

Allied Health / Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024 | 5:30pm – 6:30pm | HS-200

Attendees – Names & Organizations Represented		
Erica Armstrong – Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division Leticia Berber – Fresno County Department of Public Health, Community Health Division Courtney Crew – Fresno City College, TRIO CTE STEM Counseling Mellanie Gallardo – Fresno City College, Public Health Science AS-T Major Melody Gallardo-Olvera – Fresno City College, Pre-Allied Health Major	Kim Thomas – Fresno City College / Community Medical Centers Helda Pinzon-Perez – Fresno State Department of Public Health	Facilitator: Analisa Zamora, MPH Public Health Instructor Fresno City College
Agenda Item	Notes	Outcomes / Action Items
I. Welcome & Introductions	Introductions were made and the agenda was shared. The purpose for the meeting, as introduced by Analisa Zamora, was to complete the following tasks: - Review data on student success and current offerings - Review Program Proposals for the new Certificate of Achievement and suggested changes for the ADT in Public Health Science to match updated Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) - Gather community partner feedback and vote on proposed items	N/A

II. Overview of Public Health and Allied Health Programs - Courses and Current Offerings - Data on Student Success	<i>Courses and Current Offerings</i> Analisa provided an overview of the current Allied Health (AHLTH) course and degree offerings at Fresno City College (FCC). At FCC, the following AHLTH courses are currently offered: - AHLTH 1 – Introduction to Public Health - AHLTH 2 – Health and Social Justice - AHLTH 19 – Work Experience* - AHLTH 20 – Improving Cultural Competence Through Cross-Cultural Experience - AHLTH 21 – Culturally Relevant Health Promotion Experience - AHLTH 100 – Introduction to Health Careers - AHLTH 104 – Autism Technician Training* - * AHLTH 104 is pre-requisite to AHLTH 19 There are two AHLTH degree programs offered: - Associate of Science (AS) in Pre-Allied Health - Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Public Health Science	Presentation slides will be shared with Advisory Committee via email. Materials that were included in the Advisory Committee packet will also be emailed to all members.
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	The major sheet for the AS-T in Public Health Science was provided as a hard copy to community members and displayed to review during discussion. <i>Data on Student Success</i> The following data highlights were shared about the Allied Health / Public Health Programs at FCC: - In Academic Year (AY) 2022-23, nearly two-thirds of graduates from the programs were 29 years old or younger, and about 42.3% identified as First-Generation students - In AY 2022-23, a total of 422 students graduated with an AS in Pre-Allied Health, and a total of 27 students graduated with an ADT in Public Health - Since their creation, enrollment in both Pre-Allied Health and Public Health programs has increased Data on recruitment, enrollment, and retention of students in Public Health course offerings was also included in Committee packets.	
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III. Goals for Programs	A total of three primary program goals were introduced to and reviewed by Committee members. <i>Goal #1: New Program - Certificate of Achievement in Community Outreach, Social Justice, And Health Advocacy</i> In Fall 2023, a new Certificate program was proposed for approval by the FCC Curriculum Committee. The Certificate of Achievement in Community Outreach, Social Justice, and Health Advocacy is an 11-unit program that prepares students to enter the workforce as Community Health Workers. The development for the proposal started in Spring 2023. It was developed in partnership with Fresno State Department of Public Health as part of the Health Workforce Initiative – Nursing Pipeline Expansion, with the purpose of creating a pipeline program between both institutions for students studying Public Health who plan to transfer to a four-year institution. The certificate consists of the following four courses: - AHLTH-1 – Introduction to Public Health (3 units)	All Advisory Committee members support the continuation of current goals for Public Health and Allied Health programs. Notes on program suggestions and recommendations are under next two sections.
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	- AHLTH-2 – Health & Social Justice (3 units) - PSY-2 – General Psychology (3 units) - AHLTH-21 – Culturally Relevant Health Promotion Experience (2 units) The certificate would provide in-field experience and strong emphasis on building capacity in using health equity to effectively reach and impact communities in need, which was a recommendation from the 2023 Advisory Committee to include in current programming. The program is set to launch in Fall 2024, and is currently being marketed to the public through social media campaigns. <i>Goal #2: Update on Public Health Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC)</i> As of September 2023, the Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) for Public Health was updated. As a result, the Allied Health / Public Health department is in the process of reviewing the current major requirements for the ADT in Public Health Science to ensure alignment with the new TMC. The main changes to the TMC include the following: - Change the title of the “Public Health Science” major to “Public Health”	
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	- Require a total of four core courses, which include Personal Health, Public Health, Statistics, and Biology with Lab - Require one Laboratory Science course - Require a total of three Public Health Tracks / Concentration Area Courses (AHLTH-3 and PSY-25 were suggested courses to fulfill this requirement) - Require one Social Sciences course, which would be AHLTH-2 for this major These changes would reduce total number of major-specific units required. In addition to revising the major requirements, FCC faculty will also need to consider what course offerings will be considered under the Public Health Track course requirement. A draft version of the Public Health ADT with the TMC updates was presented to Committee as a hard copy. <i>Goal #3: Open Educational Resources (OER) for Public Health Courses</i> Kim Thomas applied for and was awarded a grant through the FCC OER Award Program to create OER for AHLTH-1. This is an	
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	opportunity to identify no-cost course materials and designate AHLTH-1 as a Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) course.	
IV. Community Needs and Expectations	Advisory Committee was asked to give input into current Allied Health course offerings, as well as the proposed goals for the program. Below is a summary from each attending member's suggestions, feedback, and recommendations. - Committee members expressed that the Certificate of Achievement and updates to the TMC aligned with the program recommendations previously discussed at the 2023 Advisory Committee meeting, such as making AHLTH-2 a requirement for the major. - Members suggested that a Speech course should be a requirement, with either a Public Speaking or Marketing focus, as there is a demand for spokesperson and health communication skills in the local public health workforce. This was a strong recommendation from Leticia	Overall, Advisory Committee members were very supportive of the program goals and provided several suggestions. Follow-up on suggestions: - Continue to meet with FCHIP to work on potential collaboration with CHW certificate - Continue to review options for Public Health Track Areas, with a focus on Communication/Marketing, Environmental Health, and Infectious Disease Tracing - Reach out to recommended community partners to identify in-field experiences and guest speakers for Public Health / Allied Health course offerings

