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Dear Dr. Becerra:

On behalf of the Council on Education for Public Health, I am pleased to advise you that the CEPH Board of Councilors acted at its October 5-7, 2017 meeting to accredit the Public Health Program at California State University, San Bernardino for a five-year term, extending to December 31, 2022 with an interim report to be submitted in fall 2018. The interim report must address the criteria for which there was a “partially met” assessment.

Specifically, the interim report due in fall 2018 should provide evidence that the program has:

- a) Implemented methods to collect accurate data on graduation rates and employment for bachelor’s degree students. The report must include initial data on both measures. (Criterion 2.7)
- b) Implemented a regular process to gather information on workforce needs and use this information to develop non-degree offerings for the workforce. The report must present evidence of these processes and about the outcomes associated with the program’s efforts (eg, minutes, reports, lists of events and attendees, etc.). (Criterion 3.3)

The report will be due on September 26, 2018. Please be aware that failure to come into compliance with all accreditation criteria must trigger specific actions on CEPH’s part. These actions, mandated in federal regulations governing accrediting agencies that are recognized by the US Department of Education, include initiating adverse action or, if good cause is demonstrated, extending by one year the period during which the program or school may come into compliance with the remaining criteria, after which CEPH must take adverse action. CEPH is required to deny or revoke accreditation when a school or program fails to demonstrate that it has come into compliance. Thus, interim reports have serious consequences. Additional information about preparing interim reports is available on the [CEPH website](http://www.ceph.org).

We are enclosing a copy of the Council’s final accreditation report. The report is also being transmitted to the chief executive officer of your university as the Council’s official report. This differs from the team’s report that you received prior to our meeting in one area. The Council changed the finding for Criterion 3.1 (Research) from met with commentary to met and updated language in the report. This change was based on the Council’s review of information in the self-study and the team’s report, as well as the program’s response to the site visit team’s report.

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I would call your attention to the disclosure provisions in our adopted procedures. The program is expected to make its official accreditation report available to the public on request 60 days following the accreditation decision. ***The program may make the report and final self-study available in full on its website, or it must clearly indicate on the website how to request a copy of either document.*** See Section 7 of the [Accreditation Procedures](#) for additional information.

You may append a written response whenever you distribute the report. The official report also will be available on request from CEPH after 60 days, but it is our intent to refer all initial requests to you. If you provide this office with a copy of a written response by November 27, 2017, we will be pleased to append it whenever we respond to a request for the report. Please note that this response is optional.

We would also like to remind you that whenever an accredited school or program undergoes a substantive change, it is obligated to provide written notification to CEPH of the intended change. Substantive changes are defined in the procedures manual, but generally include offering a new degree, adding or discontinuing an area of specialization, offering a degree program in a different format or at a distant site and making major revisions to the curricular requirements. Additional information about substantive changes is available on our [website](#).

We appreciated the many courtesies and helpfulness extended to the site visit team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Marie Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Rose Marie Martinez, ScD
President

Enclosure

cc: CEPH Councilors