Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee (PERC)
September 12, 2011 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members present: James Schull, Patrick Remington, Elizabeth Petty, Thomas Oliver, Greg Nycz, Rick Moss, Paul Moberg, Robert Lemanske, Jenny Gumperz, Betty Chewning, Norm Drinkwater

Members Absent: Mark Drezner, K. Craig Kent,

WPP Staff: Eileen Smith, Cathy Frey, Tonya Mathison, Madeline Duffy, Steve Smith, Quinton Cotton

Guests: Philip Farrell (LIHF Steering Committee), Laurel Rice (LIHF Steering Committee)

1. Calling meeting to order:

Moss calls meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Announcements

Introduction of Elizabeth Petty, MD-Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Moss introduces Elizabeth Petty as new Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Moss welcomes her to the committee and UWSMPH.

New Investigator Program – full applications due Sept 16
Moss and Smith announce New Investigator Program full applications are due on September 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. After the applications are completed reviews and interviews will follow.

October 6, 2011 UW System Board of Regents meeting
Moss announces UW System Board of Regents meeting to be held on October 6, 2011 in Green Bay, WI.

October 10, 2011 PERC strategic planning
Smith discusses PERC strategic planning meeting on October 10, 2011.

October 19 Joint OAC/PERC meeting
Smith announces joint OAC/PERC meeting on October 19, 2011.

Interim progress and final report review assignments
Smith discusses final report review assignments. Assignments will be handed out over the course of the following weeks.
3. Decision on Draft minutes of July 11, 2011

Pat Remington makes motion to approve minutes; Greg Nycz seconds motion to approve draft minutes of July 11, 2011. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

4. Presentation on faculty leadership recruitment for the Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative

Moss introduces Dr. Philip Farrell, who was asked to make a presentation on the Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative, also known as the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). Farrell has been working in a leadership role for LIHF since the inception of the program. He is requesting PERC’s support for recruiting permanent faculty leadership for this initiative with expertise in maternal and child health.

Farrell describes the problem not as a medical problem, but a public health problem and emphasizes that the causes have many determinants. He also mentions the contributions made by United Way of Milwaukee and Mayor Tom Barrett to addressing this problem. Farrell made a strong statement regarding the need for a faculty member in maternal and child health who could advocate for state and local policies to support the initiative, interact with and engage the health care providers in the four LIHF communities, and involve faculty both within and outside the School to address the problem.

Dr. Laurel Rice commented on the importance of the initiative and the need for continued support. She expressed her appreciation for the work that has been accomplished so far.

Moss informed the committee that the October meeting of PERC would include a request to provide support for a faculty leader.

5. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant award for the competitive Collaborative Health Sciences Program. The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

Remington seconds a motion by Schull to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant award for the competitive Collaborative Health Sciences Program. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

PERC interviewed five finalists for the 2010-11 cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program. The following members declared conflicts of interest:

- Tom Oliver wrote a letter of support for Richard Brown
- James Shull is a mentor and colleague of Christopher Bradfield
Oliver and Shull were present during the interviews, but did not provide an initial score for the listed proposal. They each also absented themselves during discussion of the listed proposal and did not vote on the final ranking.

After thorough discussion of the five proposals, Shull seconds a motion by Nycz to return to open session. The committee confirms the motion made during closed session to fund the following three proposals:

- Richard Brown, MD, MPH, Professor, Department of Family Medicine, “Preparing Health Educators to Address Behavioral Health Determinants through Health Care Settings”
- Jonathan B. Jaffery, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, “Medical Homes for High Risk Pregnant Women in Southeast Wisconsin: Do They Improve Birth Outcomes?”
- Sterling C. Johnson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, “Predicting Alzheimer’s Disease using Multimodal Machine Learning”

6. Adjourn – next meeting October 10, 2011

Nycz makes motion to end the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Recorder, Madeline Duffy