

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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

Excused: Julie Smithwick and Toni Torres-McGehee

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Dr. Pearson called the group to order at 1:00 to begin the final steering committee meeting of 2023. He thanked the group for their commitment to the intensive process of self-study and for their collective leadership. Dr. Pearson then moved into the substance of the meeting by presenting an updated timeline to the group and reminding them that the CEPH site visit will occur on October 7-9th of 2024. He shared with the group that 100% of the requisite criteria are underway and that the school is on track to have all sections in draft form at the start of the year. 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. Dr. Torres and Dr. Miller offered updates from the MPH and undergraduate subcommittees, respectively. The work of those groups is progressing from the data collection phase to the narrative writing in keeping with the overall timeline. Dr. Decho offered updates regarding faculty scholarship and the work that had been recently completed to capture the requisite data for this criterion. Dr. Pearson offered updates on behalf of Dr. Torres-McGehee and reminded the group that the results of the school's climate survey conducted earlier in the year are expected to be available in January. Ms. Clark then offered updates regarding student recruitment and admissions information and reporting for the self-study. All presenters fielded questions from the group.

The balance of the meeting was spent reviewing examples of self-study reports from peer institutions and discussing the type and format of feedback provided by CEPH. Key examples were reviewed across three criteria: A3, B5 and E2. This review prompted considerable discussion on the part of the full committee and was seen by the group as a helpful exercise in what to expect in terms of a final product and in terms of formal feedback.

Dr. Pearson thanked the committee members again for their dedicated service during the year. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28. The steering committee will meet next on January 10th.