Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee (PERC)
April 9, 2012 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

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

Members Absent: Rob Lemanske

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

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc.
The Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) will meet to review the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2010 Annual Report in June or July, 2012. OAC will be notified as soon as the date is set.

Annual declaration of conflicts of interest
Members were asked to review the PERC conflict of interest policy and complete the related questionnaire. A copy of each member’s University Outside Activities Report will also be filed with the questionnaire.

Randall Brown’s 2011 New Investigator Program application
Although not selected by PERC for funding, the committee was supportive of Randall Brown’s 2011 New Investigator Program project, “Health Promotion and Public Safety: Community-based Collaborative Services to Addicted Offenders”. Since the proposal was highly scored by the expert review panel, interest was expressed in finding another source of funding. Moss asked Rob Lemanske to provide guidance to Dr. Brown on refining the proposal. The study arms were reduced from three to two, a statistician advised on sample size, and a funding model was developed. Other sources of funding were identified.

3. Decision on draft minutes of March 12, 2012

Remington seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the draft minutes of March 12, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Discussion and acceptance of recommendation by Collaborative Health Sciences Program Review Subcommittee on invitations to submit full applications

The following PERC members declared conflicts and left the room for the discussion of and vote on the preliminary applications for the 2012 cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program:

- Gumperz: Collaborator on Michael Gould’s application
- Kent: Collaborator on Jon Matsumura’s application
- Petty: Mentor to Elizabeth Burnside and Lonie Salkowski
Moss provided an overview of the review process for the 26 preliminary applications for the 2012 cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program. After independently evaluating the 26 preliminary applications, the review panel of Chewning, Drinkwater, Lemanske, Moss, and Petty met to discuss each application to determine if it warrants further development as a full application. Shull seconded a motion by Chewning to accept the review panel’s recommendation that PERC invite 11 of the 26 applicants to submit full applications. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Gumperz, Kent, and Petty were not present for the discussion, and did not participate in the vote.

5. Quarterly financial report: WPP endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented a reconciliation of the actual fourth quarter 2011 endowment distributions to estimates. The WPP had projected a fourth quarter distribution of approximately $3.3 million, whereas actual posted distributions were more than $130,000 higher. During 2011, distributions were approximately $803,540 above original projections.

Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through March 31, 2012. The value of the endowment was projected to have increased by 3.10% to a value of $298.6 million; 5.9% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $34.1 million, $20.6 million of which is allocated to PERC.

6. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to make a recommendation concerning the awarding of competitive targeted grants for Survey of the Health of Wisconsin and Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency (both proposals underwent initial review by PERC in March, 2012). The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

Shull seconded a motion by Oliver to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to make a recommendation concerning the awarding of competitive targeted grants for Survey of the Health of Wisconsin and Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The following PERC members declared conflicts and left the room for the discussion of and vote on the renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW):

- Drezner: Letter of support from ICTR
- Drinkwater (ex officio): Family member receives salary support as a Project Assistant
- Moberg: Provides evaluation services

PERC discussed Dr. Nieto’s written response to PERC’s questions, the expert reviewer comments, and the extensive application materials. After concluding discussion of SHOW and making a funding decision, Drezner, Drinkwater and Moberg were asked to return to participate in the discussion of the Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency (PMR).

The following PERC members declared conflicts and left the room for the discussion of and vote on the application for the Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency:

- Remington: Principal Investigator
- Petty: Proposed Steering Committee member

Remington responded to several questions before he and Petty left the room. After concluding further discussion of the PMR application and making a funding decision, Remington and Petty were asked to return.
Nycz seconded a motion by Shull to reconvene the meeting into open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Gumperz seconded a motion by Oliver to reaffirm the following decisions made in closed session:

- PERC awarded $4,199,996 over three years to Javier Nieto for the *Survey of the Health of Wisconsin*.
- PERC awarded $167,600 over two years to Patrick Remington for the *Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency Program*.

7. **Oversight and Advisory Committee report**

Remington reported on the OAC meetings that took place in the first quarter of 2012. In January, Dean Golden reviewed the history of the issue arising from the recapture fee charged by the UW Foundation (UWF) for the management of the Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment. Thorough discussion by the committee followed, ending with an acknowledgement of the UWF’s policy change regarding the application of the recapture fee. The details of this policy change were presented to PERC in March.

The OAC had a strategic planning retreat in February. The retreat opened with a presentation by Karen Timberlake on the draft report, *Wisconsin Health Trends: 2011 Progress Report*. Nancy Thayer-Hart, Office of Quality Improvement, facilitated the strategic discussion. The discussion concluded with a focus on project and program outcomes, evaluation, and impact. The OAC will work through the joint OAC/PERC Five-Year Plan Subcommittee to evaluate the outcomes and impact of the current plan, and to make recommendations for the next plan. The subcommittee will provide regular updates to OAC and PERC.

In March, OAC funded two additional implementation grants for the 2011 funding cycle of the Community-Academic Partnership Fund:

- Harvest of the Month Partnership, La Crosse County Health Department
- Increasing Cultural Congruence among Nurses in Wisconsin, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

The OAC also awarded Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) Collaborative Implementation Grants to the Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha LIHF Collaboratives for a total of $750,000. The Beloit LIHF Collaborative proposal will be considered at a future meeting.

8. **Discuss PERC interim progress and final reports:**

**Action on reports with supplemental information submitted by PI in response to PERC request**

*Closing the Gap on Pediatric Health Disparities: Discerning the Causes and Consequences of Iron Deficiency in Infancy*

Moss reported that in January 2012 PERC deferred acceptance of Pamela Kling’s interim progress report for her Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, *Closing the Gap on Pediatric Health Disparities: Discerning the Causes and Consequences of Iron Deficiency in Infancy*. In response to PERC’s request for additional information, Dr. Kling submitted supplemental information on the 12 month sample size and the related power analysis, methodological techniques and preliminary data on the establishment of the assays reflecting iron status in newborns, preliminary data on Epo RNA, and the status of a paper on maternal obesity. After presenting his review of the supplemental information, Drezner made a motion
to acknowledge the report. Kent seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Moss and Eileen Smith will meet with Dr. Kling to discuss continuing questions and concerns related to the power of the study, and the related analysis.

Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Preclinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Development of a Minority Recruitment Model in Milwaukee

Moss reported that in January 2012 PERC deferred acceptance of Mark Sager’s interim progress report for his Targeted award, Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Preclinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Development of a Minority Recruitment Model in Milwaukee. In response to PERC’s request for additional information, Dr. Sager submitted supplemental information on the number of patients served by the memory clinic and its impact on recruitment, the cost per WRAP recruit, and the status of recruitment for the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. Nyicz and Oliver presented their review of the supplemental information, which they agreed was comprehensive. Oliver seconded a motion by Nyicz to accept the report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Magnetic resonance imaging in a study of prolotherapy for knee osteoarthritis

Moss reported that in January 2011 PERC deferred acceptance of the final report for David Rabago’s final report for his New Investigator Program award, Magnetic resonance imaging in a study of prolotherapy for knee osteoarthritis. Kent presented his review of the final data analysis recently submitted by Dr. Rabago. The analysis shows that the accelerated MR technique is effective and that prolotherapy is a viable therapy for knee osteoarthritis. Dr. Rabago presented his work at annual meetings of the American Roentgen Ray Society and the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine. The project led to one peer reviewed publication, and two abstracts. Petty seconded a motion by Kent to accept the final report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Action on new reports submitted recently

Engineering Effective Interventions for Tobacco Use: A Translational Laboratory

Remington presented both Lemanske’s and his review of Michael Fiore’s interim progress report on the Targeted award, Engineering Effective Interventions for Tobacco Use: A Translational Laboratory. Dr. Fiore is making adequate progress towards meeting the project’s two aims. Chewning seconded a motion by Remington to accept the report with a request for additional information on meeting recruitment goals to ensure adequate statistical power for analysis, and acknowledging WPP support in publications. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Menominee Smoking Cessation Clinical Trial

Moberg and Nyicz presented their review of Stevens Smith’s final report for his Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, Menominee Smoking Cessation Clinical Trial. The goal of this project was to evaluate the efficacy, feasibility, and safety of a culturally tailored smoking cessation treatment for Menominee/American Indian smokers. Preliminary data analysis has not provided evidence of the superiority of the culturally tailored approach over standard treatment. However, initial qualitative results show promise for future tailoring of smoking prevention and cessation in American Indian communities. Comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analyses are to be completed later this year. PERC requested that Dr. Smith submit a revised final report once the data analysis is complete. The revised report should list publications and presentations that resulted from the project, and efforts to
sustain the project, i.e., support for completing the data analysis and continuing the intervention at the Menominee Tribal Clinic.

*Positron Emission Tomography Imaging of Tumor Angiogenesis*

Drinkwater and Shull presented their review of Weibo Cai’s final report for his New Investigator Program award, *Positron Emission Tomography Imaging of Tumor Angiogenesis*. Although the original objective of developing methods for imaging VEGFR via PET in order to discern tumor angiogenesis was not met, a new target, CD105, was pursued successfully to monitor angiogenesis. There was general agreement by PERC that the overall objective of developing methods for imaging new blood vessels was achieved. Drinkwater seconded a motion by Shull to accept the report with a request for a list of all grants, applied for, pending, and awarded, that resulted from the PERC-funded studies. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. **Adjourn – next meeting May 14, 2012**

Shull made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison