June 24, 2011

Bernadette Gray-Little, PhD
Chancellor
University of Kansas
230 Strong Hall
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Dear Chancellor Gray-Little:

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 16-18, 2011 meeting to accredit the KU-MPH Program at University of Kansas School of Medicine for a seven-year term, extending to July 1, 2018, with interim reports due in spring 2012 and spring 2013. The interim reports will address issues related to the following areas: evaluation and planning, student practice experiences, competencies, student assessment and joint degree programs.

We are enclosing a copy of the Council's final accreditation report. This differs from the team's report that you received prior to our meeting in six areas. 1) The Council made several changes to the text of Criterion 2.4, eliminating some areas of concern listed in the site visit team's report and better clarifying the Council's concern. 2) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 3.2, Service, from Met with Commentary to Met and adjusted language in this section. This change was based on the Council's assessment that the information in the site visit team's report indicates compliance with this criterion. 3) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 4.1, Faculty Qualifications, from Met with Commentary to Met and adjusted language in this section. This change was based on the Council's review of all available information, including the program’s response to the site visit team’s report. 4) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 4.3, Faculty and Staff Diversity, from Partially Met to Met with Commentary and adjusted language in this section. This change was based on the Council’s review of all available information, including the program’s response to the site visit team’s report. 5) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 4.4, Student Recruitment and Admissions, from Met with Commentary to Met. This change was based on the Council’s assessment that the original text of the site visit team’s report indicated compliance with this criterion. 6) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 4.6, Advising and Counseling, from Met with Commentary to Met. This change was based on the Council’s assessment that the original text of the site visit team’s report indicated compliance with this criterion.

We appreciated the many courtesies extended to the site visit team during its visit.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Wyatt

Stephen W. Wyatt, DMD, MPH
President

Enclosure

cc: Won S. Choi, PhD, MPH
CEPH Councilors