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Dear Dr. Queener:

Enclosed is the summary report that you requested on the proposal for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program to be offered by Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis. The context of my review included analysis of the proposal based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) practice doctorate recommendations and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) graduate degree nursing program accreditation guidelines. Contributing factors included my consultation work with other Universities engaged in developing the practice doctorate curriculum and the implementation and evaluation of the experience that we have had at our own College.

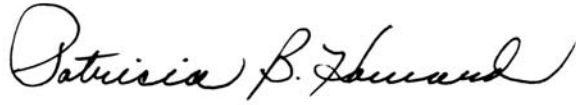
As noted in the report, it is my opinion that the proposal contains all the components one considers when designing curriculum in general and the DNP in particular. Key points that were included in the proposal included:

- Evidence of a pool of potential applicants for the program
- Program description and objectives that are congruent with the principles of the AACN practice doctorate documents
- Admission criteria fit the proposed program;
- The proposed curriculum has the potential for approximating program objectives and proposed student outcomes
- There is a plan for assuring that the minimum 1000 post Baccalaureate AACN-CCNE practice hour requirement is met
- Faculty for the program with Graduate School status has impressive and requisite rank, credentials, and areas of expertise for implementing and evaluating a practice doctorate
- Resources are available in the University at large to enhance faculty efforts when implementing the program and anticipated teaching-learning objectives for courses
- The evaluation plan is based on key AACN and CCNE documents and includes strategies for determining program and student objective approximation.

In sum, the proposal for the DNP program to be offered by the faculty at Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis is conceptually sound and contains components that one looks for in a practice doctorate program. Moreover, the proposal is in keeping with recommendations for advanced practice nursing educational preparation at the doctoral level by 2015. Finally, the faculty at Indiana University School of Nursing is known for their long history of excellence in nursing education and for their success in preparation of students at the graduate level. For all these reasons, I encourage you to support

their efforts in the practice doctorate movement and to assist them in obtaining the University requirements for proposal approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia B. Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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