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President Song and Chairman Cheek:

An initial review of the materials submitted by New York College of Health Professions (College) in April 2022 responding to the ongoing compliance review conducted by the College's institutional accrediting agency, the New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education (Agency), has been conducted. The compliance review is required based on rules of the Agency and regulations of the United States Department of Education (USDE) and prompted by the decision of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM) to impose probation status on the College in August 2021.

Enclosed are the results of the initial review. It is noted that for all Agency standards in question, the College's response was either insufficient or unresponsive.

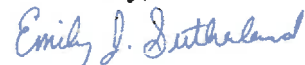
The deadline for the College's second response to the Agency's compliance review is February 1, 2023. As the College develops its next response, it is strongly encouraged to consider the following points:

- Much of the information included in the College's first response to the Agency's compliance review focused on ACAHM standards for programmatic accreditation. The College's next response must focus solely on demonstrating compliance with Agency (BOR) standards of institutional accreditation as identified. The organization of the Agency's response is intended to assist the College with this focus.
- In its March 11, 2022, communication to the College, the Agency provided a document titled "Compliance Review Response and Submission Directions." These directions were developed to assist the College in analyzing its present compliance with Regents standards, describing the plans for addressing any non-compliance with the standard, and submitting its response to the Agency. The directions have been revised and attached for the College's use in developing and submitting its next response. The College is strongly advised to follow these directions in order to produce a complete and focused response demonstrative of the analysis required to meaningfully assess and address its compliance with the standards at issue.

- The College may find it helpful to consult the following materials when developing its next response to the Agency's compliance review:
  - The Handbook of Institutional Accreditation (attached)
  - [Rules of the Board of Regents for Institutional Accreditation](#): (particularly Section 4-1.4 Standards of quality for institutional accreditation.)

**To accommodate the Agency's need to require and review a second response, the College's term of accreditation is extended to May 9, 2023.** The Agency will provide a final compliance review report by May 9, 2023. The results of the compliance review will be listed on the USDE's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs (DAPIP) and will be shared with ACAHM and the College's new institutional accrediting agency, should the College become institutionally accredited by a new accreditor by that date.

Sincerely,



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Evaluation

Enclosures

- BOR Standards of Issue Review of Compliance Report
- Compliance Review Response and Submission Directions, Revised
- Handbook of Institutional Accreditation

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