

**K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Minutes**  
**July 13, 2012 – Trotter Hall, Mara Conference Center (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Cates, Chapes, Fung, Haub, Kelly, Larson, Montelone, Renter, Rosenkranz, van der Merwe,
<b>Not Present:</b>	Blair, Canter, Heinrich, Kastner, McElroy, Nutsch, Sanderson, Wang
<b>Guests</b>	Deans Shanklin and Richardson; Division of Biology Head: Spooner
<b>MPH Office Staff and MPH Students:</b>	Stevenson Bono (PHN)

- Dr. Cates called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM with a quorum present.
- **Approval of minutes**  
Already approved. Minutes from the April 13 meeting were approved via e-mail on May 2, 2012 so the new Field Experience hour requirements would be effective with Summer 2012.
- **Old Business**  
See discussion items – Still accepting nominations for External Advisory Council (Attachment 1).
- **Information Items**
  - Projected Summer 2012 Graduates (Attachment 2).
  - MPH Orientation, Thursday, August 16 from 10 AM to Noon (Attachment 3).
  - MPH Program Update dated 7-3-2012 was handed out (Attachment 4).
- **Discussion / Action Items Program Related Items**
  1. New Faculty Applications. Applications were received from two graduate faculty members and accepted as members of the MPH Graduate Faculty:
    1. Dr. Nancy Muturi (Journalism and Mass Communications) and
    2. Dr. Loubna Tazi (Division of Biology)
  2. KPHA Membership. There was a brief discussion about joining the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA). Two membership options are available: Large Organization (\$2,000/year) and Small Organization (\$500/year). It was determined that the Small Organization Membership was preferable and allows for up to 7 members from the MPH faculty. Suggestions for membership were: MPH Program Director, Field Experience Coordinator, Student Representative, One faculty member from each emphasis area.
  3. CEPH Accreditation Recommendation to Executive Council. The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the various options regarding accreditation (Attachment 5) along with the recent e-mail from Mollie Mulvanity (CEPH Deputy Director) to Provost Mason (Attachment 6). Faculty members not in attendance comments were shared with the group and are included as Attachment 7.

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The following motions were passed by the council:

- Motion 1: Kansas State University will continue our attempt to make enough changes to meet the criteria before the start of the 2013 academic year and then submit the self-study document in May 2013. Curricular control-related changes to the MPH Support Agreement will include the following:
  - The MPH Faculty Advisory Council will be responsible for curriculum review and for evaluation of MPH-specific course content. Reviews will occur annually for core courses, and every four years for emphasis area requirements and highly subscribed electives, unless there are major changes in course content or instruction; in those cases, the review will be conducted during the year of change.
  - The MPH Executive Council will be apprised of and have the responsibility to rectify any deficiencies identified in the course review process and reported to them by the MPH Faculty Advisory Council.
- Motion 2: Motion that the MPH Executive Council pursue a separate MPH course designation (cross listed with the existing department designation) for all MPH core courses and public health field experience.

- **Action Items**

#	Item	Responsible Party
1	April 2012 minutes posted to website and K-State online.	MPH Program office

- **Meeting adjourned** at 3:15 PM
- **Next Meeting:** Friday, August 10, 1:15 to 2:45 PM in Mara Center (Trotter Hall)

## Attachments

### Attachment 1. Current Nominations for External Advisory Council

- Need nominations for each emphasis area. Nominations to date have included:
  - Paul Benne, MD, MPH, Chief of Preventive Medicine, Fort Riley;
  - Ingrid Garrison, DVM, MPH, Kansas State Public Health Veterinarian;
  - David Granstrom, DVM, PhD, Director, Education and Research Division, American Veterinary Medical Association;
  - Eileen Schwartz, Executive Director, Kansas Public Health Association;
  - Robert F. St. Peter, MD, President/CEO of Kansas Health Institute OR  
Gianfranco Pezzino, MD, MPH, Senior Fellow and Strategy Team Leader, Kansas Health Institute

