

K-State MPH Core Instructors
Location: via Zoom
December 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM
Minutes

Ct	Committee Member	Emphasis/Role	In Attendance
1	Ellyn Mulcahy	MPH Director	X
	Stevenson, Barta	MPH Staff	X
	Open	MPH Student	
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2	Hsu, Wei Wen	Core Instructor	X
3	Larson, Robert	Core Instructor	X
4	Gragg, Sara	FSB	
5	Kastner, Justin	FSB	X
6	Nutsch, Abbey	FSB	X
7	Adams Paige	IDZ + Core Instructor	X
8	Cernicchiaro, Natalia	IDZ	X
9	KuKanich, Kate	IDZ	X
10	Hanson, Jennifer	PHN + Core Instructor	X
11	Rosenkranz, Ric	PHN	X
12	Rosenkranz, Sara	PHN	X
13	Besenyi, Gina	PHPA	X
14	Mailey, Emily	PHPA	X
15	McElroy, Mary	PHPA + Core Instructor	X

Dr. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. There was a quorum present.

Minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting were approved for posting.

Dr. Mulcahy reviewed the following items for discussion:

- CEPH approved substantial change notice. Letter received on October 15.
- MPH Online options. Information in [K-State News](#) and now listed on Global Campus website [K-State Online](#). We have also added a link to the [MPH website](#).
- K-State Alumni magazine, K-Stater, has an article about the MPH program in the Winter 2020 edition entitled “K-State’s Master of Public Health program trains Wildcats to Keep populations healthy in a pandemic.” We are working on ways to use the article in marketing, but you have to be an alumni member to access the magazine online.
- BSPH approved by Kansas Board of Regents at November meeting and the search is open for a director. There was a short discussion about the BS/MPH and asking students that have come the route to tell us about any issues/problems they encountered. Detailed instructions approved by the Graduate School and degree programs are posted on the MPH website. A link to our website and the Graduate Handbook that discusses the process were sent to all committee members. It was suggested that Dr. Mulcahy reach out to undergraduate advisors and make sure they are aware of the advantages of the BS/MPH and the steps involved. The biggest stumbling block is that undergraduate financial aid stops once a graduate record in KSIS is opened up for the student.
- Lunch and Learn posted to MPH website. Please use when advising your students. We will continue topics of interest in the spring. If you would like to introduce yourself and talk about your research, let us know; and feel free to suggest topics.
- MPH Merit Scholarships. Distributed via KSIS. Each student that applied received \$500.
- KPHA memberships renewed. Anyone that had a KPHA membership in 2020, was renewed for 2021. Seven MPH faculty and students submitted posters for the annual meeting held virtually. A list is on the MPH website with links to the posters.

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- 2nd Round of Covid-19 Posters scholarships for students. Last week an email was sent to all MPH students with instructions to participate. Very similar to what we did for the first round. Posters accepted through April 20, 2021. \$75/poster and students may submit 2 posters.
- Spring 2021 MPH Orientation, Thursday, January 21, Noon to 1 PM via Zoom.

FYIs and Reminders:

- **Reminder ... send us a short video about yourself for our website.**
- Current Enrollment Numbers

Emphasis Area	Continue	Start	Anticipated Graduates	Future Admits		Total
	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2021	Dom	Intl*	
Certificate Only	11	1				12
Food Safety	5		2			3
Infectious Diseases	44	3	6		4	45
Public Health Nutrition	8	1	1		2	10
Public Health Physical Activity	5	1	2			4
Total	73	6	11		6	74

*International students that may or may not be able to come.

If a certificate student has a 3.25 GPA after completing 2-3 MPH core classes they are eligible to be issued a GRE waiver. The MPH office is also working on application waivers so that they do not have to pay and the additional application fee.

- Dates for FAC Meetings via Zoom until further notice.

Monday, January 11, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	This meeting has been cancelled due to delayed start of Spring 2021 semester. The February meeting will be used to go over survey data.
Monday, February 8, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	Annual retreat to go over survey data.
Monday, March 8, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	
Monday, April 12, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	
Monday, May 10, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	
Monday, June 14, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	

Additional discussion from the group:

- The toll the pandemic and restrictions are having on health care, especially in rural areas. Many long term public health care officials in the state are resigning and retiring. The question was asked: “What can we do?” Several items dealing with this are covered in core classes that deal with these issues ... such as MPH 720 where student learn that restrictions are decided at the county level. Also, encouraging personal responsibility would go a long way to encourage mask wearing.

Dr. Mulcahy referred everyone to the Kansas Leadership Center’s website (<https://kansasleadershipcenter.org/ks-beats-the-virus/>). They are encouraging Kansans to participate in 1,000 community meetings across the state by December 31 with the goal “to inspire local solutions that keep Kansans health, schools and businesses open and our economy strong amidst the pandemic.” Dr. Mulcahy has participated in some meetings and suggested that others also do so. An email was sent to the FAC with the website and information.

