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Dear Mr. McConnon:

This is response to your letter of March 5, 2003, in which you ask for follow-up to the 2002 position statement entitled: "Revise Chronic Disease Indicators (CDI) to reflect expert and stakeholder recommendations." I am happy to report that there has been a very positive resolution to the statement.

Gene Lengerich, at Penn State University, has been on contract with CSTE to complete this project. On March 4, he sent an email with the following information.

"Plans are becoming finalized for the 2002 CDI to be printed and published as a MMWR Recommendations and Reports. The report will utilize much of the introductory text material used in volume 1 of the first iteration of the indicators. Along with Paul Siegel, Andy Pelletier and I have agreed upon the following timeline.

Significant dates:

July 9th - cleared copy to MMWR office

April 24th - presentation at division ADS's - outcome will include an understanding of NCCDPHP clearance process/requirements

April 1 - final draft to DACH

March 25th - draft to CDI work group"

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No additional action is needed by CSTE at this time. LaKesha Robinson has been a member of the CDI working group. Since I left my position as the chronic disease epidemiologist for Oregon in September, LaKesha may be a good contact person if additional questions arise regarding this position statement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katrina Hedberg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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