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	Berber and the whole Advisory Committee. - Members felt that the Certificate program would be a good transition and stepping stone for current Community Health Workers (CHWs) who are considering getting a college-level degree in Public Health and pursuing leadership and administrative roles. - Helda Pinzon-Perez (Fresno State) expressed the need for educational content on AI and its potential use in community health messaging, which is an in-demand skill for current public health workers. - Erica Armstrong (Fresno Department of Public Health) spoke about the need for Environmental Health Specialists, and spoke on how a specific class at the community college level may be a good way to introduce students before they choose a focus area in their Bachelor's level program. - Helda Pinzon-Perez shared information from a meeting with Tony Gonzalez, Executive Director at Fresno Community Health	
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	Improvement Partnership (FCHIP), which employs CHWs for several organization throughout the Fresno region, that FCHIP could potentially partner with both FCC and Fresno State to have their current employees take these courses and further their Public Health education. - Helda Pinzon-Perez also suggested checking if the National Public Health Examiners (NPHE) offers certifications for community college-level public health education, and if FCC is a potential candidate for this, as Fresno State was recently certified. - Kim Thomas shared that AHLTH-3 is a one-unit course that would need to be updated to fulfill the 3-unit course requirement as a Public Health Track Area - Committee members shared several potential contacts for in-field experience to compliment the AHLTH-21 course, including the Black Infant Health Program, West Fresno, Planned Parenthood, EOC STD Programs, FIRM, New American, and Telehealth through Planned Parenthood.	
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	- Melannie and Melody, both students at FCC in Allied Health / Public Health programs, were very supportive of current suggestions and are excited to see these programs come to fruition in future semesters.	
V. Need for Approval	A vote was made on the following proposed items: 1. Certificate of Achievement in Community Outreach, Social Justice, and Health Advocacy 2. Proposed Changes to the Public Health Science, ADT to Match TMC 3. Public Health Science, ADT 4. Pre-Allied Health, AS	The following were the outcomes from this portion of the meeting: 1. The Advisory Committee members approved the proposal for the Certificate of Achievement as it was presented to them. They also would be in touch regarding upcoming events and community outreach activities that students can participate in to gain in-field experience. 2. Committee members approved the recommended draft of the TMC for the ADT in Public Health Science, and suggested the following items: - Add a Communication course that focuses on public speaking and marketing

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		- Consider adding an Environmental Health course to fulfill the Public Health Concentration Areas - Review the AHLTH-3 course in Contact Tracing / Infectious Disease control to determine if need to revise Faculty will move forward to update curriculum to match the TMC. 3. The Advisory Committee members approved current offerings for Public Health Science ADT, with changes expected by Fall 2025 to match TMC. 4. The Advisory Committee members approved current offerings for Pre-Allied Health AS.
VI. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm on April 4th, 2024.	Committee members will receive an email follow-up with meeting minutes. Updates will be sent periodically, and Committee members will be invited to future meetings.