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Dear Colleague,

SHAPE America made the difficult decision in June 2019 to no longer serve as the SPA for CAEP accreditation of PETE and HETE programs. At the time, the decision was primarily a financial one, made after engaging in discussion with our Physical Education and Health Education teacher preparation (PETE/HETE) community and after having weighed the varied feedback we received regarding this decision. We also acknowledged then that there was a possibility SHAPE America would revisit this decision at a future point in time.

I am pleased to share today that we have indeed revisited this decision and have entered into a new agreement with CAEP to serve as the SPA for PETE/HETE national recognition. We deeply appreciate the changes CAEP has made to the review process and fee structure to make this possible and we are highly enthusiastic for the opportunity to reengage in this process.

As we noted then and which is still true today, SHAPE America is proud to hold the standards [for physical education teacher education](#) and [health education teacher education](#) programs at colleges and universities. We have long valued our higher education community, including our PETE and HETE reviewers. Though COVID-19 has made in-person events difficult, we are grateful for the leadership of our Professional Preparation Council in their efforts to virtually convene the higher education community this past year and we look forward to the half day program they are planning for this year's National Virtual Convention. SHAPE America leaders have also appreciated opportunities to virtually visit and guest lecture for PETE/HETE programs at colleges and universities across the country where it is evident that SHAPE America's PETE/HETE standards are very present. Thus, the opportunity to once again play a more active role as the PETE/HETE SPA is one we welcome.

We realize there will be questions related to the SPA national recognition process as SHAPE America reenters this role. When we resume our review process in Fall 2021, we will begin by reviewing new reports from EPPs that will be submitted by providers with upcoming CAEP accreditation visits. Programs that were reviewed using the PETE Standards between Spring 2018 and Spring 2019 will not need to submit revised reports from decisions made at that time.



We encourage members to review the SHAPE America website where more detailed information may be found. For questions regarding SHAPE America's role as a SPA and the PETE/HETE program review process, EPPs may contact Michelle Carter at [mcarter@shapeamerica.org](mailto:mcarter@shapeamerica.org). For questions on program review requirements as part of the CAEP accreditation process, EPPs may contact CAEP at [CAEPPrograms@caepnet.org](mailto:CAEPPrograms@caepnet.org).

Our sincere thanks to all those who have served as dedicated volunteers for SHAPE America's SPA review program. We know you put significant time and energy into making this program a success in the past and we hope we will have your support as we work together to ensure that quality PETE/HETE programs at higher education institutions receive national recognition as part of the CAEP accreditation process. Know we stand in appreciation and strong support for all that you are doing.

We welcome all feedback and any questions on this decision as we move forward and again, thank you for your contributions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Morris  
CEO, SHAPE America