Minutes

Present: Cates, Freeman, Fung, Larson, Procter, Retzlaff, Rosenkranz, Stevenson
Absent: Barrett, Choma, Dzewaltowski, McElroy

1. Dr. Cates called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. The minutes from September 11, 2009 were approved.

3. Dr. Brenda Lee McDaniel, Department of Psychology was approved as a member of the MPH Graduate Faculty.

   a. Dr. Freeman updated the group on the Pathways and One Health Kansas grants, what has been accomplished in Year 1 and plans for Year 2. The BS/MPH concurrent program was listed as a goal for Year 2. There should be no impact to the MPH accreditation as long as the concurrent BS/MPH students are treated the same as traditional MPH students in the application process. There was discussion concerning which emphasis area would be the first to be able to offer the concurrent program. First choice was Human Nutrition but they are losing a faculty member who teaches the required nutritional epidemiology course. Kinesiology has a concurrent BS/MS program and they may be able to offer the option. Food Safety/Biosecurity may be able to offer an option through Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet (Dr. Ratzlaff will check into this option). OHK is supporting development of online classes related to infectious diseases and epidemiology and possibly environmental health.
   b. Food Safety/Biosecurity update. Dr. Fung has updated his course. MPH student Danyel Olson has completed her field experience report. Dr. Fung was reminded that she needs to be enrolled in 1 credit hour the semester she wishes to graduate.
   c. Human Nutrition update. MPH students Joan Buchholz and Valerie Stull are finishing/graduating this semester. Dr. Procter reminded everyone about the Engaging Health, Changing Lives colloquium on October 29, 1-5 pm in the K-State Union.
   d. Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses update. First real distance student enrolled in MPH. It is a veterinarian from Oklahoma.
   e. Physical Activity update. No one in attendance. Dr. McElroy has been out sick and Dr. Dzewaltowski had a conflicting meeting.

5. Discussion Items.
   a. MPH Update to Deans. Dr. Cates reviewed the slides. Ideas and updates were suggested by the group. The final presentation slides will be posted on our website.
   b. MPH Certificate. Question: Dr. Cates asked the group to consider awarding the Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts to any student who wants it, once they complete the core requirements. The consensus was yes! Advantages to this include: an incentive for students to complete the core at the beginning of their program, it could help move them through the program in a more timely manner, and it could help them in their field experience placements. Dr. Freeman commented that research for the Olathe campus revealed that awarding graduate degrees based on certificate programs is being...
adopted by many programs. The Program office will move forward toward streamlining
the application process and communicating with MPH students about this possibility.

c. MPH areas of emphasis requirements. Dr. Cates told the group of the need for specific
area competencies developed by each emphasis area, as part of the accreditation self-
study. The members discussed the issue, particularly in regard to assessment methods,
the need or desire for required course(s) for each area of emphasis, and a possible list of
“approved” electives. Dr. Procter made reference to the uniqueness of Valerie Stull’s
program of study and how she was able to make it fit her needs by the electives she
chose; therefore, a prescribed list of electives would be constraining to some student’s
needs. After more discussion, Dr. Cates asked the group to consider the requirements
for their area of emphasis and provide their recommendations for the competencies and
supporting course requirements.

6. Other Business
   a. Meeting dates fall semester:
      i. November 13 – 112 Trotter Hall – 10:30 to noon
      ii. December meeting canceled due to graduation and finals week.
   b. The current meeting time will not work for Dr. Cates as it conflicts with this teaching
      schedule. Suggested meeting time for next semester: Second Monday of each
      month at 1:30 PM. The Program office will poll the members to determine if that
      will work for all.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.
MPH Coordinating Committee Meeting
October 9, 2009
10:30 AM
112 Trotter Hall
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Attachment: PowerPoint slides

Kansas State University
Master of Public Health Program

MPH PROGRAM UPDATE
102 Fairchild Hall
October 14th, 2009

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Director, Master of Public Health Program
James B. Nichols Professor of Veterinary Public Health

Program Director Background

• Native Texan
• Education
  – High School (Frisco), 1975
  – BS (Texas A&M), 1979
  – DVM (Texas A&M), 1980
  – MPH (UT Houston), 1987
• Licensing / Certification
  – Texas Veterinary Medicine, since 1980
  – Diplomate, American College of Veterinary
    Preventive Medicine (ACVP), since 1989
  – Distinguished Diplomate, ACVP, 2008

Current Status

• Family: Linda and Sugar Bear
• Director, K-State MPH Program
• James B. Nichols Professor of Veterinary Public Health
• Board of Directors, One Health
  Commission (Secretary/Treasurer)
• K-State Representative, Assn. of
  American Veterinary Medical Colleges
  Public Health Committee
• Faculty Senator, College of Veterinary Medicine

