

## K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Update April 12, 2021

1. **Approval of Minutes from March meeting ... please email approval by responding “approve” to this email.**
2. **FYI Items:**

**The GRE requirement has been “turned off” in CollegeNET.** The vote was 60% to 40% in favor of removing the requirement. We can turn it back on at any point. The "Statement of Objectives" will be updated when the Graduate School does the annual update with CollegeNET in the summer.

MPH sent a **letter of support** to Kinesiology for the purpose of adding their new undergraduate majors (BS in Public Health) to the BS/MPH list.

**Fulbright Scholars.** We have been notified that all four MPH Fulbright students will be funded and attend. All have requested the Public Health Nutrition emphasis. The students are: Waffa Ali and Fiza Maqsgood from Pakistan, Nokwanda Hlophe and Andile Mkhonta Sebehlulekile from Swaziland.

### **Distinguished Thesis and Distinguished Dissertation Awards**

The Graduate School is accepting nominations for the [MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award](#) and [CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award](#), which serve to recognize theses and dissertations that have made unique contributions to the student's field of study. For both awards, each graduate program may nominate one student in each category: 1) Arts and Humanities, 2) Biological/Life Sciences. Nominees must have been awarded their degree between July 1, 2019 and Jun 30, 2021. **Nomination deadline is May 7.**

We plan to hold a **reception for graduates** in May. Either on the day of graduation (Arrow Café in Trotter) or the evening before (student area outside Student Success Center). More information will be forthcoming.

**Fall Orientation for MPH students** will be in-person and via Zoom. On Thursday, August 19 in the Mara Center (Trotter Hall) from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

Remember to fill out the **Qualtrics Assessment** right after the student's defense. If you have any problems, let Barta know. The assessment is a KBOR and CEPH requirement.

Attached is a new **Course Availability and Planning** Excel workbook. All emphasis area courses are listed along with when they are taught and the mode of teaching. The second tab in the Excel workbook has a place to record notes when visiting with your students. Please review and let us know what you think. The plan is to post this on the website in place of the four emphasis area sheets. It will be easier to update and when students are looking for online classes, with their MP committee's permission, they may take courses from another emphasis area.

Two more **Lunch and Learn** sessions featuring faculty updates, Dr. A. Sally Davis on April 19 and Dr. Katie Heinrich on April 30. Sessions have been recorded and are posted to the website: <https://www.k-state.edu/mphealth/current/> Please send topics for sessions for Fall 21.

**NPHW.** To Celebrate NPHW we highlighted each emphasis area along with our community partners where our students have completed their Applied Practice Experience. <https://www.k-state.edu/mphealth/nphw.html>

## FAC Update – April 12, 2021

### MPH Spring 2021 and Early Summer Graduates

	Student	Yrs	MP	Area	Date and Title of Defense
<b>Spring 2021</b>					
1	Mclver, Katharine	5.0	Pohlman	IDZ	Defended in May 2019 when she received her DVM, turned in final report, will be 2021 graduate.
2	Kucera, Anna	3.0	Larson	IDZ	<b>March 19 @ 2:00 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>Multiproject Report to Increase Riley County Health Department Public Health Professional Interconnectivity</i>
3	Ramirez, Melitza	2.4	Heinrich	PHPA	<b>March 19 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Riley County Health Department: Hispanic Outreach Project</i>
4	Sanwisate, Phutsadee	2.4	Kastner	FSB	<b>March 23 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>Food Safety Regulations: A Virtual Journey Across The Globe</i>
5	Avila Martinez, Miriam	1.7	Mailey	PHPA	<b>April 2 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Evaluation of the virtual Exercise is Medicine on Campus campaign: Effects on college students' physical activity perceptions and behaviors</i>
6	DeFisher, Jason	2.0	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>April 2 @ Noon via Zoom --</b> <i>Creation of a CASPER Survey Protocol for Use in Riley County Kansas</i>
7	Hunt, Shelby	1.7	Mailey	PHPA	<b>April 5 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Multi-Project Report: Physical Activity as a Mediator for Mental Health AND Nutrition Promotion in Riley County, Kansas</i>
8	Petro, Erin	1.7	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>April 7 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Reportable Disease Case and Close Contact Investigations in the Face of a Pandemic</i>
9	Sello, Grace	1.7	Rosenkranz, R	PHN	<b>April 9 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Developing a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response Protocol for Riley county</i>
10	Futrell, Crystal	4.4	Gragg	FSB	<b>April 9 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>A Risk Factor Study on Food Establishments in Kansas</i>
<b>Summer 2021</b>					
1	Kumar, Ganesh	2.4	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>April 28 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>Design a CASPER Survey Tool optimized for Riley County</i>
2	Ross, Lisa	3.4	Procter	PHN	<b>April 29 @ 2:00 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>System Approaches for Healthy Communities, Web-Based Professional Development Program</i>
3	Burke, Madeline	2.0	Davis	IDZ	<b>May 4 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom --</b> <i>Analysis of communicable disease reports and public education through COVID-19 contact tracing</i>
4	Williams, Jeremy	3.4	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>May 4 @ 12:30 PM via Zoom --</b> <i>Data-driven Stories of Opportunity: Development of a Comprehensive Communication Plan for the Riley County Opportunity Map</i>
5	Watkins, Sarah	1.4	Sanderson	IDZ	<b>June 15 @ 1:00 via Zoom --</b> <i>Establishing the Standards: Developing Kansas' plans for Transboundary Animal Disease Outbreak Response</i>

Professional Certification session for MPH students

# Should I take a Professional Certification exam?

(CHES-Certified Health Education Specialist or CPH-Certified Public Health exam)

Hear from K-Staters who have taken one of the professional exams and ask the question ... Is it for me?

**When:** Wednesday, April 21

**Where:** Via Zoom (link will be sent day of event)

**Time:** 2:30 to 3:30 PM ... it will be recorded and posted to the MPH website

**Presenters:**

- Melitza Ramirez, (recent CHES exam participant) MPH recent graduate in Public Health Physical Activity
- Tiasia Saunders, (CHES exam) MPH student in Public Health Nutrition
- Jennifer Miller, (DrPH & CPH exam) Health Promotions Director - Lafene Student Health Center

**Dates for FAC Meetings via Zoom until further notice.**

Monday, May 10, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	We will hold one of these meetings to finish out the year.
Monday, June 14, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	