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Dear Dr. Ogunseitan,

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 June 14-16, 2018 meeting to accredit the Public Health Program at the University of California, Irvine for a seven-year term, with an interim report to be submitted in spring 2019.

The accreditation term extends until July 1, 2025, pending the program's continued documentation of compliance through the interim report, compliance report, annual reporting and any other reporting required by the Council.

The interim report will be due on May 2, 2019 and must address the criteria for which there was a "partially met" assessment.

Specifically, the interim report due in spring 2019 should provide evidence that the program has:

- a) collected useful data from employers regarding perceptions of graduates' performances in the workplace. Initial data must be provided. To assure future compliance with all criteria, please review Criterion F1 in the 2016 Accreditation Criteria while addressing this concern. (Criterion 2.7)
- b) assessed professional development needs of the existing public health workforce and implemented programming to address these needs. The report must include preliminary data. To assure future compliance with all criteria, please review Criteria F3 and F4 while addressing this concern. (Criterion 3.3)

In addition, the program must submit its second report documenting compliance with elements of the 2016 Accreditation Criteria by January 9, 2019. Additional information is available on the [CEPH website](#) (see the entry titled "compliance report").

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](#).

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 the following areas:

- The Council changed the finding for Criterion 2.1 (Degrees Offered) from partially met to met. This change was based on the Council's review of the site visit team's report and information in the program's response to the report.
- The Council changed the finding for Criterion 2.6 (Competencies) from partially met to met. This change was based on the Council's review of the site visit team's report and information in the program's response to the report.
- The Council adjusted language in Criterion 2.7 (Student Assessment) to reflect information provided in the program's response.
- The Council changed the finding for Criterion 4.3 (Recruitment & Admissions) from partially met to met. This change was based on the Council's review of the site visit team's report and information in the program's response to the report.

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 August 3, 2018, 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, flowing style.

Rose Marie Martinez, ScD
President

Enclosure

cc: CEPH Councilors