1. MS Degree Structure
   a. Degree: MS in Population Health Research (umbrella term)
      1. The degree clusters are basically tracks
         a. Purpose: we can get approval for one degree and change some of the elements accordingly
      2. Degree title: MS in Population Health Research in ____________ with a specialization in ____________
      3. If students mix and match across clusters, they just have a MS in Population Health Research
   b. Foundational Training -> 6 credits -> 20 hours
      i. Students complete some foundational training online
      ii. For those who want to do the Foundational Training as a standalone (Certificate in Population Health Research), they must do all 8 of the content areas
         1. If you do well, you can go into any of the MS programs
      iii. Each track will specify the minimum that each student must complete for that specific area
   c. Bootcamp -> 2 credits
      i. Task Force agrees that it could be online but a minimum of a weekend should be on campus
      ii. Preparation for the student’s MS that depends on the tracks
      iii. Task Force proposes keeping this at 2 credits for international students
   d. Discovery-Based Project (CEPH requirement) -> 2 credits
      i. Task Force agrees that it’s better for this to have credit attached for faculty (they get coverage) and keeps structure for students
   e. Specialization Areas (“in” areas)
      i. Include Health Informatics here (would require new courses)

2. Next Steps
   a. Task Force agrees with structure
   b. Each department writes up 1-2 pages to take to each of their respective groups
      i. Will ask departments about offerings that should be available
   c. A report must be prepared by the end of January with some sort of plan
   d. Task Force will create blocks (8 credits)
      i. Include labels, could be cross-department, we’ll check for overlap
      ii. Topic areas are fine
   e. Task Force will also send what they think is important to include in the Foundational Training
      i. So far, Task Force agrees on Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Statistical Computing, Assessment Methods (includes qualitative, quantitative), Survey Research Methods