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Dear President García:

At its February 2015 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Reaffirmation* application for the master's social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for eight years, ending in February 2023 with a *Progress Report* to be reviewed by the COA.

In taking this action, the Commission identified the following areas of concern:

Accreditation Standard M2.0.4: Provides an operational definition for each of the competencies used in its curriculum design and its assessment [EP 2.1 through 2.1.10(d); EP M2.2].

The program specifies its operational definitions used in its curriculum design for each of its three concentrations. The program does not provide distinct advanced practice behaviors specific to each concentration. The operational definition for **EP 2.1.6** is incomplete, as it only describes research informing practice and not practice informing research.

The program is asked to provide advanced practice behaviors for each of its three concentrations. In addition, the program is asked to complete its operational definition of **EP 2.1.6** by describing how practice informs research.

Accreditation Standard M2.1.2: Provides advanced practice opportunities for students to demonstrate the program's competencies.

The extent to which advanced practice opportunities are provided in each of its concentrations is unclear.

The program is asked to clarify how it provides advanced practice opportunities specific to each of its concentrations to demonstrate the program's competencies.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.1: The program presents its plan to assess the attainment of each of its competencies. The plan specifies procedures, multiple measures of each practice behavior, and benchmarks employed to assess the attainment of each of the program's competencies.

The program presents an assessment plan which does not identify measures for the advanced practice behaviors specific to each of the three concentrations.

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The program is asked to specify procedures, multiple measures, and benchmarks employed to assess the attainment of each of the program's competencies specific to each of the three concentrations.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.2: *The program provides summary data and outcomes for the assessment of each of its competencies, identifying the percentage of students achieving each benchmark.*

The program provided summary data for one year. However, the data is based on the undifferentiated advanced practice behaviors for each concentration.

The program is asked to provide updated summary data based on a revised assessment plan.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.3: *The program describes the procedures it employs to evaluate the outcomes and their implications for program renewal. It discusses specific changes it has made in the program based on specific assessment outcomes.*

Given the clarification requested in **AS 4.0.2**, revisions to **AS 4.0.3** may be warranted.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.4: *The program uses Form AS 4(B) and/or Form AS 4(M) to report its most recent assessment outcomes to constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) these postings.*

Given the clarification requested in **AS 4.0.2**, revisions to **AS 4.0.4** may be warranted.

Accreditation Standard 4.0.5: *The program appends copies of all assessment instruments used to assess the program competencies.*

Given the clarification requested in **AS 4.0.2**, revisions to **AS 4.0.5** may be warranted.

Please submit three (3) copies of the *Progress Report* no later than December 1, 2015 for review during the February 2016 Commission on Accreditation meeting.

Please be in touch with Megan Fujita, Accreditation Associate in the Office of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,



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