Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee
November 7, 2011 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Betty Chewning, Marc Drezner, Norm Drinkwater, Jenny Gumperz, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss, Tom Oliver, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: Craig Kent, Rob Lemanske, Greg Nycz, Elizabeth Petty

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Cathy Frey, Mary Jo Knobloch, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

2. Decision on draft minutes of October 10, 2011

Shull seconded a motion by Remington to approve the draft minutes of October 10, 2011. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Announcement

2012 PERC meeting schedule
Meetings will typically take place from 5:00 to 7:00pm on the second Monday of each month throughout 2012. The joint meeting with the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) is scheduled on Wednesday, April 18, 2:00-4:00pm. The committee will not meet in February and August, 2012.

4. Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) report

Remington reported that in December, 2011 the OAC will be making award decisions for the 2011 funding cycle of the Community-Academic Partnership Fund. OAC will award up to $2.7 million for up to four implementation and ten development grants. 27 applications are currently undergoing independent external review. Two of the applications request continuation funding. As part of the review process, the OAC heard progress report presentations from those applicants in October.

As part of the monthly report on the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF), Philip Farrell announced that Magda Peck was named the founding dean of the UW-Milwaukee School of Public Health. Given her expertise in maternal and child health, there is potential for collaboration between the UW SMPH and UW-Milwaukee. The media attention on the causes and consequences of infant mortality and morbidity in Wisconsin continues to be extraordinary. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel continues to provide coverage through the Empty Cradle series. There was a recent article on Tito Izard MD, CEO of Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. Dr. Izzard is a member of the LIHF Steering Committee and a former UW SMPH faculty in Family Medicine. In addition, anchor Frederica Freyberg of Wisconsin Public Television’s Here and Now did a two part piece on the topic highlighting LIHF.
5. Financial report on Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through October 31, 2011. The value of the endowment was projected to have increased by 5.08% in October to a value of $301 million; 6.9% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $33.5 million, $20.7 million of which is allocated to PERC.

6. Closed Session: Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to consider the faculty finalists to be invited for interviews for the competitive Partnership Education and Research Committee New Investigator Program awards. The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

Remington seconded a motion by Moberg to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to consider the faculty finalists to be invited for interviews for the competitive Partnership Education and Research Committee New Investigator Program awards. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

After thorough discussion of the review process and consideration of the scoring and ranking of the applications, Drezner seconded a motion by Remington to return the meeting to open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The committee confirmed the motion made in closed session to invite the top seven ranked applicants for interviews. The seven finalists will be asked to present an overview of their projects at the December 12, 2011 meeting.

7. Follow-up on October 10, 2011 PERC strategic planning discussion

To help guide future discussions, Moss reported that the initiatives and ideas proposed during PERC’s October 10, 2011 strategic planning meeting have been summarized in the minutes, and categorized into table format by type, i.e., education, research, and community engagement. PERC will discuss in more detail today the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship program and the Collaborative Health Sciences Program. Given budgetary constraints, Moss again cautioned the committee that it will not be possible to continue its current portfolio of grants, and at the same time add new initiatives.

8. Consideration of Oversight and Advisory Committee’s request for PERC’s acceptance of funding responsibility for the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship program

Moss indicated that there will be no action today on OAC’s request for PERC’s acceptance of funding responsibility for the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship program. Funding for this program will be considered along with PERC’s other strategic priorities. He asked Remington to open the discussion by providing background information on the Fellowship program and OAC’s funding request.

Remington reported that the Fellowship program is a unique education and service program that has contributed to workforce development in the state through OAC’s support of up to eight master-trained fellows per year. The program leveraged additional support from HRSA for an additional two fellows each year. Remington indicated that the OAC continues to be supportive of
the Fellowship program, but that it sees the PERC as the most appropriate funding source given its education charge.

Oliver disclosed that he is the Faculty Leader for the Fellowship program, and commented that the program straddles OAC’s service charge and PERC’s education charge. In response, Drezner proposed a shared funding model either with OAC and PERC funding the program according to their respective charges, or as a percent split. Eileen Smith clarified that approximately 80% of program costs are related to the Fellows and the remaining 20% goes toward infrastructure. Moss recommended that OAC and PERC work together to determine the best distribution of program costs.

Remington noted that a preventive medicine residency program is required for the School to get CDC funding for a preventive research center. The residents could serve as Population Health fellows. Drinkwater stated as a member of the joint OAC/PERC Fellowship program subcommittee that the discussions focused on the fellows and their education; more specifically that PERC’s oversight could enhance the mentorship goals of the program. Oliver indicated that the mentors, known as preceptors, provide a significant amount of in-kind support.

When and if appropriate, Shull asked to hear a formal presentation on the program’s goals, objectives, and accomplishments, in particular where the fellows have been employed following their fellowship. Oliver shared his interest in providing such a presentation, and confirmed that he has done so regularly at OAC.

9. Discussion of PERC’s Collaborative Health Sciences Program

Moss referred members to the discussion guide on the Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP). He clarified that today’s discussion will result in revisions to the Request for Proposals. There was general agreement that the CHSP is an important program that must continue, especially given limited extramural funding opportunities. The committee asked WPP leaders and staff to draft motions for consideration by PERC at a future meeting addressing the number and value of the awards, the eligibility requirements for the Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, and Collaborator, the scope of proposal topics, and requirements for collaboration. Remington was interested in reviewing data on intramural funding opportunities for senior faculty in the School. He noted opportunities offered by ICTR and the WPP.

10. Discuss PERC interim and final reports

New Investigator Program

*Computed Tomography (CT) with Reduced Radiation Dose Using Prior Image Constrained Compressed Sensing (PICCS) Reconstruction*

Drinkwater presented the written reviews of Christopher Francois’ final report for his 2008 award, “Computed Tomography (CT) with Reduced Radiation Dose Using Prior Image Constrained Compressed Sensing (PICCS) Reconstruction”. Dr. Francois achieved all of the objectives set out in the original application. He made substantial progress in achieving lower radiation doses for CT scans, an important milestone for patient care. Drezner seconded a motion by Drinkwater to
accept the report with a request for information on publications and/or presentations resulting from the project, and plans for sustainability. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

*Genetic and environmental predictors of serum levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D*

Drezner presented the written reviews of Corrine Engelman’s interim progress report for her 2008 award, “Genetic and environmental predictors of serum levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D”. Dr. Engelman has made acceptable progress toward achieving the goals and aims of this project over the past year. The remaining data analysis will be an intensive process, but the reviewers expect that the project’s no cost extension will enable Dr. Engelman to complete the analysis by the project end date. Oliver seconded a motion by Drezner to accept the report with a request for an update on the status of the related R01 grant application. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Collaborative Health Sciences Program**

*Effects of Environmental Opportunities and Barriers to Physical Activity, Fitness, and Health in Hispanic Children in Wisconsin*

Moberg and Remington presented their written reviews of Aaron Carrel’s interim progress report on his 2010 award, “Effects of Environmental Opportunities and Barriers to Physical Activity, Fitness, and Health in Hispanic Children in Wisconsin”. Dr. Carrel has made acceptable progress toward achieving the goals and aims of the project over the past year. Given the scope and complexity of the project, Remington seconded a motion by Moberg to accept the report with a request to meet with Dr. Carrel and his team to discuss the project in more detail. The discussion will include challenges faced, plans for sustainability, recruitment goals, obtaining IRB approval, in-kind contributions of key personnel, and information on student presentations. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Moberg, Remington, Moss, and Eileen Smith will participate in the meeting and will report back to PERC.

**PERC Targeted RFA**

*Health Innovation Program (HIP)*

Remington presented the written reviews of Maureen Smith’s interim progress report for her 2009 award, “Health Innovation Program (HIP)”. HIP is a model program which engages faculty and trainees in research related to improving clinical practice. Moberg seconded a motion by Remington to accept the report with a request for additional information on plans for sustainability, physical space for the program, senior career mentors, and PhD-trained health services researchers. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State**

Remington declared a conflict of interest as the project’s Principal Investigator. He left the room during the discussion, and did not participate in the vote.

