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Dear Dr. Gersberg:

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 September 18-20, 2014 meeting to accredit the Graduate School of Public Health at the San Diego State University for a seven-year term, extending to December 31, 2021.

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 two areas. First, the Council changed the finding for Criterion 2.6 (Competencies) from partially met to met. This change was based on information provided in the school's response. Additionally, the Council changed the finding for Criterion 2.11 (Academic Degrees) from partially met to met with commentary. This change was based on the Council's assessment of information in the site visit team's report. The Council also adjusted language in both sections.

I would call your attention to the disclosure provisions in our adopted procedures. The school is expected to make its official accreditation report available to the public on request 60 days following the accreditation decision. The school may make the report (with the 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 p. 29 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 14, 2014, 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,

Stephen W. Wyatt, DMD, MPH
President

Enclosure

cc: CEPH Councilors