

## **Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m.**

Attendees: Kollette Clark, Katherine DeVivo, Daniela Friedman, Bridget Miller, Lee Pearson (chair), Tara Sabo-Attwood (dean), Julie Smithwick, Myriam Torres, Lisa Waddell, and Megan Weis

Excused: Katie Annan, Ella Ducato, Susan Steck and Toni Torres-McGehee

### **MINUTES**

Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:00 and welcomed the committee members and the Arnold School's new dean, Dr. Sabo-Attwood. Dr. Pearson acknowledged the nearly two years of effort on the part of the committee and expressed appreciation for their support, hard work and commitment. He then recognized Ms. Clark for her extensive contributions to the overall self-study process. Dr. Sabo-Attwood added her appreciation to the members of the committee and recognized both Dr. Pearson and Ms. Clark for their work.

The substance of the meeting then shifted to garnering reflections on the recent mock site visit with a discussion of specific takeaways that will guide the approach to the official site visit in October. The dean noted her impressions from the mock site visit and shared highlights from her follow-up conversation with the site visitors. She indicated her belief that the school is in a strong position heading into the official site visit but added that final preparations will help to ensure that everyone involved will be ready to engage with confidence. Committee members then shared their perspectives from the mock site visit and offered examples of their individual preparation plans moving into the official site visit.

Discussion of the upcoming official site visit included a review of the meeting schedule, new session details, and information on the site visit team. Dr. Pearson and Ms. Clark provided details on the student and external partner/alumni sessions and responded to questions from the group as to the process and protocols for the site visit. Dr. Pearson also shared the timeline for post-visit activities. The draft report will be provided by the site visit team approximately 8 weeks after their visit, and the school will have at least 30 days to respond with any needed clarifications or further evidence. The final version of the report will be provided to the school two weeks later and will be reviewed by CEPH at the first quarterly Council meeting in 2025. It is anticipated that a final decision on the school's reaccreditation will be received by the spring.

A general discussion and wrap-up followed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15. Since this was the final meeting of the reaccreditation steering committee, general appreciation was expressed by everyone present at the meeting.