### Attachment 2. Anticipated Summer 2012 MPH Field Experience Defense/Thesis Final Exams

#	MPH Student	Date	Time	Place	Title
1	Yadav, Shankar	19-Jul	9:00 AM	Coles 343	Animal Rabies in Nepal and Raccoon Rabies in Albany County, New York
2	Roof, Clinton	24-Jul	10:00 AM	Mosier N202	Looking at Rift Valley Fever and Occupational Biosafety
3	Moser, Karin	6-Aug	9:00 AM	Mosier N202	The Blue, the Green, and the Toxic: A knowledge, attitudes and practices survey of Kansas veterinarians and physicians related to harmful algal blooms (working title)
4	Garvey, Jacqueline				Prevention in the Prairies: Tobacco Prevention and Sodium Reduction in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Please feel free to attend these presentations and support our students.

### Attachment 3. MPH Fall 2012 Orientation

## Master of Public Health Program

# Orientation for New and Continuing MPH Students All MPH Graduate Faculty Welcome Stay for Lunch

**Date:** Thursday, August 16, 2012  
**Time:** 10 AM to Noon (Lunch served at 11:30 AM)  
**Place:** Mara Conference Center—4<sup>th</sup> Floor Trotter Hall  
**Topics:** Program Overview, Courses, Field Experience followed by Q&A  
MPH Student pictures will be taken after Q&A

Please **RSVP** by August 14 (sowe order enough food)  
Email [barta@ksu.edu](mailto:barta@ksu.edu) or call 532-2042

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Attachment 4. MPH Program Update dated 7-3-2012

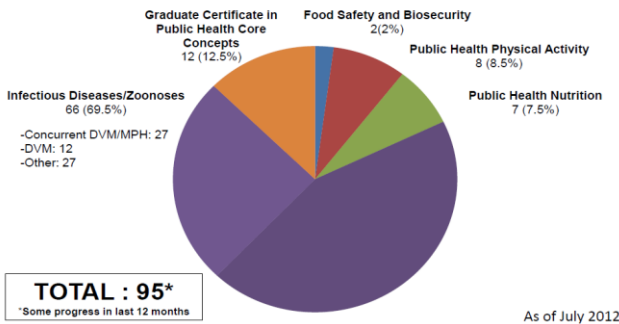
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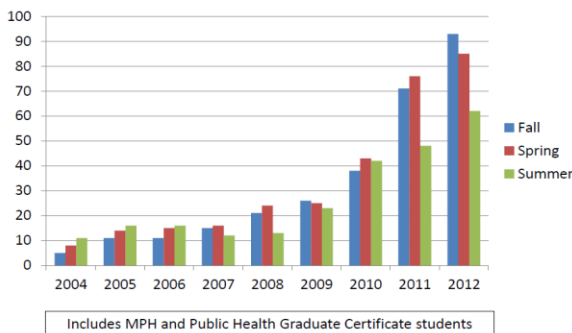
Program Update  
July 3, 2012

Mike Cates, DVM, MPH, DACVPM  
Director, MPH Program  
James B. Nichols Professor of Veterinary Medicine

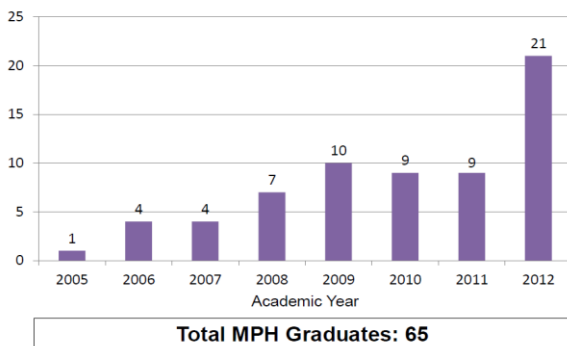
### Current MPH Program Students



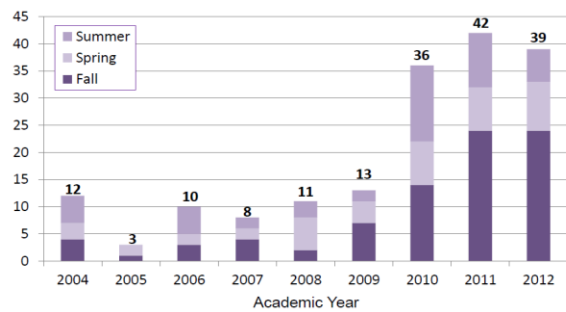
### MPH Program Total Enrollment by Semester



