Minutes

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

Members Present: Betty Chewning, Marc Drezner, Jenny Gumperz, Craig Kent, Rob Lemanske, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: Norman Drinkwater

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

Guests: Cindy Haq (Family Medicine), Javier Nieto (Population Health Sciences), Kristen Malecki (Population Health Sciences)

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

UW Foundation

Mount reported on a recent policy change made by the UW Foundation (UWF) related to the application of its recapture fee. The UWF established a breakpoint in the expense recapture formula which reduces the expense recapture fee charged to endowment balances over $250 million. The recapture rate will fall from 100 to 70 basis points on endowment balances exceeding $250 million, and the transfer of available income will increase by the same amount. By making this policy change, the UWF emphasized its responsiveness to the special nature of the WPP endowment while at the same time still being able to meet its fiduciary responsibility as a fundraiser and manager of resources for the University. The Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) was notified of this policy change and its specific application to the WPP’s endowment by letter from Chancellor David Ward, Dean Robert Golden and Michael Knetter, UWF President and CEO. The letter indicated that the full amount of incremental available income will be provided to the OAC. A letter in response from Ben Brancel, WUHF’s chair, acknowledged UWF’s policy change and further indicated that WUHF took no action related to its review of the policy change.

Collaborative Health Sciences Program

Moss reported that a Subcommittee of PERC is currently reviewing 26 preliminary applications to determine which warrant further development as full applications. The Subcommittee will report its recommendation on invitations for full applications at the April 2012 PERC meeting.

Membership terms ending March 2012

The membership terms of the following PERC members have been extended through March 2014 to ensure continuity in membership through the end of the current Five-Year Plan: Kent as a representative of the clinical chairs, Lemanske as a representative of the clinical faculty, Oliver as a representative of the public health faculty, Moberg as a representative of the academic staff, and Chewning as an appointee external to the SMPH.
WPP 2011 Annual Report
Eileen Smith presented the timeline for the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2011 Annual Report. PERC will review a draft in May 2012.

Joint OAC/PERC meeting to be rescheduled
The joint OAC/PERC meeting in April 2012 has been rescheduled on October 17, 2012. This gives both committees adequate time to complete strategic planning processes currently underway.

3. Decision on draft minutes of January 9, 2012
Moberg seconded a motion by Remington to approve the draft minutes of January 9, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Financial report: WPP endowment value and cash balances
Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through December 31, 2011 with actual balances through September 30, 2011. The projected fourth quarter return was 2.70% bringing the value of the endowment to $293.6 million; 4.19% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $33.6 million, $20.6 million of which is allocated to PERC.

5. Presentation of targeted renewal application for Survey of the Health of Wisconsin
Moss reported that in the coming months several of PERC’s targeted grants are ending. He provided an overview of PERC’s process for considering new and renewal applications for targeted grants. The Principal Investigators who are invited to submit renewal applications will present an overview of outcomes and accomplishments of the current grant along with proposed plans for the renewal grant. Following the presentation, PERC members will have an opportunity to ask questions for clarification. It is likely that PERC’s discussion will result in a request for additional information for consideration by the committee before making an award decision. Moss called attention to the evaluations provided by the external reviewers which were shared with the committee as well as with the Principal Investigator.

Moss welcomed Javier Nieto, Director and PI, and Kristen Malecki, Associate Director, to present the targeted renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin. Since 2008, SHOW has annually reached its recruitment goals. As of December 2011, the program had enrolled a total of 2,479 participants in 58 Wisconsin counties. Survey responses and biological samples on those participants are housed in a robust database and biorepository, respectively. SHOW has partnered with several investigators and state and local government agencies to conduct ancillary studies and mini-SHOWs.

Nieto is requesting $4,199,996 over three years to maintain the program’s basic infrastructure. With renewal funding, SHOW will continue to serve as the basis for research about health needs and determinants of health in Wisconsin with the following aims: (1) maintain a novel population health research infrastructure for tracking trends in priority health indicators and allowing transdisciplinary research examining the multiple determinants of health and health disparities, (2) support population health data dissemination and educational initiatives, and (3) provide a flexible platform and infrastructure that supports ancillary studies.

Nycz congratulated Dr. Nieto on the successful engagement of the SMPH with communities throughout Wisconsin thanks to SHOW. In response to a question by Lemanske, Nieto confirmed that SHOW’s
biorepository is located in WIMR. There is a back-up system in place in case of a power outage. Quality assurance and quality control procedures, which include training and supervision, are in place to ensure data collection by field staff is accurate, timely, consistent, and without bias. Kent was interested in knowing the success rate in obtaining extramural, peer-reviewed funding in order to sustain the program. Nieto indicated that in 2009 SHOW received a $5.5 million Grand Opportunities grant from NIH’s National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) which supported the expansion of the recruitment pool in 2010 and 2011. Nieto shared his concern about the limited federal funding for this type of work, however, he is actively pursuing another funding opportunity from the NHLBI. SHOW will continue to work with investigators to pursue R01 funding which will help cover some of the program’s core costs. MCW has also shown some interest in sharing SHOW’s resources, and training and research opportunities.

