



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey

Office of the Dean

Dear Colleagues:

In 1998, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Trustees established the UMDNJ-School of Public Health as a statewide school. The School was founded on a strong, established history of public health education with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey that began in 1983 in New Jersey. This partnership expanded to include New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Public Health Research Institute in 1998 when we formally established the School of Public Health as the nation's first collaborative school of public health. Today, we continue to have the only collaborative school of public health accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Through our collaboration, students may matriculate in one of the degree or certificate programs on the Newark Campus, the Piscataway/New Brunswick Campus or the Stratford/Camden Campus. For information regarding the programs offered on each campus, please visit our website at: <http://sph.umdj.edu>.

To maintain accreditation status, CEPH requires that a self-study be conducted before the close of the current accreditation term. Based on the preliminary review of our self-study by CEPH, a site visit by CEPH has been scheduled for December 13-15, 2006. The site-visit team will be meeting with our university administrators, faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community constituents during the visit with us to validate our self-study.

The process for reaccreditation review also includes a notification to our constituents regarding their opportunity to provide written third-party comment to the CEPH offices. If you would like to provide comment, you may send it to:

Laura Rasar King, MPH, CHES
Executive Director
Council on Education for Public Health
800 Eye Street, NW, Suite 202
Washington, DC 20001-3710

The Council on Education for Public Health will make its decision regarding the accreditation status of the UMDNJ-School of Public Health at the Council's June 2007 meeting. We will be providing you with a summary of the review as soon as we receive written notification.

Best wishes,

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Co-Chair, Self Study Steering Committee
Dean

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