### MPH Graduates by Fiscal Year



### MPH Program New Students



This shows the number of new students, by semester and academic year when they started.

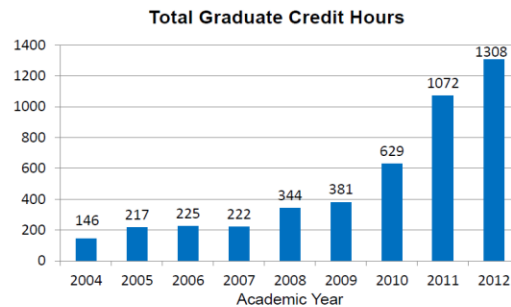
### Current MPH Program Students

- 95 Total Students
- 62 Women (65%)
- 20 Multicultural (21%)
- 62 Kansans (65%)
- 37 Kansas State alumni (39%)
- 8 International Students (8%)



As of July 2012

### Total Credit Hours from MPH Students per Academic Year



### Where are they now? K-State MPH Graduates

- **More Education**
  - Medical School
  - Veterinary School
  - Physical Therapy School
  - PhD Programs
- **International agencies**
  - Chemonics International
  - Mekong Minority Foundation
  - United Nations FAO
- **Private and Non-Profit Organizations**
  - Apple Wellness
  - Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica
  - DuPont/Danisco
  - Genesis Laboratories
  - Harvesters Community Network
  - Kansas Red Cross
  - Kansas Rural Center
  - Private Veterinary Practice
  - Starbucks
  - Tri-Health Corporation
- **Universities**
  - Central Michigan University
  - Kansas State University
  - Oakland University
  - Yale University
- **Federal Government**
  - CDC
  - FDA
  - HHS
  - USDA
  - U.S. Army
- **State and County Government**
  - Fairfax County (VA) Public Health
  - Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
  - Kansas Dept. of Health / Environment
  - Missouri Extension
  - Morrison County (MN) Public Health
  - Nebraska Dept. of Health
  - Riley County (KS) Extension
  - Riley County (KS) Health Department
  - Sedgwick County (KS) Health Department
  - Shawnee County (KS) Extension

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### Attachment 5. Options for Accreditation Self-Study

1. Move forward with our current organization and processes and submit the self-study document in May 2013.
2. Try to make enough changes to meet the criteria before the start of the 2013 academic year in mid-August 2012. Then, submit the document in May 2013 as planned.  
If we choose this option, we need recommendations toward adequate curricular control which may be implemented quickly.
3. Withdraw the application at this time and continue to work toward meeting all CEPH accreditation criteria. Re-apply when we are more aligned with the accreditation criteria. Possibly, hire a consultant (independent of CEPH) to provide advice.
4. Withdraw the application at this time and continue indefinitely with a non-CEPH accredited program; consider transforming into a different type of graduate degree (e.g., Veterinary Public Health track as part of the Veterinary Biomedical Science Master's degree program).
5. Withdraw the application at this time and begin the process to discontinue the MPH program.

### Attachment 6. E-mail from Mollie Mulvanity to Provost Mason

**From:** Mollie Mulvanity [mailto:mmulvanity@ceph.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 10:28 AM  
**To:** masona@k-state.edu  
**Cc:** Michael Cates; Laura Rasar King  
**Subject:** MPH program accreditation

Dr. Mason,

Thank you so much for your letter and for forwarding the current Agreement of Support statement for the MPH program. I have had a chance to review the documents, and my observations are below. I hope that they are helpful.

