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Olga Rodrigues de Arzola, MD, FAAP  
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Dear Dr. Rodrigues:

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 6-8, 2013 meeting to accredit the Public Health Program at the Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a five-year term, extending to July 1, 2018, with an interim report due in spring 2014. The interim report will address issues related to the following areas: student diversity, practical experience, culminating experience, assessment of student outcomes and faculty research.

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 three areas. 1) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 1.8 (Diversity) from met with commentary to partially met. This change reflects the Council's independent assessment of the information provided in the team's report and ensures consistency with past decisions. The Council also adjusted language to reflect this change. 2) The Council changed the finding for Criterion 3.1 (Research) from met with commentary to partially met. This change reflects the Council's independent assessment of the information provided in the team's report and ensures consistency with past decisions. The Council also adjusted language to reflect this change. 3) The Council adjusted language in Criterion 4.3 (Recruitment & Admissions) to clarify the nature of the commentary.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Wyatt, DMD, MPH  
President

Enclosure

cc: E. Anne Peterson, MD, MPH  
CEPH Councilors