MEMORANDUM

To: UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health community
From: Barbara K. Rimer, DrPH, Dean
Subject: Successful CEPH reaccreditation
Date: July 2, 2010

Thank you so much for helping us through the reaccreditation process! Best wishes for a wonderful 4th of July holiday!

Dear members of the School community:

We were notified on July 1 of our reaccreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). We now are accredited for the next seven years, the maximum that can be awarded. This is great news! We are so appreciative of the many ways in which people internal to and external to the School helped us prepare for the event. Some of you were present the day of the site visit, and we are especially grateful for that.
Special thanks for their leadership of the process are due to:

**Peggy Leatt**, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Chair and Professor, Health Policy and Management (HPM)
**Anita Farel**, DrPH, MSW, Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, Maternal and Child Health
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**Kathy Barboriak**, PhD, Assistant Dean for Information Technology
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Today, reaccreditation is an ongoing process. We are now collecting data that will be needed for the next review. Our systems are better than they were at the start of the last process, and that will help a lot. **Charlotte Nuñez-Wolff**, EdD, associate dean for business and finance, and **Robert Pitts**, MSIS, director of systems integration, are integral to our data assessment efforts.

Although we were given full reaccreditation, there are some areas we must strengthen, and we will follow up, when appropriate. Associate Dean Leatt will continue to take the lead on issues that relate to the quality of our educational enterprise.

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health is an outstanding School. A lot of that has to do with our leaders, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends.

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