

## **Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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

Excused: Daniela Friedman and Adam Sokol

### **MINUTES**

Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 11:40 (allowing time for lunch to begin). He then welcomed everyone on the committee, specifically welcoming Dr. Torres to her first meeting with the group. Dr. Torres will be assuming the duties of Dr. Ingram, who is leaving her position in school at the end of the semester.

Dr. Pearson shared with the group that a mock site visit team has been identified and that the dates for that visit have been set for September 5-6<sup>th</sup> of 2024. He discussed in general the process for the mock site visit and highlighted the proposed members of the team identified to conduct the visit. He then provided an update on the criteria tracking, sharing that the school currently has 38% of the criteria under development for the self-study report.

The main agenda item focused on the current subcommittee reports. Dr. Miller began that portion of the meeting by providing updates on the undergraduate criteria and shared with the group some of the current deliberations of her subcommittee. Dr. Hardin then provided an overview of the approach to the criteria focused on evaluation and quality improvement as well as faculty instructional effectiveness. Dr. Torres-McGehee offered updates on the current work in the school focused on diversity, equity and inclusion and how that will be reflected in the narrative development for the self-study report. Dr. Torres and Dr. Ingram then offered updates on the MPH subcommittee, the transition of leadership and key areas of focus at present.

A general discussion occurred simultaneous to the committee reports including the unique strengths of the school pertaining to each area of focus as well as specific challenges that will need to be addressed. Dr. Pearson reminded the group that the value of the self-study is in this type of reflection leading to both process and program improvements. He also shared updates on the plans for an end-of-the-year retreat for MPH core faculty and staff and that a focus of that retreat will be on conducting a similar discussion among that group. He also shared plans for an MPH faculty hiring initiative recently approved by Administrative Council and the Dean to begin recruiting a second-generation of MPH faculty beyond those who developed the core.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57. The committee will meet again in September, once the fall semester is underway.

