

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Ella Ducato and Toni Torres-McGehee

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:30 and thanked the steering committee members for their continued commitment to the reaccreditation process. He reminded them of the timeline of activity for 2024, highlighting the May 7th due date for the draft self-study report and the upcoming CEPH consultation visit scheduled for March 28th.

The focus of the steering committee meeting then moved to criteria updates and subcommittee reports. Ms. DeVivo began the reports offering updates from the Dean's Student Advisory Council relating to their support of the reaccreditation process. She noted key revisions to the group's bylaws as well as the participation of student leaders in reviewing the school's value statements. Dr. Hardin then provided detailed updates on numerous areas of the self-study report. He highlighted the progress on the B5, C2, E3 and E5 criteria as well as H3, 4 and 5. His updates included details on the approaches being taken to collect and analyze the specific information requested for each criterion as well as the process improvements that have resulted from this work. Dr. Torres and Dr. Miller then offered brief updates on behalf of the MPH and undergraduate subcommittees, respectively, noting that their committee members are continuing the writing phase of their work and are soon moving toward review and editing of the narratives. Dr. Hardin then provided additional updates on criteria D16, 17, 18 and 19. Following those updates, Dr. Pearson concluded this portion of the agenda with a brief report regarding key progress and planning aspects of the reaccreditation activity. He and Ms. Clark shared the proposed timeline for review of select D and F criteria in advance of the upcoming consultation visit. Questions and comments were entertained by each presenter throughout the discussion.

Dr. Pearson then provided an overview of the school's annual strategic planning process which is currently underway. The resulting document, known as the *Blueprint*, is due to the Provost by March 15th. The goals and objectives of the 2024 strategic plan have been structured to align with the self-study report. The SMART objectives tied to each goal of the plan were reviewed by the steering committee. Dr. Pearson responded to questions regarding the benchmarks and related progress in meeting them.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58. The steering committee will meet next on March 22nd.