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From: Hand, Gregory
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:50 PM
To: Rhona Applebaum
Subject: RE: WVU School of Public Health Accreditation

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From: Rhona Applebaum
Date: 06/26/2015 4:33 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hand, Gregory"
Subject: Re: WVU School of Public Health Accreditation

Do you mind if I share with our 'email family'?

Rhona

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On Jun 26, 2015, at 4:20 PM, Hand, Gregory <gahand@hsc.wvu.edu> wrote:

Dear School of Public Health Visiting Committee members:

It is my privilege to announce to you that the Council on Education (CEPH) has accredited the WVU School of Public Health with a full 5-year accredited status.

What is the significance of our CEPH accreditation? It means that we have joined a group of 56 Schools of Public Health across the United States, Canada and Mexico that represent quality education, impactful research, and a commitment to community engagement. Our accreditation shows that we have met a threshold of high standards that are created and enforced by the best schools of public health in the world.

Perhaps more importantly, our future efforts to maintain accreditation will assure that we continue to improve across all aspects of our mission. But the most significant aspect of our accreditation is that it means West Virginia can be confident of the value of our academic degrees and that we will remain on the cusp of current public health theory and translation into practice.

Reaching this milestone is another early step in implementing the vision of our school: to partner with communities to improve the health of West Virginians, and to use innovation and technology to optimize the well-being of the people across the thirteen states of America's Appalachian Mountain region.

Our focus has been to ensure that students can achieve the highest distinction available by choosing WVU and we will continue to build on that merit by applying and, where possible,

exceeding CEPH standards and competencies in all that we do. Students will be assured they can acquire a global skillset with practical applications for our region.

I am attaching the final report from CEPH that maps our aspirations and our plans to achieve our goals. It also includes the CEPH review board's comments regarding these plans. I hope that this document will give those of you who are interested some background on the school and a better understanding of where the school is headed.

You should be receiving shortly some information from Michelle about a VC meeting in the fall. I hope that you will be able to attend as your input is critical for our school to move forward.

Greg

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