Oliver presented the written reviews of Pat Remington’s interim progress report for his 2009 award, “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State”. The main products of the project have either been completed, or are on track to be completed by the end date. Shull seconded a motion by Oliver to accept the report with a request for additional information on the users of the *Health of Wisconsin*...
Report Card and the What Works? online database. In addition, Dr. Remington will be asked to share any feedback that users have provided as well plans for engaging leaders in other sectors outside of public health and health care. The motion passed with eight affirmative votes. Remington was asked to return to the meeting after the vote took place.

Wisconsin Center for Infectious Diseases (WisCID)

Shull presented the written reviews of Bruce Klein’s interim progress report for his 2008 award, “Wisconsin Center for Infectious Diseases (WisCID)”. Dr. Klein has made satisfactory progress toward achieving the goals and aims of the project over the past year. WisCID has been highly productive in terms of teaching and research activities. Drezner seconded a motion by Shull to accept the report with a request for clarification on the timing and source of funding for the five trainees, and an explanation of why spending has been slower than anticipated. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Reducing Cancer Disparities through Comprehensive Cancer Control

Chewning and Remington presented their reviews of James Cleary’s interim progress report for his 2009 award, “Reducing Cancer Disparities through Comprehensive Cancer Control”. Given the considerable challenges faced by the project, there was general agreement by PERC to defer taking action on this report, and that it would be helpful to meet with Dr. Cleary and his team to discuss questions and concerns. Chewning, Remington, Moss and Eileen Smith will participate and report back to PERC.

The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW)

Drezner presented the written reviews of Javier Nieto’s interim progress report on his 2009 award, “The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW)”. Dr. Nieto and his team are on target to meet all of the proposed aims of the project. SHOW exceeded the annual recruitment target in 2010 by recruiting 2,013 participants, and preliminary data suggests that SHOW is making important contributions to understanding the health of the state’s residents. Ancillary studies have also been successful in using the core data, including Dr. Engelman’s New Investigator award for “Genetic and environmental predictors of serum levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D”. Oliver seconded a motion by Drezner to accept the report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Transforming Medical Education: Integrating Public Health in the Curriculum

Oliver presented the written reviews of Christine Seibert’s interim progress report for her 2009 award, “Transforming Medical Education: Integrating Public Health in the Curriculum”. Many major components of the project have been put into place and have added important new intellectual and experiential facets to students’ medical education. Chewning seconded a motion by Oliver to accept the report with a request for a description of how students are advised on the new range of public health curriculum options, an update on the certificate process, and more information on the availability of key staff and faculty to deliver the expanded curriculum. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
**Human Proteomics Program**

Moss declared a conflict of interest as the project’s Principal Investigator. He left the room during the discussion, and did not participate in the vote. Remington acted as chair during his absence.

Drinkwater and Shull presented their written reviews of Rick Moss’ final report for his 2009 award, “Human Proteomics Program”. Dr. Moss achieved considerable success in all three of the project’s original aims. Approximately 40 research groups have used the core facility, resulting in 25 publications and successful pursuit of extramural grants. The symposia and workshops highlighted the potential for proteomics to contribute to important biomedical research problems. In addition, 35 student, fellows, and staff received hands-on training. This training has been a positive factor in increasing the breadth of expertise of the School’s students. The program also achieved financial self-sufficiency through a combination of user fees, line items in individual grants, and direct extramural grants to faculty and staff. Drinkwater seconded a motion by Shull to accept the report. The motion passed with eight affirmative votes. Moss was asked to return to the meeting after the vote.

**Master of Public Health Program (Oliver, Final)**

Oliver declared a conflict of interest as the project’s Principal Investigator. He left the meeting, and did not participate in the vote.

Chewning presented the written reviews of Tom Oliver’s final report for his 2009 award, “Master of Public Health Program”. Dr. Oliver successfully established a high quality, interdisciplinary public health graduate degree program on campus. With the conclusion of PERC’s funding, funding for the program has transitioned to the School’s budget. Remington seconded a motion by Chewning to accept the report. The motion passed with eight affirmative votes.

**11. Adjourn – next meeting December 12, 2011**

Moss adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison