activation
- *Letter to Lyle Jones, Dean of the Graduate School from Dr. Margaret Moore dated March 15, 1972*
- Reply: expectation is that there are delays which will prevent programs from being established before the calendar year 1973, and probably not before the academic year 1973-1974
- *Letter to Dr. Moore from Lyle Jones dated March 17, 1972*

**March 21, 1972**
- The Chancellor approves the establishment of a Department of Medical Allied Health Professions in the School of Medicine.
- *Note from Lucia Hudson about telegram sent to Dr. Thomas Hatch at NIH from Dean Fordham dated March 21, 1972*

**August 18, 1972**
- First (seen) mention of the “new Department of Allied Health”
- *Minutes of Meeting, Medical Allied Health Directors dated August 18, 1972*

**September 12, 1972**
- Search committee for “Chairman of the new Allied Health Department” underway
- Report that every program now considered Allied Health is a potential member of the new department
- *Minutes of Meeting, Medical Allied Health Directors dated September 12, 1972*

**1972-1973**
- “B” Budget Revision has a page titled “Department of Medical Allied Health Professions”
- “B” Budget Revision for 1972-1973

**January 23, 1973**
- Mention of a program “eventually [being] placed under the long hoped for Department of Medical Allied Health in the medical school.”
- *Minutes of Meeting, Medical Allied Health Directors dated January 23, 1973*

**August 1973**
- First courses offered under the new Department of Medical Allied Health Professions, as listed in the School of Medicine’s 1973-1974 Bulletin.

Undated Materials:
- Administrative Arrangements for Allied Health Programs (undated)
  - Office of Allied Health Sciences, established August 1, 1970
  - Dr. Boatman is the Administrative Dean for this office which reports to the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
  - It also has an advisory committee
  - Dr. Margaret Moore is the Assistant Dean as well as being the Director for the Division of Physical Therapy
  - Dr Smith of the NC Memorial Hospital and Dr. Matkin of the School of Dentistry are also directly involved
- Draft: UNC Statement of Institutional Plan for Allied Health Education (undated)
  - Says it currently offers fourteen allied health curricula
    - Dental Assisting (Dental School)
    - Dental Hygiene (Dental School)
    - Dental Auxiliary Teacher Education (Medical School all the way down)
    - Physical Therapy
    - Medical Technology
    - Blood Bank Technology
    - Histologic Technology
    - Radiologic Technology
    - Nuclear Medical Technology
    - Radiation Therapy Technology
    - Surgical Assistant
    - Operating Room Technician (NC Memorial Hospital)
    - Chaplains’ Program (Medical School)
    - Sanitarian (School of Public Health)
- Undated Sheet titled “Twenty Allied Health Disciplines” - in “Health Affairs: dean of the School of Medicine/Subgroup 2: Units of the School of Medicine/Series 1: Departments, Divisions, Curricula and Programs”
  - Medical Technologist
  - Optometric Technologist
  - Dental Hygenist
  - Radiologic Technologist
  - Medical Records Librarian
  - Dietitian
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Physical Therapist
  - X-Ray Technician
  - Medical Records Technician
  - Inhalation Therapy Technician
- Dental Laboratory Technician
- Dental Assistant
- Ophthalmic Assistant
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Dietary Technician
- Optometric Technician

- Undated Proposal for New Degree Authorization
  - Bachelor of Science in Health Related Professions with majors in Physical Therapy, Medical Technology, and Radiologic Science
  - PT and MT already exists, but it is proposed that these programs will become "major areas of concentration under the degree title Bachelor of Science in Health Related Professions" - enclosed details for new radiologic science major
  - Administrative unit: School of Medicine, Department of Medical Allied Health Professions
  - To start Fall 1975

Sources Consulted:
Collections at the University Archives in Wilson Library
- Office of Chancellor: Joseph Carlyle Sitterson records, 1966-1972 (Box 24)
- Office of the Dean of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Records, 1905-1998 (Boxes 2:1:8, 2:1:9, 2:1:10)
- Office of the Vice Provost for Health Affairs of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Records, 1932-2005 (Box 80)
- Office of Allied Health Sciences of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1969-1978 (Box 01)
- Records of the School of Public Health, 1930-1998 (Box 1:9)