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Dear Dr. Cates:

I am pleased to advise you that the governing body of the Council on Education for Public Health, the nationally recognized accrediting body for programs in public health, formally acted at its June 17-20, 2009 meeting to approve Kansas State University's request to begin the accreditation process for its Master of Public Health Program. While the Council accepted the application, we noted that the program must be attentive to the curricula for the areas of emphasis; specifically, the program must ensure that it develops an appropriate depth of required coursework to differentiate each area of emphasis.

Our procedures provide that you have up to two years to undertake a self-study and submit an acceptable self-study document. Your self-study must be submitted by June 20, 2011, although you may elect to submit it earlier; if an earlier date is selected you need to negotiate an earlier review schedule with CEPH staff. An on-site visit by a team of peer reviewers will follow self-study submission by approximately five months.

Copies of a) *Accreditation Procedures for Schools of Public Health and Public Health Programs Outside Schools of Public Health, amended February 2008*, and b) *Accreditation Criteria for Public Health Programs, amended June 2005* are enclosed. These two documents, and any subsequent procedural revisions, will guide your upcoming review. We are enclosing a 2009 fee schedule for your budget planning purposes, although fees are revised annually.

Please note that the Procedures Manual specifies that all applicants must 1) schedule an on-site CEPH consultation visit and 2) attend an accreditation orientation workshop before the accreditation review takes place. Applicants should discuss the timing of consultation visits with CEPH staff; timing and agenda are largely at applicants' discretion, but visits must typically be scheduled at least four months in advance. Accreditation orientation workshops are held annually. CEPH staff will send you an invitation to the 2010 orientation workshop once the schedule is finalized.

We sincerely hope that you find the analytical self-evaluation that is central to our accreditation process to be a valuable experience. If you have other questions, please contact the CEPH staff. They will be pleased to assist you as you progress with your self-study.

Sincerely,

James D. Yager, PhD
President

Enclosure

cc: Jon Wefald, President, Kansas State University
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