Agenda

• Personal Background
• Program Updates
  – Background and Goals
  – Faculty and Students
  – Interdisciplinary Partnership
  – Communication Strategy
  – Engagement / Progress
  – Accreditation Status
• Kansas School of Public Health
• Summary

Professional Experience

• U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Officer
  – 28 years, 15 obs, 10 locations (U.S.,
    Korea, Germany)
  – Specialty, Veterinary Preventive Medicine
  – 3rd Chief, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
    (2004-2006)
  – Commanding General, U.S. Army Center
    for Health Promotion and Preventive
    Medicine (USACHPPM)
  – Functional Proponent, Army Preventive
    Medicine
  – Retired, Jan 1st, 2009 (Brigadier
    General)

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Master of Public Health Program

Background
- Started in Fall 2003
  - Academic “Home”
    - Human Ecology 2003-2006
    - Veterinary Medicine 2006-Current
  - Program Administration
    - Interim Director
      - Carol Ann Hopkins 2003-2005
      - Bob Larson 2005-2006
    - Director
      - Mike Cates 2006-Current
- Mission, Goals, Objectives

Master of Public Health Program

Generalized Description
“The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is the most widely recognized professional credential for leadership in public health.”
Harvard School of Public Health

Requirements
- MPH Degree
  - Minimum of 42 semester credit hours
  - Core courses to give public health competencies
  - Requirements/ Electives in each Area of Emphasis
  - At least 6 hours of field experience or research
- Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts
  - Completion of the Core Courses

Core Courses

- Epidemiology
  - DMP 708 (Vet. Med.)
  - DMP 854 (Vet. Med.)
- Biostatistics
  - STAF 702 or 703 (Arts & Sciences)
- Health Policy and Leadership
  - HMD 720 (Human Ecology)
- Social and Behavioral Health
  - KIN 818 (Arts & Sciences)
- Environmental Health
  - DMP 806 (Vet. Med.)

Four Areas of Emphasis

- Infectious Diseases / Zoonoses
- Public Health Nutrition
- Public Health Physical Activity
- Food Safety & Biosecurity

Four Supporting Colleges

- Veterinary Medicine
- Human Ecology
- Arts and Sciences
- Agriculture

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Graduates per Academic Year

Interdisciplinary Partnership
- Faculty recruiting/retention
- Course development/sustainability
- Degree and Certificate marketing ideas
- Accreditation - Data collection
- Collaboration - Faculty and Students
- Input for Improvement
  - Communication
  - Courses
  - Student recruiting

Communication Strategy
- Students (Past, Present, and Prospective)
  - Website (updated in Feb 2009)
  - At least one meeting per semester
  - Group Emails
  - Individual visits/correspondence
  - Conferences (K-Safe/micro teaching)
- Faculty
  - Coordinating Committee (monthly)
  - Meet and greet at each college
  - Website
  - Group Emails
  - Individual correspondence
- Leadership
  - Routine updates to Deans, Starklin, and Richardson
  - Excellence in Public Health at K-State Awards Reception

Engagement/Progress
- Pathways to Public Health / One Health Kansas
  - MPH Faculty involvement
  - "Baseline" for future graduate students
- Other engagement activities
  - Excellence in Public Health at K-State, April 2009
  - Local, state, regional meetings, and conferences
- Website enhancements
- Online Courses
  - Tremendous interest for "non-traditional" students
  - Projected availability for all "Core" Courses by AY 2011
  - Future Vision: Distance Accessible K-State MPH

Accreditation - History
Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
- Feb 2009: KBOR approval for pursuit
- May 2009: Application to CEPH
- July 2009: CEPH approval of application
  - Allows start of 30-36 month process
  - 2-year window for Self-Study
- Orientation in D.C. Summer 2010
- On-site Nov-Dec 2011
Accreditation – Data
Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

- History of Program
- Faculty
  - At least 3 “core” faculty in each emphasis area
- Students
- Courses and Curriculum
- Research
- Budget

Kansas School of Public Health
(Being Considered)

- Background
  - Past and current MPH programs in Kansas
    - K-State
    - Kansas City
    - Wichita
- Consultant recommendations
- Beginning of new/white paper
- Since January 2009
  - White Paper: K-State, K-State Online, Wichita State
  - More Consultants
    - Dean of Schools of Public Health; Alliance & K. Texas
    - Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)
- Current Plan: Collaborative School (3 universities)
  - K-State
  - Kansas City
  - Wichita State

Summary

- Outstanding interdisciplinary partnership
- Communication improvements
- Exciting progress
- Many opportunities for engagement
- Accreditation is critical for future
- K-State should play a major role in any future public health initiatives