


Date: March 9, 2020

To: Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor

From: John Stalvey, Interim Provost 

Cc: Jeff Jessee, Dean of the College of Health; Vice Provost for Health Programs
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Re: **AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings – Public Health Practice MPH**

I have reviewed the dean's findings, the program's response to the dean's findings, and the completed Expedited Program Review Template for the Public Health Practice MPH.

Recommendations

My recommendation is to accept the decision and recommendations of the dean with the additional commentary that the program offers too many courses each semester. The program must reduce the number of courses offered each semester and develop a course rotation schedule. In lieu of reducing the number of faculty in the program, consider reassigning some faculty instructional responsibilities to the BS Health Sciences program which is growing. If this is not feasible then the program should reduce the number of faculty. The program also should increase its focus on meeting Alaska's public health workforce needs. An interim progress report on all recommendations is due to the dean by March 1, 2021. The dean will submit a review along with the program's interim progress report to the provost by April 1, 2021. A follow-up Program Review will be conducted in AY22.

Decision

Recommend Continued Review