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Dear Team,

Great news...everyone made it through the CEPH Site Visit October 10 -12! All joking aside, the accreditation site visit was a great success. As I mentioned in an email sent earlier this month, our peer reviewers evaluated us on 27 criteria, each of which is evaluated as Met, Met with Commentary, Partially Met or Not Met. I am pleased to report that their preliminary findings resulted in 23 Met, 3 Met and 1 Partially Met. While we know that we have some work to do, we should all be very proud of these results. Everyone's dedication and commitment was recognized by our reviewers and it's due to our team that we had such a successful site visit. I cannot thank our faculty, staff, students and partners enough who contributed to this extremely important process.

We will receive the draft site visit report, which will offer us more detail about their observations, by December 7 and will have until May 2017 to respond to the report. The CEPH Board of Councilors will meet in June 2017 to review the site visit report and our response and will issue a decision on our accreditation by July 2017.

Kudos to our Global Health Fellows Jonathan Ali, Bijaya Padhi, PhD, Trang Hoang and Kushal Karan, MD, who were highlighted at the College's Center for Global Health and Development's Summer Global Health Fellowship Program event on October 7. These students were selected for and participated in the 2016 program which provides funds to support onsite experience around the globe and research projects. They are commended for their work and the excellent presentations they delivered during the event. More information on the program, the students and their presentations is available on the [Center's website](#).

Several on our team had the chance to attend the Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals (AHEPP) conference this month. Keith Hansen, Kristi Sanger, John Lowe, Beckie McCaw, Sharon Medcalf and Kara Stephens were at the helm of this event which was one of the largest gatherings of healthcare emergency preparedness professionals and leaders in the United States. AHEPP is an associated dedicated to moving preparedness forward in healthcare settings and provides numerous opportunities for networking, collaboration and mentorship among new and seasoned preparedness professionals. Faculty, staff and students can learn more about these benefits at www.ahepp.org.

We were honored to have Dr. Novotny, a distinguished alumnus of the University, visit us this month. He made time in his schedule to have lunch with a group of students and discuss public health in the federal government. Dr. Novotny earned his medical degree from UNMC, and has



had a long, distinguished career in public health and is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Congratulations to several members of our faculty who are part of the Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network leadership team that has secured the largest grant ever for the University. The National Institutes of Health five-year research grant totals nearly \$20 million. Drs. Paul Estabrooks, Fang Yu, Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway, Jane Meza, Risto Rautiainen, Dave Palm and Denise Britigan are all participants.

Welcome to Jason Dundis and Joe Michaelsen, who have joined us in finance as well as Dr. David Dzewaltowski who has joined us as one of four Early Childhood Community Chair positions across the UN system. David's focus will be on physical activity, nutrition, and obesity and early childhood.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at APHA and my reception!

Always listening,
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