Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th, 2023
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Kollette Clark, Alan Decho, Katherine DeVivo, Daniela Friedman, James Hardin (co-chair), Lucy Ingram, Bridget Miller, Lee Pearson (co-chair), Julie Smithwick, Toni Torres-McGehee, Megan Weis

Excused: Adam Sokol

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed the members of the steering committee. He also welcomed Dr. Miller to her first meeting with the group. He then shared an updated timeline noting the specific dates for our reaccreditation site visit: October 7-9th 2024. He also noted the addition of a consultation visit on March 28th 2024 and the specific dates for the submission of the school’s preliminary self-study report (May 7th 2024) and the final self-study report (September 9th 2024). He shared that feedback from CEPH regarding the preliminary self-study report would be received on July 8th 2024 and that outreach is currently underway to schedule a mock site visit for later that month. He noted that a specific date would be added for that soon.

Ms. Clark then shared with the group about the benefits of the online CEPH training that she and Mr. Sokol attended January 30th through February 1st. The 9-hour virtual training provided detailed guidance on the accreditation criteria and highlighted the intentional nature of the process in effectively capturing our school’s status across multiple domains of interest.

Dr. Pearson and Ms. Clark then shared the current status of the school’s efforts in addressing the criteria for which we are responsible. As of February 2023, one quarter (25%) of the criteria are currently under development. Updates were then offered by Drs. Ingram and Miller respectively regarding the status of the MPH and undergraduate subcommittees. Both reports reflected the specific status of activity on the assigned criteria.

Other focus areas were then highlighted by Ms. Clark, Dr. Pearson and Dr. Hardin regarding criteria A5 and B1-5. They shared specific actions with the group regarding the approach to these criteria and then entertained questions and comments from the group. Future actions around establishing committees for initiating a comprehensive website review and addressing DEI aspects were discussed. The next steering committee meeting was set for April 18th and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25.