Given the WPP’s overall goal of improving health in Wisconsin, Kent questioned SHOW’s role beyond identifying health problems. He added that once a problem is identified, the natural next step should be the design of an intervention to change the statistic. Malecki noted the impact of a pilot study in Lindsay Heights. Drezen noted that SHOW provides a unique resource for ICTR and WPP to see health data before and after an intervention. If an intervention makes a difference, ICTR and WPP should consider evaluation, dissemination, and implementation. Chewning commented on the longitudinal nature of the data set, which includes biological samples, made available through SHOW. Oliver added that the program also provides educational opportunities for a variety of students, from undergraduates to post-doctoral fellows. Malecki noted the work of the Shapiro-funded graduate student who presented at the APHA annual conference in 2011. With a focus by federal agencies like CDC on community-based intervention research, Remington asked what plans SHOW has to participate in the design of an intervention to apply such a program community-wide. Nieto gave examples of their work with Wood and La Crosse counties.

Nieto and Malecki left the meeting.

With consideration of the presentation as well as the comments of the external reviewers, there was general agreement by PERC to share the following feedback with Nieto, and to request additional information and clarification on:

- **Sustainability**: In order to better understand the results of the peer review of the federal grants that have been submitted, provide the “pink sheets” for each.
- **Partnerships**: Provide more detail on SHOW’s new and continuing partnerships, both in the SMPI and external health care and community organizations. PERC strongly supports pursuing opportunities for collaboration with MCW as there is great potential for leverage.
- **Impact**: Now that the infrastructure for SHOW is in place, describe how SHOW will improve health in Wisconsin. Describe in more detail current interventions using SHOW, and potential opportunities for investigators.

WPP leadership and staff will request a written response from Nieto to be shared with PERC in advance of the April meeting when it is expected that the committee will make a funding decision.

6. **Presentation of targeted application for Preventive Medicine Residency**

Remington is requesting $167,600 over two years for a new targeted Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency Program. The goal is to establish an accredited Preventive Medicine Residency program. Preventive Medicine is a board certified medical specialty concerned with improving the
health of populations using clinical and public health approaches. The specific aims of this planning grant are to: (1) Develop a plan for a PMR drawing from national models and building on the strengths of existing UW residency programs, (2) Establish partnerships with organizations for the practicum training, (3) Obtain extramural funding for resident salaries and program leadership and administration, and (4) Obtain ACGME accreditation for the PMR program. Once established, the program will improve and expand the preventive medicine and public health workforce in Wisconsin. This will also make the SMPH eligible to apply to the CDC for a Prevention Research Center.

Moss recalled that support for the development of a Prevention Research Center was an opportunity shared at the joint meeting of the OAC and PERC in October, 2010. Nycz asked for clarification on how a PMR will help meet the health needs of Wisconsin residents. Remington responded that this program will build a cadre of physicians in the state who integrate medicine and public health. He gave an example of a SMPH faculty member who completed a residency program and now fills dual role as a clinician and as a health system leader in Wisconsin.

7. Oversight and Advisory Committee report

The OAC report was deferred until the April 2012 PERC meeting.

8. Population Health Service Fellowship Program

Presentation on program goals, objectives, and accomplishments

Tom Oliver, Faculty Director of the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship program, presented an overview of the program. The Fellowship program builds the next generation of public health leaders through education and professional development, and provides service to Wisconsin communities to address the state’s most pressing public health challenges. Oliver gave several examples of fellows’ work with local and state health departments and community organizations. The fellows have helped these organizations secure grants totaling more than $25 million for chronic disease prevention, health impact assessment, HIV/AIDS surveillance, sexual assault prevention and community wellness. Fellows present their work at monthly seminars and at the annual Public Health Symposium. The seminars include education and leadership development. A majority, 65%, of recent graduates have been retained in Wisconsin’s public health workforce. In addition, several graduates are currently leading new sections and committees of the Wisconsin Public Health Association.

Discussion of and decision on future funding

Cindy Haq, chair of the Population Health Service Fellowship Subcommittee, gave an overview of the subcommittee’s charge and recommendation. The subcommittee, which was made up of members of OAC and PERC, was asked by OAC in March 2011 to consider alternative sources of funding for the Fellowship program. The subcommittee met in May and June 2011 to review the program’s history, outcomes, and cost. The subcommittee concluded that the Fellowship program was not just focused on service and outreach, it also had a strong education component. Therefore, the subcommittee recommended to OAC that the PERC consider funding the program. In July, 2011, OAC unanimously voted to request PERC’s consideration of this recommendation. Haq added that a shared funding model would be an option since the subcommittee had not specified percentages. Nycz added that this is an exceptional program that will be educating fellows who will be public health leaders in Wisconsin for many years. He spoke in favor of PERC splitting the expense with OAC, but was concerned that oversight of the program would be more complicated. Remington suggested that the joint OAC/PERC subcommittee could oversee the program and make funding recommendations. Moss indicated that
today’s discussion should focus solely on funding, and that a future discussion on oversight would be more appropriate. Drezner seconded a motion by Nycz to split the funding for the Fellowship Program equally, 50% by PERC and 50% by OAC, for one year beginning July 1, 2012 with the understanding that PERC is committed to continued funding beyond one year. Moss, Remington, and Smith will discuss next steps regarding the oversight of the program. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. Discuss PERC interim progress and final reports

Discussion of the following interim progress and final reports was deferred until the April 2012 PERC meeting.

- Positron Emission Tomography Imaging of Tumor Angiogenesis (Cai, Final)
- Menominee Smoking Cessation Clinical Trial (Smith, Final)
- Engineering Effective Interventions for Tobacco Use: A Translational Laboratory (Fiore, Interim)

10. Adjourn – next meeting April 9, 2012

Moss adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison