

MINUTES OF THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: March 31, 2014

Location: 112 Trotter

Members Present: Cates (MPH), Buckwalter (Human Ecology), Dorhout (Arts & Sciences), Floros (Agriculture), Richardson (Veterinary Medicine), Shanklin (Graduate School)

Other: None

Not Present: None

Called to Order: By Dr. Cates at: 1:40 PM

Quorum: Yes No **Adjourned:** 3:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Dr. Cates	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	N/A	
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	<p>Dr. Cates provided the group some informational items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brief history of MPH program (Attachment 1); Examples of Mission and Vision statements from the university and its colleges, as well as other public health organizations in the state (Attachment 2); Engagement activities with various local and state public health organizations by the program director (Attachment 3). 	

<p>DISCUSSION OF MPH PROGRAM FUTURE</p>	<p>The members discussed various aspects of the MPH program, focusing on challenges and opportunities in its future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation. Dr. Cates stated that, although the actual council will not make a decision until their June meeting, the CEPH staff appeared very positive about our chances for accreditation, possibly with the need for an interim report. He said his biggest concern right now was about the site team’s concerns over our core course for environmental health. One possible solution could be the addition of a second core course for environmental health covering materials CEPH considered missing from the current course. In considering the possibility of a decision by CEPH that we not be accredited, the consensus of the group was to either appeal, if appropriate, or resubmit as soon as possible after fixing the deficiency or deficiencies. - State-wide Workforce Assessment and Development Activities. Dr. Cates shared some information about the ongoing work with the state health department, local health departments, and other academic partners toward assessing the state and local health departments’ training needs. Results of this year’s assessment are expected by late summer. He hopes that the universities will gain new information about the composition of the current workforce as well as their future requirements for undergraduate, graduate, and/or continuing education. Secretary Moser (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) is fully supporting participation of the state workforce in the assessment. - Future enrollment targets for MPH program. After Dr. Cates reminded the group of the historical student enrollment numbers in the program with the potential of higher demand if we get accredited, the members discussed the challenges associated with higher numbers. Course capacity and field experience availability have been concerns in the past, and will be in the future with anything higher than 35 new students a year. The workforce assessment should also assist us in determining appropriate target numbers. - Organization and Financial Structure: Dr. Cates commented that, with our unique organization and financial structure, we continue to depend on all partners to provide their part of the necessary faculty resources and required courses, in order to sustain the program. Part of the group discussion focused on possible mechanisms for additional faculty (e.g., central funding, group hires, incentives for participation in the program, expanded use of extension faculty, etc.) and about concerns regarding upcoming cuts to current budgets. 	
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	No program-related decisions or recommendations were made at this time.	
FUTURE MEETING(S)	Spring 2015, TBD. The group was interested in meeting at least once a year, for similar discussions, and to continue to be involved with the MPH Executive Council, whenever possible.	The MPH Program staff will work with the Chairman and members to schedule the next meeting.

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Attachments

Attachment 1: Brief History of MPH Program

AY 2003: Approved as new graduate program by Kansas Board of Regents; Human Ecology first college “home” of program; Dr. Carol Ann Holcomb first part-time director.

AY 2004: Program has 12 new students for it first academic year.

AY 2005: First graduate; Program has 3 new students.

AY 2006: Program has 10 new starts and 5 graduates.

AY 2007: Program has 8 new starts and 6 graduates.

AY 2008: Program has 11 new starts and 6 graduates. Dr. Holcomb retires; Veterinary Medicine becomes college home of program; Dr. Bob Larson second part-time director; Search for full-time director launched.

AY 2009: BG Mike Cates hired as new program director; KBOR approves request to seek accreditation of program by CEPH; application sent to CEPH from university president; CEPH approves Kansas State University as an applicant for accreditation; program begins self-study; Veterinary Medicine renovates space and provides new office for program director and assistant; Program has 13 new starts and 10 graduates; Over the first six academic years, the program averaged 9.5 new students per year, and there were 28 graduates.

AY 2010: Provost directs growth of program, based on parameters developed by her office and approved by Kansas Board of Regents (MPH faculty and staff not involved in the process); Program has 36 new students and 9 graduates for the academic year

AY 2011: Program has 42 new students and 13 graduates for the academic year; Program writes first draft of self-study document; CEPH consultant voices concern over sustainability and faculty resourcing.

AY 2012: Program has 40 new students and 18 graduates for academic year, and Provost Mason directs program to stop growth; First written agreement of support for program signed by provost, deans and department heads; Faculty Advisory Council and Executive Council agree to new target of 25-35 new starts a year.

AY 2013: Program has 26 new starts and a record 31 graduates for the academic year; Program submits self-study report to CEPH.

AY 2014: CEPH accepts self-study document and conducts site visit; Program has 22 new starts for the year, through Spring; First on campus biostatistics course offered by university; Graduates now total 107, through December 2013.

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Attachment 2: Mission and Vision Statements

Kansas State University

Mission: Foster excellent teaching, research, and service that develop a highly skilled and educated citizenry necessary to advancing the well-being of Kansas, the nation, and the international community.

Vision: By 2025, KSU will be recognized as one of the nation's Top 50 Public Research Universities.

Graduate School

Mission: Kansas State University's Graduate School provides exceptional graduate student services that enhance professional and career development, supports graduate student research and scholarly endeavors, and creates an environment that promotes interdisciplinary and cultural interaction and advocates for competitive compensation packages for all students.

College of Agriculture:

Mission: We are dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis, and education.

Vision: By 2025, the college will be one of the top five colleges of agriculture in the nation, and K-State Research and Extension will be one of the world's top destinations for education, research, and extension.

College of Arts and Sciences:

Mission of the College is four-fold:

- to take the lead in providing a high quality liberal arts foundation for all K-State students;
- to promote high quality graduate education and scholarly research activities;
- to promote high quality undergraduate programs for its own majors;
- to provide service to the disciplines, state, and nation.

College of Human Ecology:

Mission: The mission of the College of Human Ecology is to discover, disseminate, and apply knowledge to meet basic human needs and improve the human condition. This knowledge advances professions, public policies, human services, business and industry.

Vision: The College of Human Ecology will be pivotal in moving K-State to top 50 status by 2025 through its programs to improve the human condition.

College of Veterinary Medicine:

Mission: To serve as a global leader in animal and human health through education, discovery, and service.

Vision: To be the premier College of Veterinary Medicine dedicated to animal and human health and welfare.

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Master of Public Health Program:

Mission: Provide education, research and service across multiple disciplines of public health, impacting human, animal, and community health locally, regionally, and globally.

Others:

American Public Health Association:

Mission: Improve the health of the public and achieve equity in health status

Vision: A healthy global society

Kansas Public Health Association:

Mission: Promoting and improving population health in Kansas.

Healthy People 2020:

Mission: Strive to:

- Identify nationwide health improvement priorities.
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the determinants of health, disease, and disability and the opportunities for progress.
- Provide measurable objectives and goals that are applicable at the national, State, and local levels.
- Engage multiple sectors to take actions to strengthen policies and improve practices that are driven by the best available evidence and knowledge.
- Identify critical research, evaluation, and data collection needs.

Vision: A society in which all people live long, healthy lives.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment:

Mission: To protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.

Vision: Healthy Kansans living in safe and sustainable environments.

University of Kansas MPH Program:

Mission: Provide teaching, research and service activities that prepare public health practitioners, health care providers, and researchers to develop and apply population-based and individual approaches to maintaining and improving the public's health in the Heartland and the nation.

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Attachment 3: Program Director's Engagement with Public Health Organizations

Elected or Appointed Positions:

Kansas Public Health Association Board of Directors (elected by KPHA members)

Kansas Public Health Systems Group (K-State rep appointed by Provost)

Kansas Public Health Practice Program Sub-committee (K-State rep appointed by Provost)

Riley County Public Health Advisory Council (appointed by County Commissioners / Board of Health)

Other associated groups:

Kansas Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Council

Kansas Public Health Workforce Assessment Group

Flint Hills Wellness Coalition

Riley County Local Public Health System Assessment Planning Committee