

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Katie Annan, Kollette Clark, Alan Decho, Ella Ducato, Katherine DeVivo, Daniela Friedman, James Hardin (co-chair), Bridget Miller, Lee Pearson (co-chair), Julie Smithwick, Myriam Torres; and Megan Weis

Excused: Toni Torres-McGehee

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:00. He then welcomed two new members of the steering committee, Katie Annan, ASPH staff senator, and Ella Ducato, undergraduate public health student representative. Dr. Pearson then reviewed the timeline for the reaccreditation process, highlighting the dates for the self-study report submission, mock site visit and formal site visit. He reminded the group that the formal CEPH site visit is scheduled for October 7-9th of 2024. He also reminded the committee that the mock site visit team has been identified and that the dates for that visit have been set for September 5-6th of 2024.

Dr. Pearson shared with the group that he, Kollette Clark and James Hardin all participated in a virtual Accreditation Orientation Workshop offered by CEPH on September 6th-8th. All three offered reflections on the benefits they gained from participating in the workshop, specifically noting the detailed discussion of each criterion and the breakout groups with representatives from other schools and programs.

The focus of the steering committee meeting then moved to updates on the status of the criteria in process including reports from two subcommittees. Dr. Pearson began that discussion by providing an update on the overall criteria tracking, sharing that the school currently has 65% of the criteria under development for the self-study report. That percentage is up from 38% at the time of the last meeting of the committee in April. Individual reports were then offered by five members of the committee. Dr. Pearson offered reflections on the A criteria as well as the status of criterion B1. Dr. Hardin offered updates on criteria B2, D16-19 and E5. Dr. Torres and Dr. Miller then provided detailed reports from the MPH and undergraduate subcommittees, respectively. They offered specific insights on the areas where criteria review and development have prompted changes to enhance assessment processes and improve aspects of curriculum delivery. Lastly, Dr. Decho provided an update on criterion E4 related to faculty scholarship. He noted that research productivity in ASPH is at record levels and that detailed metrics are in place to track key indices in alignment with the school's Blueprint strategic plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28. The steering committee will meet next on October 12th.