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Subject: Master of Public Health Program Performance Review

This memo is submitted in response to the September 7th PPR memo sent by Dean Greenberg to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. We are pleased with the success of our accreditation visit last fall and are delighted to have received accreditation for seven years, the maximum amount awarded. The accreditation review identified opportunities for program improvement. These include enhancing interprofessional education, program assessment and evaluation of newly adopted core competencies, and the assessment of workforce professional development needs.

Interprofessional education (IPE) is an accreditation requirement for many of the departments in our college. This work is often stymied because of classroom coordination challenges. We will be using CARES2 funding to develop a new Canvas “module” that can be installed in the Canvas page associated with one of the graduate classes offered in different departments. The module will present a health problem “scenario” that is relevant across multiple disciplines. The module also will include class activities, discussion boards, other support materials, a final assignment, rubric, and debriefing. This approach will enable the integration of interprofessional education activities across disciplines in a virtual format. Our department has been successful in conducting ongoing **program assessment** for our undergraduate program but had not identified a dedicated assessment coordinator for our graduate program. As a result of our self-study, we recruited a faculty member to serve in this role, and we will follow the approach we developed for our undergraduate program to guide assessment of our graduate program. Finally, the assessment of **workforce professional development needs** will be one of the tasks completed by the assessment coordinator. Data will be collected from our Community Advisory Board and through a survey sent to the CalOptima listserv and other community partners, including the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Our department is looking forward to implementing these new strategies to help improve our Master of Public Health program so we can better serve our students and the community. We greatly appreciate the support of the College and our broader campus leadership in these efforts.

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