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Ms. Marie Ceroni
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Dear Ms. Ceroni:

The Commission of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) has received the report of the Appeal Panel following the institution's April 3, 2012, appeal of the Commission's December 20, 2011, action denying the institution's application for a renewed grant of accreditation. A copy of this report is enclosed.

The Appeal Panel voted to **affirm the decision of the Commission denying the institution's application**. The Appeal Panel found that the record before the Commission at the time of its decision supported the Commission's conclusion that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for accreditation. The Appeal Panel Report also noted that the Panel considered and rejected the institution's argument that it had not had adequate notice of the findings of deficiency, concluding that the record demonstrated the contrary.

Subsequent to the appeal hearing on April 3, 2012, via an email from counsel, the institution expressed concern regarding a reference by a member of the Panel during the appeal hearing to events that transpired after December 20, 2011. Specifically, the institution expressed concern that panelist Mr. Clohan commented on FBI actions relating to Carnegie.

In response to the concern expressed by the institution, ABHES requested that Ms. Elise Scanlon, special counsel to the Appeal Panel, conduct an investigation of the matter. At its meetings on May 18-19, 2012, the ABHES Commission considered carefully the report of the Appeal Panel, the email communication from the institution questioning Mr. Clohan's comments during the hearing, and the report of Ms. Scanlon. The Commission concluded that there was no evidence to show that the Appeal Panel either improperly considered events that occurred after December 20, 2011 in reaching its decision or that the Panel's review was influenced or biased by knowledge of events occurring after that date. To the contrary, the record showed that the Panel was properly aware of its responsibility to decide the matter solely on the record that existed on December 20, 2011 and that it did so.

Accordingly, at its May 2012, meeting, the Commission acted pursuant to Chapter III.E.2.i of the *Accreditation Manual* to implement the decision of the Appeal Panel. The decision to deny the application for accreditation is now final and is effective **June 11, 2012**. There is no additional appeal available.

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As is set forth in Chapter I.B.1 of the *Accreditation Manual*, federal and state regulators are copied on and provided this correspondence simultaneously to you. Chapter I.B.1 of the *Accreditation Manual* also provides that within 60 days of this final negative action, the Commission makes available upon request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, recognized accrediting agencies, and the public a brief statement summarizing the reasons for this negative action and the official comments, if any, that your institution wishes to make with regard to this decision, or in the absence of official comment from your institution evidence that the institution or program was offered the opportunity to provide official comment. Consequently, if you wish to make a brief official written comment on this negative action you must do so within 10 calendar days of the date of this letter. You are not required to make such statement, and failure to do so within the time allotted will be understood as a decision not to comment.

Pursuant to Chapter III.C.5 of the *Accreditation Manual*, the institution may not apply to ABHES for accreditation for a period of one year following the date of this letter setting forth the final decision of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Moneymaker

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Executive Director

Enclosure: Appeals Panel Report

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