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Another idea suggested was to have knowledgeable speakers invited to your class to discuss the topic. One resource is the Mid America Research Council in Kansas City (<https://www.marc.org/About-MARC/General-Information/What-is-MARC>)

- **Food for Thought ... from CEPH.**



MPH Concentrations

MPH CONCENTRATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 2019

At the end of 2019, CEPH recorded 897 distinct MPH concentrations in the 194 accredited SPH and PHP. Since concentration titles vary widely, concentrations are grouped by category; therefore, a unit might offer more than one MPH in a given concentration area (e.g., one SPH offered an MPH in health communication & promotion and an MPH in community assessment, program design, implementation & evaluation. Both concentrations are categorized as SBS). For a full list of degree offerings, visit the [CEPH website](#), which allows users to search by concentration, using the categories below. The following table presents the top 10 MPH concentrations by number of degree offerings. See the [Background](#) document for a key to abbreviations.

Concentration	Number of MPH Concentrations as of Dec 2019*
SBS	161
EPI	152
HSA	135
EHS	118
BIOS	81
Global Health	71
General Public Health	70
Public Health Practice	33
Maternal & Child/Family Health	32
Nutrition	28
All others (see table below)	106

*90 MPH concentration offerings cross disciplines and are counted in two categories, e.g., global environmental health.

Other MPH concentration categories		
Aerospace Medicine	Clinical Investigation	Dental Public Health
Emergency Preparedness	Ethics	Exercise Science
Genetics	Gerontology	Health Communication
Health Equity	Health Informatics	Laboratory Sciences
Mental Health	One Health	Parks & Recreation
Sustainable Development	Tropical Public Health	Veterinary Public Health

Abbreviations

BIOS	Biostatistics
EHS	Environmental Health Sciences
EPI	Epidemiology
HSA	Health Services Administration
IP	Interprofessional
PHP	Public Health Program
SBP	Standalone Baccalaureate Program
SBS	Social & Behavioral Sciences
SPH	School of Public Health

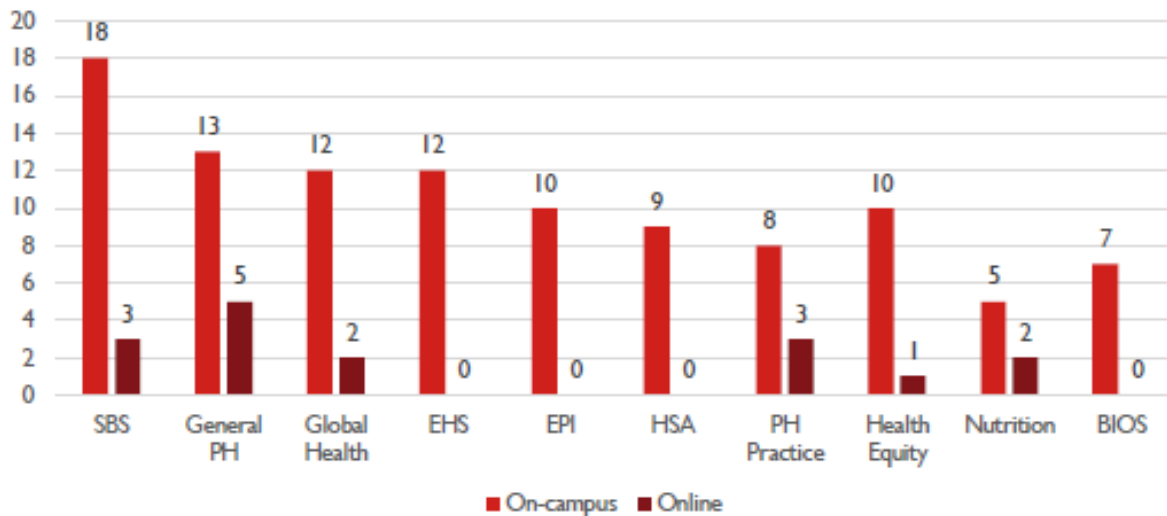
K-State Emphasis areas:

Food Safety and Biosecurity – grouped with [Environmental Health](#) (247 programs listed)
 Infectious Diseases and Zoonoses – grouped with [Epidemiology](#) (152 programs listed)
 Public Health Nutrition – grouped with [Nutrition](#) (28 programs listed)
 Public Health Physical Activity – grouped with [Exercise Science](#) (13 programs listed)

GROWTH 2017-2019

Over this three-year period, MPH degrees in general public health and SBS grew by the largest numbers. This chart presents the MPH concentrations that grew by the largest numbers. These programs of study were added to accredited units (53 units added MPH concentrations) or are housed in units that were accredited for the first time during 2017 through 2019.

MPH concentration offerings added from 2017-2019**



**12 concentration offerings are counted in two categories, e.g., global health equity. Concentrations from the same unit offered in multiple modalities are counted in both the on-campus and online bars.

MPH concentrations with 1-3 additions from 2017-2019	
Exercise Science	Mental Health
Gerontology	One Health
Health Economics	Parks & Recreation
Health Informatics	Sustainable Development
Maternal & Child/Family Health	

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.