

Minutes

“A community of scholars promoting the public’s health”

Attendees:

Food Safety: Dan Fung
Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses: Bob Larson, Lisa Freeman
Human Nutrition: Sandy Procter, Ric Rosenkranz, Betsy Barrett
Physical Activity: David Dzewaltowski, Mary McElroy
Pathways to Public Health: Kimathi Choma
MPH Program Office: Barta Stevenson

Announcements:

1. Dr. Cates accepted the position and will begin working January 12, 2009.
2. Global Health and Innovation Summit – A Conference Presented Annually by Unite For Sight – "Achieving Global Goals Through Innovation" Saturday, April 18 - Sunday, April 19, 2009 – Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA Register on line at:
<http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>

Unite For Sight's conference convenes a committed vanguard of 2,500 people from more than 60 countries. The conference challenges students, professionals, educators, doctors, scientists, lawyers, universities, corporations, nonprofits, and others, to develop innovative solutions to achieve global goals.

Approved:

1. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2008 meeting (sent by e-mail).
2. Updates to MPH Graduate Handbook. Specifically, roles and responsibilities of MPH Director, and K-REx as an e-repository for theses and field experience reports. Specifics of K-REx submission are spelled out in MPH Graduate Handbook (pg 22). Suggestions were made to the proposed structural outline diagram (pg 7). It will continue to change as needed to reflect the evolution of the program. Minor re-wording updates were suggested for other areas.

Discussion:

1. Field Experience Variable Credit. Purpose for change would be to accommodate students and assist with cash flow issues. What scenarios and how “0” credit would be used was discussed. Is it really needed? It was determined that before the current Field Experience credit is changed more research needs to be done. Currently all departments have a Problems Course (or similar) that can be used when 1 credit hour is needed. (Contact Grad School and Sharon Hauk in Registrar’s Office: 2-6321 or hauck@ksu.edu)



2. Global Health Exhibition National Library of Medicine. It is scheduled for display at KSU April 3, to May 13, 2011. What events/entities could be involved with the exhibit was brainstormed and discussed. Suggested that MPH get a banner the same size as the other six that displays local health issues and the sponsor of the exhibit. The banner could then be used in marketing efforts for the program. Discussed other places to exhibit it such as the various colleges and maybe in Topeka for the Legislature (contact Sue Peterson).

3. "Kansas – A Great Environment for Growing Healthy Families" – 4th Annual Governor's Public Health Conference April 20-22, 2009 at Wichita Marriott Hotel. Exhibits will be

4th Annual Governor's Public Health Conference: "Kansas- a Great Environment for Growing Healthy Families".

April 20-22, 2009, Wichita Marriott Hotel

Exhibitor registration is now open!!! For more information concerning the conference and registration, please click here.

For conference attendees, more information regarding the conference is coming January 2009!

For additional information about this program, please contact
WSU Conference Office at (316) 978-6493; fax 316-978-3064

displayed on Tuesday, April 21. Non-profit registration is \$100 for 1st table and \$25/each additional table. (Must be received prior to April 1 otherwise cost is \$150.) Bag

inserts must be received by April 13. Cost to attend: ?? Use K-State table top exhibit.

Pathways to Public Health (Dr. Choma) would like to attend and may share a table, or each program with get a tables. Other faculty may also attend.

Website: <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conted&p=/PublicHealth2009/>

4. K-REx as a repository for field experience reports. See: <https://krex.k-state.edu/dspace/community-list> Question from library personnel concerning listing of major professor on Field Experience Reports pick list. Major professors need to be listed, but it doesn't need to be from the long pick list, could use data entry field if necessary. Marty Courtois from the Library will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the e-repository and faculty collection.

Communities in K-REx

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5. MPH meeting during Public Health week in 2009. The Purple Pride Conference Room at the KSU Alumni Center has been reserved for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 from 3-6 pm. Cost is \$75/day.

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The room can accommodate up to 50 people and may be configured any way we wish. It has round tables. April 7 is a busy day for the Alumni Center because they have a banquet going on and it is during Telefund. (Room reservation contact: Lauren Morano at 532-5071.) Dr. Fung to pay for event. Brainstorming of the event included the following ideas:

- Invite all MPH students & their guest(s) and graduate faculty
 - Invite all the deans
 - Have Dr. Cates talk at 4:30 pm
 - Invite alumni
 - Recognize students who have graduated in the past 12 months
 - Have table top display and show PowerPoint presentations (could be set up to run continuously)
 - Highlight student research and show any posters from prepared from research
 - Have each emphasis area report (10 minutes)
6. Faculty contact for Human Nutrition. Dr. Richard Rosenkratz will replace Dr. Holcomb as the contact person.
 7. Reports from Emphasis areas. Nothing new to report.
 8. Meetings with Emphasis areas will be scheduled when Dr. Cates is on campus.
 9. MPH Field Experience Reports/Theses completed this semester.
 - Dr. Kathleen Ritzmann, (Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses) November 17, 2008
Report title: A Non-Traditional Veterinary Career: My Experience as a USDA Veterinarian
 - Ms. Lisa Sobering, (Food Safety) December 1, 2008
Report title: Food Defense Preparedness in Small and Very Small Meat and Poultry Establishments
 - Dr. Christine Ellis, (Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses) December 15, 2008
Report title: Use of Ecological Niche Modeling to Explore the Ecologic and Geographic Distribution of Human Monkeypox Case Occurrence in Africa
 - Ms. Carrie Snyder, (Nutrition) December 16, 2008
Thesis title: An Investigation of Behaviors Influencing Life Satisfaction in Young Adult Families
 - Mr. Ryan Bradburn, (Food Safety) August 4, 2008
Report title: From *The Jungle* to HACCP: A First-Hand View of the United States Meat Inspection Process
 10. Report and discussion about Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Committee Meeting, Friday, December 12, 2008, KU School of Medicine, Wichita. Both Dr. Larson and Dr. Choma attended.

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- KDHE is taking the lead to initiate a National Public Health Performance Standards Assessment in a two step process that will look first at the state health department, and then at the state public health system. The health department in Tulsa, Oklahoma was the first in the nation to be certified. It is a self-certification. Role of junior colleges/universities would be training.
- Current status of the KU School of Public Health proposal. They are moving forward. Information concerning the role of the Regents and other institutions in Kansas was shared. Dr. Freeman will share white paper she received with the Coordinating Committee (distributed via e-mail 12-22-2008).
- Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) Website:
<http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/about.html> .
Would possibly be beneficial for junior faculty and/or Dr. Choma to attend. Cost: \$500/registrant? (can't confirm cost from the website).



11. Next meeting would normally be January 9 but meeting will be delayed until Dr. Cates is on campus. Decided to skip January meeting and have meeting in February. Suggestion was made to have a "meet and greet Dr. Cates" in place of formal committee meeting. Time and place to be determined.

Next meeting will need to be the third week in February (February 20) because of the Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Committee Meeting, Friday, February 13, 2008 in Wichita.

Date: Friday, February 20, 2009

Time:

Place:

12. Adjourn at 12 noon.

