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LETTER OF REVIEW

Kevin Walthers, PhD, President
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Re: Program Number 600524

Dear President Walthers:

After assessment of the core information submitted in either the Initial Accreditation Self Study Report (ISSR) or the Letter of Review Self Study Report (LSSR) including all other pertinent information provided, the Chairman and Executive Director of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP), have authorized issuing this Letter of Review (LoR) for the Paramedic educational program at Las Positas College effective as of the above date.

It is the determination of the CoAEMSP that the program has demonstrated satisfactory core information related to the *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in the Emergency Medical Services Professions* of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The official Executive Analysis (EA) review of the ISSR or LSSR will be emailed to the Program Director within the next few weeks.

Under the authority of this LoR, the Paramedic program graduates will meet the eligibility requirement of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic certification examination related to "graduation from a CAAHEP accredited Paramedic program". All other NREMT requirements for admission to the Paramedic examination must met by the individual.

In addition to maintaining on-going compliance with the Standards, the program must meet all administrative requirements specified in Appendix A of the *Standards and Guidelines*. One of those requirements is to "file all reports in a timely manner...in accordance with CoAEMSP policy" (A.3.f). As long as the program remains active as an LoR program, the required Annual Report will be due **on or no later than March 1, starting in 2013 and each subsequent March 1 until the program receives accreditation or the LoR is revoked**. The Executive Office will be contacting the program at the appropriate time to provide the specifics of submitting that Annual Report.

If a complete ISSR was not submitted originally, then a subsequent step in the "Becoming-accredited" process will be to prepare the complete ISSR and submit it to CoAEMSP within 180 days following the graduation of the first class of students admitted after the date of this LoR. **The date on which the next class will be admitted and the anticipated graduation date for**

this class must be reported to CoAEMSP within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of this LoR.

When the ISSR is submitted and the CoAEMSP deems the ISSR is satisfactory, the Executive Office will schedule an on-site visit with the program as specified in the CoAEMSP policies and procedures.

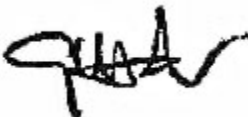
If the complete ISSR is not satisfactory, then the program will have thirty (30) days after receipt of the Executive Analysis (EA) to provide additional information to address the deficiencies, otherwise the LoR may be revoked. The LoR may also be revoked if the six (6) month submission deadline is not met. Other situations such as, but not limited to, failure to respond to requests from the Executive Office, failure to make payments to maintain the LoR as well as failure to meet the Standards, can cause the LoR to be revoked immediately.

Additionally, the Office of EMS (OEMS) in your state will be notified and kept apprised of the LoR status that your program holds. Any changes to the LoR status of your program, including revocation or issues of non-compliance, will be communicated to your State OEMS as well as the NREMT. You **MUST** comply with all rules and regulations in your state to maintain your program in good standing as well as those with NREMT. The LoR status of your program will be posted in "real time" to the CAAHEP website for review and verification by prospective students, OEMS officials, NREMT, and the public.

CoAEMSP commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality Paramedic education, as demonstrated by your participation in CAAHEP programmatic accreditation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions. **Email the date of the next entering class and anticipated graduation date to: lynn@coaemsp.org within 14 calendar days of receipt of this letter.**

EXPIRATION DATE: December 13, 2014

Sincerely,



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