Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee (PERC)
June 13, 2011 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Betty Chewning, Byron Crouse, Jenny Gumperz, Rob Lemanske, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss, Tom Oliver, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: Marc Drezner, Norman Drinkwater, Craig Kent, Greg Nycz

Staff: Cathy Frey, Mary Jo Knobloch, Tonya Mathison, Mike Mirer, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2. Decision on draft minutes of May 9, 2011

Remington seconded a motion by Lemanske to approve the draft minutes of May 9, 2011. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Announcements

Collaborative Health Sciences Program full applications

Eileen Smith reported that 12 of the 23 preliminary applicants for the 2010-11 funding cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program were invited to submit full applications. Two applicants withdrew due to unforeseen circumstances. The ten remaining full applications were each assigned to two expert reviewers for independent evaluation. The review panel will meet on July 21 to discuss all of the applications, and to develop a ranked list for PERC’s consideration in July. PERC will interview the finalists and make award decisions in September.

New Investigator Program preliminary applications

Eileen Smith reported that the New Investigator Program 2011 Request for Proposals, released on May 12, resulted in 32 preliminary applications. The applications are undergoing a technical review by the WPP staff, and will be forwarded to PERC’s Review Subcommittee (Norman Drinkwater-chair, Betty Chewning, Byron Crouse, Rob Lemanske, Rick Moss) to determine which warrant further development as full applications. Full applications will be due in September.

UW Foundation

Michael Knetter, President of the UW Foundation, provided an overview of the operations and structure of the UW Foundation (UWF) at the May 18 Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting. The OAC members had an opportunity to ask questions and to share their feedback and concerns. Much of the discussion focused on the one percent expense recapture fee on
the WPP’s endowment. This fee is in addition to the approximately 40 basis point management fee used to compensate the external investment managers.

Remington reported that the UWF has added a development officer dedicated to fundraising efforts for the WPP. The OAC will be discussing the role and responsibilities of the development officer at a future meeting.

Smith reported that the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) is meeting on June 28 regarding discussions with the UWF.

4. **Discussion of faculty leadership recruitment for the Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative**

Moss reported that the PERC will consider a proposal at a future meeting on the recruitment of a faculty leader for the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). The proposed faculty recruitment addresses the PERC’s Five-Year Plan goal of community engagement and comments shared at the joint meeting of OAC and PERC in November 2010. The proposal will request an allocation of funds to support an endowed chair with a focus on faculty leadership of LIHF. This provides an opportunity for joint OAC/PERC support for this major initiative and will result in considerable enhancement of the School’s faculty involvement in the LIHF initiative and, thus, make a major contribution to the achievement of the goals of the program.

5. **Preparation for “Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank” Targeted RFA grant renewal presentation at July meeting**

Moss reported that at the July 11 PERC meeting Ricardo Lloyd will present the renewal application for the Targeted RFA grant, “Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank”. With Targeted RFA grants in 2008 and 2010, the program has successfully established a fully operational centralized biorepository for the UW Comprehensive Cancer Center. The renewal request aims to expand the biobank to meet the biospecimen needs of all investigators in the School, including those of the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW). The program’s leaders have developed a business plan with a funding model that includes decreasing annual support from PERC and the School.


Eileen Smith presented an overview of the draft WPP 2010 Annual Report. The report has been restructured by grant type rather than by program structure. Smith requested that any edits or feedback be provided within the next two weeks so that it can be incorporated into the final draft. In July, the PERC will be asked to accept the final draft, along with the appendix with grant outcome reports, and the non-supplanting attestation.
7. Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) report

Remington reported on the May 18, 2011 OAC meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was the UWF presentation on its operations and structure, and the related dialogue with OAC members and UWF staff and leaders.

The OAC also welcomed Quinton Cotton as Program Officer for the LIHF. His current position is with the Planning Council for Health and Human Services where, among other duties, he served as Project Coordinator for the Milwaukee LIHF during the planning process.

8. Interim progress report presentation, “Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine”

Byron Crouse presented an interim progress report on the Targeted RFA grant, “Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM)”. The program, designed to improve the supply of physicians in rural Wisconsin, was initiated with a 2004 OAC Community-Academic Partnership Fund planning grant, followed by a 2005 PERC Targeted RFA planning grant and a 2007 implementation grant. Crouse reported that the establishment of regional rural teaching sites in Rice Lake, Marshfield, La Crosse, and most recently Green Bay has resulted in increasing numbers of applicants from those regions. 2011 is an important year for WARM with the first two students graduating in May, and the first full class of 25 students beginning in August 2011. PERC’s support for WARM ends in June 2011, and the program will be sustained with support from the School and the recapture of tuition.

Moss indicated that WARM is an excellent example of the OAC and the PERC coming together to support an education project which has the expectation of significant impact on access to health care in the rural areas. In response to questions, Crouse clarified that the medical school class size was increased from 150 to 175 to accommodate the additional 25 WARM students, thus enabling the recapture of tuition dollars. He also noted that recent action by the state legislature promotes the development of more rural residency opportunities in Wisconsin.


Mount presented a final report, including an overview of the grant expenditures and related outcomes, on the Targeted RFA grant, “Shared Resources for Interdisciplinary Research for Wisconsin Institute for Medical Research (WIMR) Phase 1”. PERC accepted the related written report.

10. Financial report: PERC endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through May 31, 2011. The projected value of the endowment is approximately $320 million, 13.5 percent above its original value, with a cash balance of $32 million. This represents a slight decrease in the value of the endowment since April.
11. Discussion and decision on no cost extension request for 2008 New Investigator Program award, “Genetic and environmental predictors of serum levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D”

Moss presented an overview of a no cost extension request for Corinne Engelman’s 2008 New Investigator Program award, “Genetic and environmental predictors of serum levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D”. The six-month no cost extension is necessary to obtain 30 additional SHOW participants to achieve the full sample size of 300, and to complete the related analysis and genotyping. Oliver seconded a motion by Shull to approve the no cost extension for $40,657 over a period of six months beginning July 1, 2011. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. Discuss final report for Targeted RFA grant, “Start-up Funding to Recruit Faculty Member Specializing in Health Policy”

Oliver left the meeting after declaring a conflict of interest as the faculty member hired as a result of PERC’s Targeted RFA grant, “Start-up Funding to Recruit Faculty Member Specializing in Health Policy”.

Remington presented his review of Javier Nieto’s final report for “Start-up Funding to Recruit Faculty Member Specializing in Health Policy”. The goals and aims of the project were accomplished through the successful recruitment of Dr. Oliver, who recently received a grant from HRSA for the Wisconsin Center for Public Health Education and Training. The report was accepted.


Moberg seconded a motion by Crouse to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison