

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, March 22nd, 2024

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Alan Decho, Katherine DeVivo and Bridget Miller

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:30 and thanked the committee members for their continued commitment to the reaccreditation process. He reminded the group of the upcoming consultation visit on March 28th with CEPH Deputy Director, Mollie Mulvanity. The group was also reminded to save the dates for the mock site visit on September 5-6th and the official site visit on October 7-9th as well as the committee meetings in August, September and October.

The focus of the steering committee meeting then moved to criteria updates and subcommittee reports. An update was provided on criterion G1 by Dr. Torres-McGehee who shared with the group the status of the climate survey data and the plan for sharing that information broadly within the school this summer. She also stated that routine climate surveys will be conducted moving forward. Dr. Hardin updated the group on criteria H1-3 and F2 as well as his efforts in conducting monthly department chair meetings and semester meetings with program directors. Dr. Torres provided updates from the MPH subcommittee regarding the status of criteria D1, 2, 4, 5 and 7. The narrative sections of those criteria are moving toward completion. Ms. Clark then provided updates on behalf of Dr. Miller for the undergraduate subcommittee. She shared specific points from the recent subcommittee meeting on March 1st and indicated that the narrative sections pertinent to the undergraduate programs are also moving toward completion. Dr. Pearson shared brief updates regarding criteria A3-5 as well as C1 and 4. All of those sections are progressing, and the latter two have received final review and approval by Dean Chandler. All presenters responded to questions from the group during the discussion.

The next portion of the meeting focused on key updates on the self-study process. Dr. Pearson shared that the school's guiding statements (B1) have been reviewed by the Dean's Student Advisory Council and will be reviewed next by community partners on the Practice Advisory Council. Ms. Clark shared details regarding the data collection process and reporting for criteria B2-5. She reviewed the relevant tables with the group and provided details regarding the substantive value of the information. Dr. Pearson provided a brief overview of criteria F1-3. He also highlighted the required process for third-party comments that may be submitted directly to CEPH. This information is posted on the school's website and will be shared via social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57. The steering committee will meet next on April 30th.