First, I must note that all of the advice that we provide as CEPH staff is based on our experience with the Council over many decisions, but the Council is the decision-making body, and they have the sole discretion to determine whether a program or school complies with our accreditation criteria.

The adjustments to governance and to the financial structure absolutely strengthen the program's solidity and autonomy in many ways. Unfortunately, we cannot make a determination on whether the current agreement provides sufficient guarantees of curricular control to satisfy accreditation requirements. This is likely to be a major sticking point and area of focus for site reviewers and Councilors in the accreditation process.

The agreement, as written, might support the degree of curricular control that we expect for an accredited MPH program, but this is truly a case where the details of implementation matter greatly. For accreditation purposes, we expect that control over the content of all required MPH courses rests primarily with the program director and the primary faculty, who are trained and experienced in public health. The agreement that you forwarded for review asks that colleges and departments guarantee that they will offer courses and/or seats in courses, but it does not specify a role for the program director or MPH Faculty Advisory Council in ensuring that course content and implementation align with the public health competencies as defined by the program and use appropriate, current public health examples, readings, etc. The agreement indicates that the Faculty Advisory Council will "provid[e] insights on student learning and course/curriculum issues," but there is no indication that the insights are binding or of what the process would be for implementing changes to required MPH courses in the various departments/colleges if recommended by the Advisory Council and/or program director.

Our reviewers are typically concerned in situations where the MPH relies on courses developed for and offered by other disciplinary areas. Such courses may have competing demands for content, readings and assignments that focus on disciplinary areas other than public health. An accredited public health program must ensure that public

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health values, mission and competencies, as defined by the program, are the primary guides for the development and implementation of required MPH coursework.

I'm sorry that I couldn't provide a more definitive answer on the issue of curricular control, but I hope that these comments highlight some of the important issues and questions for our reviewers. As I mentioned above, the financial and governance components of the agreement are very positive steps and will allay a number of concerns that our reviewers might raise.

I will be out of the office for most of the next two weeks on business travel, but I will be checking e-mail regularly if you have any questions. We appreciate all of the thought and effort that university stakeholders have invested in moving the MPH program toward accreditation review, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Regards,  
Mollie Mulvanity

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### **Attachment 7. Comments from Faculty Unable to Attend Meeting – Options for Moving Forward**

Abbey Nutsch: Option 2 or 3. Has a concern about removing pressure by withdrawing. However, we should get it right before we move forward. If we cannot fix it quickly, then withdraw and continue pushing to meet criteria.

Mike Sanderson: Option 3 or 4. Many advantages to developing a Veterinary Public/Population Health degree that could focus on livestock production issues broadly from production system decision making to food safety and security. It would not have the immediate recognition of the MPH degree but in many ways would better fit our college.

Mary McElroy: Option 2. Proceed as scheduled, with appropriate changes. In regards to the concern of "curricular control" the concern seems to be over whether our core courses and other approved public health courses contain enough public health rather than the traditional disciplinary material. Given that course content is really a faculty issue, (that is faculty are in charge of approving course content) why don't we consider putting together a faculty group of MPH people and annually evaluate the material taught in these courses with the specific emphasis on whether they include enough public health material.

Justin Kastner: Option 2. Keep up the pressure to make the necessary changes to meet the current timelines.

Gary Pierzynski: Option 2 or 3. Explore the possibility of reducing the scope of the MPH program such that it is contained within the CVM. That would seem to satisfy the budgetary and academic control issues for CEPH and retain the portion of the MPH program that provides the greatest benefit. This would likely involve eliminating some or all of the tracks outside of CVM.

CEPH Staff suggestion form September 2011: Equivalent to Option 2 or 3. Core courses/possibly other required MPH courses could be renamed something aligned with the public health program (e.g., MPH), with money flowing through the program to the department/faculty responsible for the courses. This would replace what we have now for the MPH core courses (i.e., DMP, HMD, STAT, KIN course numbers) with the instruction paid by those departments. The core course instructors and primary faculty could be joint appointments, linking the faculty directly with the program.