Minutes - Approved
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
November 12, 2012 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Betty Chewning, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Jenny Gumperz, Craig Kent, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Pat Remington (phone), James Shull

Members Absent: David Andes, Marc Drezner, Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Rob Lemanske, Elizabeth Petty

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

Guests: Bridget Booske (Population Health Sciences), David Plyumer (Health Innovation Program), Maureen Smith (Population Health Sciences), Karen Timberlake (Population Health Sciences)

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Announcements

WPP 2011 Annual Report
Dean Golden will present the WPP 2011 Annual Report to the UW System Board of Regents on December 6 and to the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. on December 7.

3. Decision on draft minutes

October 8, 2012 PERC
Nycz seconded a motion by Chewning to approve the draft October 8, 2012 PERC minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

October 17, 2012 OAC/PERC
Oliver seconded a motion by Moberg to approve the draft October 17, 2012 minutes of the joint OAC/PERC meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. PERC Executive Committee report

Moss reported on the October 16, 2012 PERC Executive Committee meeting. To learn more about Wisconsin’s obesity epidemic, the Executive Committee heard presentations from experts from the SMPH, UW-Madison, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on approaches to address this significant health problem. Following the October 17 joint OAC/PERC meeting, the WPP asked Amy Meinen, Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network Director, to provide an environmental scan identifying strengths and gaps in the state. WPP leadership will be meeting with Ms. Meinen and Alex Adams, Collaborative Center for Health Equity Director, to discuss the results of the scan in December.

The Executive Committee discussed the revised targeted renewal application for “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State.” Timberlake removed the addition to the renewal application of the program planning and evaluation services for Wisconsin Partnership Program applicants and grantees, as requested by the Executive Committee. The scope and budget of the revised application is similar to the current grant with a three year budget totaling $463,354. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to advance the application to the PERC, and to invite Karen Timberlake to present an overview of the proposal.
Moss welcomed Karen Timberlake, JD.

5. **Presentation and discussion of targeted renewal application for Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State**

Karen Timberlake and Bridget Booske presented an overview of the targeted renewal application for “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State,” including outcomes and accomplishments of the current grant. The project monitors state level trends in leading health indicators through three publications: (1) Health of Wisconsin Report Card, (2) Opportunities to Make Wisconsin the Healthiest State report, and (3) Wisconsin Health Trends: Progress Report. In addition, the project develops and maintains the What Works for Health Wisconsin Database, which lists evidence-informed policies and programs across health factors. The project leaders make regular presentations to diverse public health audiences across the state and nationally, and the reports are referenced within Healthiest Wisconsin 2020. During this grant period, the project team will: update and enhance the reports, help the work of local communities to improve health, support statewide impact on policy, systems and environmental changes to promote health, and expand business sector engagement in health improvement.

PERC discussed the value of this project to the state, especially given the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. With a more thorough evaluation component, Timberlake will measure how the products and data are being used to bring communities together to improve health. Kent acknowledged the significant Robert Wood Johnson Foundation leverage funding, but wanted to know more about plans for sustainability of the Wisconsin-specific work. Timberlake indicated that it will be difficult to sustain this project without WPP support.

Karen Timberlake and Bridget Booske responded to several questions from committee members before leaving the meeting. PERC will make a funding decision in December.

6. **Progress report presentation on 2009 targeted grant, Health Innovation Program**

Maureen Smith MD, MPH, PhD, presented a progress report on the targeted grant, “Health Innovation Program.” The program has created an innovative model of health services research that partners researchers with health care organizations to design, implement and evaluate strategies to improve health care delivery. HIP brings together faculty, trainees, data, expertise and research resources for multidisciplinary collaboration. HIP emphasizes strong clinical research partnerships to develop high priority research questions and includes ongoing feedback loops to practitioners. The program has leveraged federal funding for health services research, with a cumulative total of over $20 million in research grants awarded to UW by the end of 2011. In 2011 HIP participated in a dissemination initiative with the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality, a consortium of healthcare organizations from across the state. HIP also began planning in 2011 for joint projects with the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation.

PERC was impressed with the progress toward meeting the project goals, in particular related to recruiting and organizing trainees and faculty interested in health services research, providing support for the development and conduct of health services research, and initiating important areas of research relevant to health systems improvement. In response to a question about unspent funds, Smith clarified that the other sources of funds support very specific budget items. She gave an example of a pending data acquisition that will use up a major portion of those funds. Oliver seconded a motion by Nycz to accept the interim progress report. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes. Kent and Remington had left the meeting and were not present for the vote.
7. **Adjournment-Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to determine the faculty finalists to be invited for interviews for the competitive New Investigator Program. The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

Drinkwater, chair of the NIP review panel, provided an overview of the review process for the 12 full applications. The applications underwent an independent expert review, followed by a panel review discussion. The panel review concluded with the development of the ranked list for PERC’s consideration. PERC must determine which applicants to invite for interviews. Interviews will take place December 10. PERC will make up to three awards.

Chewning seconded a motion by Shull to adjourn the meeting to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to determine the faculty finalists to be invited for interviews for the competitive New Investigator Program. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the seven members present.

With a unanimous vote of the seven members present, the top-six ranked applicants were invited for interviews. Listed in alphabetical order:

- Dawn Davis, Cholecystokinin in the survival of human pancreatic islets
- Amy Kind, Discharge Order Completeness and 30-Day Rehospitalizations in Rural Wisconsin Nursing Home Patients
- Joshua Lang, Circulating Tumor Cells in Renal Cell Carcinoma: Biomarkers for Personalized Medicine
- Andrew Mehle, Dissecting cross-species transmission of influenza virus
- Vivek Prabhakaran, Efficacy of Novel Stroke Rehabilitation
- Dai Yamanouchi, A novel therapeutic approach to abdominal aortic aneurysm through mimicry of hyperglycemia-induced suppression of osteoclastogenesis

Shull seconded a motion by Oliver to return to open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the seven members present. Chewning seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the vote made in closed session. The motion also passed with seven affirmative votes.

8. **Presentation of and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2013 Program Leadership and Administrative Budget**

Eileen Smith presented an overview of the WPP program leadership and administrative budget for 2013, totaling $1,065,913. Chewning seconded a motion by Nycz to approve PERC’s portion of the 2013 budget, totaling $692,844. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the seven members present.

9. **Adjourn – next meeting December 12, 2012**

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison