#### Appendix II

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Joseph Amoah is the coordinator for undergraduate clinical clerkship for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine Sciences, University of Cape Coast. He is also currently the technical advisor at the Center for Maternal and Newborn Health – LSTM. His research interests include emergency obstetric care (packages and innovations), and family planning and reproductive medicine. He was recently awarded the 2013 International Scholars Award by the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO). He has a BSc in Human Biology.

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health in Africa at the provincial/regional/district levels by training non-physician health worker (Task shifting). Myron received his MBA from Michigan State University. Prior work experience includes executive roles with Kraft Foods, Samsonite, Wirthlin Worldwide, and Herman Miller.

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Frank Anderson, M.D., M.P.H. joined the University of Michigan, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology faculty in 1999. He is currently a Clinical Associate Professor, with a joint appointment in the Heath Behavior/Health Education department at the School of Public Health and the Medical School. Dr. Anderson is a generalist obstetrician/gynecologist and Director of Global Initiatives for the department. Partnering with universities and programs in less developed countries to decrease maternal mortality is a major goal of the initiative. In projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, his research focuses on both hospital and community-based interventions to improve maternal and neonatal health and to decrease mortality. A major theme dictating the partnerships is health research for development, ensuring that research programs answer local health problems and build local capacity while providing new knowledge that can be applied to other settings. Through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, he is currently examining how principles of collaboration affect global health projects. He teaches the Fundamentals of Reproductive Health course at the School of Public Health, and gives lectures across campus on issues related to maternal mortality, reproductive health and global health. His work also involves understanding maternal mortality in the state of Michigan. He sits on the Maternal Mortality Review Committee and the Michigan Maternal Accident Committee for the state of Michigan.

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