Minutes--APPROVED  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)  
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee (PERC)  
October 8, 2012 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

**Members Present:** David Andes, Betty Chewning, Jenny Gumperz, Elizabeth Jacobs, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington, James Shull

**Members Absent:** Marc Drezner, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Patricia Keely, Craig Kent, Rob Lemanske, Paul Moberg

**Staff:** Cathy Frey, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

1. **Call meeting to order**

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

2. **Announcements**

**New Investigator Program**

Full applications for the 2012 funding cycle of the New Investigator Program are due tomorrow, October 9. One of the 13 applicants withdrew. Following a technical review by WPP staff, the applications will undergo independent expert review. The reviewers will meet to develop a ranked list for PERC’s consideration in November. PERC will determine finalists for interviews, which will take place December 10.

**Joint OAC/PERC meeting, October 17**

The joint meeting on October 17 will focus on developing a shared vision and framework for OAC/PERC collaboration for the next Five Year Plan, 2014-2019. The committees will respond to discussion questions addressing collaboration between OAC and PERC, support of the UWSMPH transformation, and development of an obesity and diabetes initiative.

**Leading the Way conference**

The WPP was well-represented at the *Leading the Way* conference, sponsored jointly by the Wisconsin Partnership Program and the Medical College of Wisconsin's Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin. There were over 300 participants from non-profit organizations, the University of Wisconsin, the Medical College of Wisconsin and state government. Many are grantees of the WPP and Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin.

3. **Decision on draft September 10, 2012 minutes**

Remington seconded a motion by Petty to approve the draft minutes of September 10, 2012. They accepted an amendment by Shull to revise the minutes to reflect his declaration of a conflict of interest on Javier Nieto’s Collaborative Health Sciences Program application. The amended motion passed by unanimous vote. This change will be reflected in the minutes.

4. **Progress report presentation on 2009 targeted grant, “Transforming Medical Education: Integrating Public Health in the Curriculum”**

Christine Seibert, MD, presented a progress report on her 2009 targeted grant, “Transforming Medical Education: Integrating Public Health in the Curriculum.” The overall goal of TME is to develop a
longitudinal curriculum model integrating public health competencies into all phases of the current four-year SMPH MD program. This is accomplished through integrative cases, applied public health in the clerkships and public health electives. Seibert responded to several questions from committee members before leaving the meeting.

Petty declared a conflict of interest as Christine Seibert’s direct supervisor. Petty was present for Dr. Seibert’s presentation, but left the room during PERC’s discussion of the progress report.

Oliver commented on Dr. Seibert’s thorough presentation on progress and next steps, and made a motion to accept the interim progress report. Chewning seconded the motion. The committee asked Dr. Seibert to consider the following as the renewal application is developed:

- An analysis shows an expected budget surplus of $400,000 at the end of the current no cost extension. Do you anticipate requesting another no cost extension of the current award to complete some of the proposed aims, such as the PH certificate program?
- PERC’s funding must support transformative changes to curriculum. What are your plans to move off PERC funding the successfully implemented curricular changes, like the integrative cases, to School support?

The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Petty was not present for the discussion or the vote.

5. Consent agenda

Chewning seconded a motion by Remington to accept Noelle LoConte’s interim progress report for *Reducing Cancer Disparities through Comprehensive Cancer Control*. The motion passed by unanimous vote. There were several questions raised by the reviewers that did not require committee discussion. WPP staff will follow-up with Dr. LoConte, and will share her responses with the reviewers.

6. Discussion of and decision on Bruce Klein’s interim progress report for Wisconsin Center for Infectious Diseases (WisCID)

David Andes declared a conflict of interest as a member of WisCID. He left the room during discussion of the progress report.

Gumperz presented her and Lemanske’s independent reviews of Bruce Klein’s interim progress report for the Wisconsin Center for Infectious Diseases (WisCID). This program has fostered a significant amount of collaborative research and training activity in the area of infectious disease. She noted difficulty discerning the project aims. Nycz seconded a motion by Remington to accept the interim progress report with a request for clarification on the unique aims and activities of the CHSP award, which recently concluded, the WisCID award, and the T32 grant. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Andes was not present for the discussion or the vote.

7. Standing committee reports:

Oversight and Advisory Committee

Remington reported on the July and September OAC meetings. In July, Tom Olson, Chief Investment Officer for the UW Foundation, provided an annual report to OAC on UWF’s management of the WPP endowment. He was joined by David Golden, Investment Analyst. They described the makeup and responsibilities of the Foundation’s investment team and committee, and provided an overview of
UWF’s investment policy framework, including long-term return assumptions, guiding principles, asset class guidelines and performance benchmarks.

Two OAC members recently resigned: Chris Holmes, a public member, and Meg Gaines, the Insurance Commissioner’s appointee. A Nominating Committee made up of OAC’s public members is charged with recruiting Holmes’ replacement.

In August, OAC received 27 full applications (8 implementation and 19 development) for the Community Grants Program. Two applicants withdrew. Applications are currently undergoing expert review. OAC will discuss the applications and make award decisions in December. In September, OAC invited 33 LIHF applicants to submit full project grant applications. Applications will be due in November.

PERC Executive Committee
Moss reported that the PERC Executive Committee has been meeting since August 2012. Moss is chair of the committee which is also made up of Rob Lemanske, Greg Nycz, Liz Petty and Jim Shull. The Committee met most recently on September 19 to discuss the targeted renewal application from Karen Timberlake for “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State.” Timberlake is prepared to present the renewal application with the changes recommended by the Executive Committee to the full committee on November 12.

The Executive Committee has spent time discussing ideas and next steps related to PERC’s strategic planning. Since there are a number of experts at UW-Madison focused on obesity, the Executive Committee has invited presentations at its October meeting from Alex Adams (Associate Professor, Family Medicine; Director, Collaborative Center for Health Equity), Dale Schoeller (Professor, Nutritional Sciences), Vince Cryns (Professor, Medicine; Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism), Amy Meinen (Director, Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network) and Mary Pesik (Wisconsin Department of Health Services). They will provide an overview of the obesity epidemic in Wisconsin, current activities and efforts, and available resources and opportunities.

8. Quarterly financial report on WPP endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through September 30, 2012. The projected return on the endowment is 1.70%. The projected value of the endowment is $304.2 million; 7.97% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $35.1 million, $20.6 million of which is allocated to PERC. Mount also presented a reconciliation of the actual first and second quarter 2012 endowment distributions to estimates previously presented.

9. Adjourn – next meeting joint OAC/PERC October 17

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison