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Annette Clark, Human Service Director
12401 Willowbrook Rd. SE
Cumberland, MD 21502
Re: CSHSE Board reaccreditation decision

Dear Ms. Clark,

The CSHSE Board reviewed the Reader reports and voted to **reaccredit the Human Service Associate Degree program at the Allegany College of Maryland with no conditions**. The program's **reaccreditation** cycle will be from June 2024 to June 2029.

The Readers noted many strengths of the program:

From Self-Study

Long-term commitment to excellence, alignment with vision and mission, innovative curriculum, learning community, commitment to personal growth and self-awareness, very thorough professionalism scale, diversity and cultural competence integrated into program

From Site Visit

- i. Extremely supportive administration
- ii. Excellent faculty who are committed to their students who adapt courses based on the needs of their students
- iii. Faculty have added multiple technologies to benefit students and modernize program
- iv. Graduates, current students, site supervisors and advisory board members think very highly of the program and the faculty
- v. Integration of mental health first aide and art therapy into curriculum
- vi. Integrative Health Mind/Body coursework changes people's lives and provides them with a toolbox to use for themselves and clients
- vii. Internships provide excellent experience for the students as well as the site supervisors
- viii. Being mindful of changes and doing it in a very deliberate manner
- ix. Classroom space is very welcoming and motivational
- x. Faculty are extremely responsive to suggestions



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The next accreditation cycle will be an **interim report and review cycle**. The self-study submission must be completed within the timeline for the **June 2029** Board review. **A copy of this letter must be included with your next self-study.**

As an accredited program, the Program must regularly review information on the CSHSE website, <https://cshse.org>, for any new changes in policies and standards. Your program must use the standards that are in effect at the time when the application is submitted for the next cycle.

During this accreditation cycle, your accredited program has the responsibility to maintain active CSHSE membership each year of the accreditation cycle for the accreditation status to remain in good standing. Refer to the Member Handbook, Accreditation and Self-Study Guidelines for updated information. Additionally, the accredited program shall ensure that the program representative contact information remains current with CSHSE and is updated as needed.

Please refer to the Board actions for maintaining accreditation in Appendix I of the Member Handbook. Your Program must ensure that program and student achievement indicators on the CSHSE website remain accurate (within 2 years of the current academic year) and the hyperlinks remain active. The CSHSE will review this information at each board meeting during the year: February, June, and October. Contact the CSHSE VPA if a hyperlink must be revised so that our website is current with your program information.

Congratulations on continuing accreditation with the Council for Standards in Human Service Education continuing as an accredited program/ becoming accredited and supporting quality and excellence human services education.

A formal certificate, signed by our President, Dr. Yvonne Chase, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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