Minutes - Approved  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)  
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)  
December 10, 2012 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

**Members Present:** Marc Drezner, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Jenny Gumperz, Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Rob Lemanske, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, James Shull

**Members Absent:** David Andes, Betty Chewning, Craig Kent, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington

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

**Guests:** Christopher Bradfield (Population Health Sciences), Dawn Davis (Medicine), Ying Ge (Cell and Regenerative Medicine), Robert Greenlee (Marshfield Clinic), Amy Kind (Medicine), Joshua Lang (Medicine), Kristen Malecki (Population Health Sciences), Andrew Mehle (Medical Microbiology & Immunology), Vivek Prabhakaran (Radiology), Justin Sattin (Neurology), Dai Yamanouchi (Surgery), Jay Yang (Anesthesiology)

1. **Call meeting to order**

Moss called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Announcements**

Eileen Smith reported that Dean Golden presented the Wisconsin Partnership Program 2011 Annual Report to the UW System Board of Regents on December 6 and to the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) on December 7. The report was well received by both entities. WUHF noted the value of the outcome reports on each concluded grant.

3. **Decision on draft November 12, 2012 minutes**

Gumperz seconded a motion by Shull to approve the draft November 12, 2012 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **PERC Executive Committee report**

Moss reported on the November 14, 2012 PERC Executive Committee meeting. The committee discussed the targeted renewal application from Sanjay Asthana for “Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2.” Dr. Asthana replaced Mark Sager as the PI, a change that was expected. The Executive Committee agreed that this has been a successful project with the establishment of a Minority Alzheimer’s Prevention Program in Milwaukee. The committee noted that the three-year renewal budget increased significantly. Therefore, the committee asked that Dr. Asthana resubmit the renewal application with a budget no greater than the current funding level to support Dementia Diagnostic Clinic at Milwaukee Health Services; a critical component contributing to increased African American recruitment. Moss and Smith met with Dr. Asthana to share this feedback and request resubmission of the application. He plans to resubmit in January 2013.

PERC is being asked today to consider funding for the proposed “Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant” from Dr. Christopher Bradfield. He is requesting one-time funds for proof-of-concept studies in support of his planned application to the CDC for an Environmental Health Center. The Executive Committee reviewed this proposal at its November meeting and agreed to forward it to PERC for a funding decision and to invite Christopher Bradfield to present an overview of the project. There is
some urgency in considering this proposal now, as the annual application date for the CDC granting mechanism is in the spring.

Moss welcomed Christopher Bradfield.

5. **Presentation of competitive targeted application for Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant**

Christopher Bradfield presented an overview of the targeted application for “Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant.” Dr. Bradfield is requesting $200,000 over one year to develop a state-of-the-art Environmental Health Center at UW-Madison around two core programs, toxicology and responsomics and population monitoring and exposure assessment, with the goal of positioning Wisconsin as a leader in environmental health research.

6. **Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to:**

Moberg seconded a motion by Lemanske to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on funding for competitive targeted grant for *Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant*; discuss and decide on funding for competitive targeted renewal grant for *Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State*; and interview the faculty finalists and determine the awards for the competitive New Investigator Program. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant**

Shull declared a conflict of interest as the Chair of the Department of Oncology. Bradfield is a faculty member in the department. Shull left the room and did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

Following discussion of the application and the presentation, Keely seconded a motion by Nycz to award $200,000 over one year to Dr. Christopher Bradfield for the “Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant.” The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Shull did not vote.

**Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State**

Moberg declared a conflict of interest as an evaluation expert involved with the project. He left the room and did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

Following discussion of the application and the November 2012 presentation, Lemanske seconded a motion by Nycz to award $463,354 over three years to Karen Timberlake for “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State.” The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Moberg did not vote.

**New Investigator Program**

Before initiating the first of six interviews, Moss asked members to identify conflicts of interest. Drezner declared a conflict on Dawn Davis’ application as her mentor. Drezner was present during Dr. Davis’ presentation, but did not participate in asking questions of her. He also did not score her application and indicated “Conflict of Interest” on the score sheet, and absented himself during discussion of her application.

After a thorough discussion of the six proposals, the expert reviewer comments and the presentations, Jacobs seconded a motion by Moberg to fund the following four proposals:
• Dawn Davis, MD, PhD, Department of Medicine, “Cholecystokinin in the survival of human pancreatic islets”
• Amy Kind, MD, PhD, Department of Medicine, “Discharge Order Completeness and 30-Day Rehospitalizations in Rural Wisconsin Nursing Home Patients”
• Joshua Lang, MD, MS, Department of Medicine, “Circulating Tumor Cells in Renal Cell Carcinoma: Biomarkers for Personalized Medicine”
• Andrew Mehle, PhD, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, “Dissecting cross-species transmission of influenza virus”

The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Drezner did not vote.

Keely seconded a motion by Nycz to reconvene into open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Gumperz seconded a motion by Nycz to affirm the votes made in closed session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Adjourn – next meeting January 14, 2013

Moss adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison