

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Katie Annan, Kollette Clark, Alan Decho, Ella Ducato, James Hardin (co-chair), Bridget Miller, Lee Pearson (co-chair), Julie Smithwick, Myriam Torres, Toni Torres-McGehee, Lisa Waddell and Megan Weis

Excused: Katherine DeVivo and Daniela Friedman

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:00 welcoming the committee to their sixth official meeting. He then presented an updated timeline to the group and noted for them that the CEPH site visit would conclude in 11 months to the day (October 9th, 2024). He added that the only two criteria that remain to be started are those focused on the fiscal and physical resources of the school. He indicated that those would be underway before the December meeting. That will allow the focus in the spring to be on refining the narrative sections of the self-study report and preparing the preliminary draft for submission on May 7th of 2024.

The focus of the steering committee meeting then moved to updates on the status of the many criteria in process including reports from two subcommittees. Individual reports were offered by five members of the committee which were supported by input from Ms. Clark. Dr. Pearson and Dr. Hardin provided updates on the A, B and C criteria. Dr. Torres and Dr. Miller then offered updates on the D criteria pertaining to the MPH and undergraduate subcommittees. Dr. Hardin and Ms. Clark added input on the D criteria representing other public health and remaining degrees. They and Drs. Torres and Miller then reflected on the distance education criterion, addressing questions from others. Updates on the F criteria followed. A brief report was offered by Dr. Waddell regarding the formation of the Practice Advisory Committee that she is chairing for the school. The purpose of this group will be to bring outside practice perspectives to bear on the curriculum and trajectory of the school's practice degree programs. The first meeting of the group will be on Tuesday, November 28th. Dr. Pearson then offered an update on the alumni and employer interviews conducted over the summer which focused on gaining feedback from recent MPH graduates and those who employ them. He also noted that the school will soon post a position for its first-ever alumni relations manager.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to mid-point reflections. Given that that this meeting was being held at the halfway point in the reaccreditation process, Drs. Hardin and Pearson along with Ms. Clark felt it was important to gauge the perspectives of the committee members on the process to date and the timeline ahead. Each member of the committee offered positive reflections on the productivity and efficiency of the process, adding their ongoing commitment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. The steering committee will meet next on December 7th.