Members Present: David Andes, Marc Drezner, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: Betty Chewning, Jenny Gumperz, Craig Kent, Rob Lemanske

Staff: Quinton Cotton, 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. Decision on draft January 14, 2013 minutes

Oliver seconded a motion by Lemanske to approve the draft January 14, 2013 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PERC Executive Committee report

The PERC Executive Committee discussed the targeted renewal applications for “Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin” and “Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2.” The Executive Committee’s recommendations on funding will be presented in closed session.

4. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on competitive targeted renewal grant applications for “Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin” and “Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2”

Moberg seconded a motion by Petty to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on competitive targeted renewal grant applications for “Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin” and “Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2.” The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Oliver and Moberg declared conflicts of interest on “Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin.” Oliver is the former Principal Investigator on the grant. Moberg works closely with the project leaders in his role as Program Director for Evaluation Research in the UW Population Health Institute. Oliver and Moberg abstained during the closed session vote on the renewal application. They did not participate in the discussion, other than responding to questions of the committee, and left the room for the vote.

Following thorough discussion of each targeted renewal application and the respective recommendations of the Executive Committee, Shull seconded a motion by Lemanske to return to open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Remington then seconded a motion by Shull to reaffirm the following two votes made in closed session:
Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin, PI: Jonathan Jaffery

PERC will continue to fund “Advancing Evidence Based Health Policy in Wisconsin” at the current annual level of $52,400 during years one and two, and reduce funding by one-half in year three to $26,200. The total award is $131,000 with a retroactive start date of December 1, 2012, with the expectation that the project team will seek support from other sources such as foundations. At the end of year one, PERC will review the success of the project team in identifying other funders as part of the annual progress report submission. If unsuccessful, the committee will evaluate options for continued funding. Rick Moss will inform Dean Golden of PERC’s decision and request that he discuss the matter of matching funds with the Chancellor.

Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2, PI: Sanjay Asthana

PERC decided to limit its funding of “Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2” to one year starting March 1, 2013, which provides an opportunity to build support for this effort into the NIH renewal for the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. The total award approved by PERC is $73,167.

The motion passed by with nine affirmative votes. Moberg and Oliver were not present for the vote.

5. Presentation on startup for Preventive Medicine Residency program

Remington presented an overview of the proposed 2012-18 budget for the Preventive Medicine Residency (PMR) Program. PERC’s current funding supports establishing and gaining accreditation for the PMR Program. Remington indicated that there must be evidence of sustained funding for the new residency program in order to submit an application to the UW Hospital and Clinic’s Graduate Medical Education Committee and subsequently to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Therefore, Remington will be preparing a targeted PERC application to cover the inaugural cohort of physician trainees in the two-year residency program over a period of three years. The PERC application will include a progress report on the current planning grant.

6. Consent agenda:

Remington seconded a motion by Lemanske to accept the revised final report for Stevens Smith’s 2008 Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, “Menominee Smoking Cessation Clinical Trial.” The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Discussion and decision on interim progress report for Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank

Drinkwater and Keely presented their independent reviews of Ricardo Lloyd’s interim progress report for his Targeted award, “Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank.” The development of the biobank within the Cancer Center has been well developed. Sample acquisitions have doubled each of the past two years and are being put to good use by investigators. The biobank has established a number of tissue microarrays that should be highly useful. However, PERC’s funding was meant to use the successful development of a biobank within the Cancer Center as a foundation for a centralized UWSMPH biobank serving a broad range of investigators. The report did not provide sufficient
information to evaluate progress on this objective. PERC deferred action on the report pending receipt of information detailing the development of a biobank that goes beyond the needs of the Cancer Center's research community, including a timeline and measurable objectives.

8. Discussion and decision on no cost extension for 2010 New Investigator Program award, Cystic Fibrosis MRI: Tracking Lung Function and Response to Therapy (PI: Scott Nagle)

In response to PERC’s January 2013 request for additional information following review of his most recent progress report, Scott Nagle submitted a no cost extension. He is requesting to carry forward $58,274 from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. Petty seconded a motion by Drinkwater to approve the no cost extension. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. Financial report:

WPP endowment value and cash balances
Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through January 31, 2013. In January, the projected return on the endowment was 2.3 percent. The projected value of the endowment is $312.9 million; 11 percent above the original value. There is a total spendable balance of $35.9 million, $20.8 million of which is allocated to PERC. Actual balances through December 31, 2012 will be available once the UWF closes the year.

Mount explained that in December 2012, WPP leadership made the decision to reinvest $10 million of the spendable account funds into a quasi-endowment account at the UW Foundation. These funds are expected to earn a significantly higher rate of return than those in the spendable account, yet still be accessible. Future quarterly financial reports will include a separate column on the quasi-endowment account.

Discussion and decision on WPP endowment distributions in 2013
In accordance with the WPP’s policy on General Principles for Endowment Growth and Distributions, Mount presented PERC’s budget for 2013. The projections show annual income totaling $9 million based on a distribution rate from the endowment of 4.50 percent, the rate used by the UWF based on a rolling historical endowment value. Mount recommended that PERC’s financial projections in 2013 be based on the 4.5 percent distribution rate. Remington seconded a motion by Shull to approve the rate. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Discussion and decision on Collaborative Health Sciences Program 2013 Request for Proposals

Drinkwater, chair of PERC’s Application Review Subcommittee, provided an overview of revisions to the application guidelines for the 2013 Collaborative Health Sciences Program Request for Proposals. Oliver seconded a motion by Remington to approve the application guidelines for release on February 12, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Preliminary applications will be due in March and will undergo review by the PERC Executive Committee which will bring a recommendation to PERC in April on which preliminary applications warrant further development as full applications.
11. Discussion and decision on draft charge to targeted obesity initiative planning committee

Moss provided an overview of the draft charge to the Targeted Obesity Initiative Planning Committee, which had been circulated to PERC members several weeks in advance for input and questions. Several members provided suggestions which had been incorporated in the latest draft. Nycz recommended updating the first bullet point to “Coordinate with the major groups of the University and State...” He added that given the tight timeline, the scope of the work should be limited to submitting a plan, not an application for funding, by May 31, 2013. Shull seconded a motion by Drezner to accept the draft charge with Nycz’s changes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. Oversight and Advisory Committee report

Remington reported on the January 16, 2013 OAC meeting. Due to continued difficulties and an inability to sustain a productive and lasting partnership with the Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative, the OAC decided to terminate its 2012 award to the collaborative. The OAC remains committed to sustaining collaborative relationships with the Milwaukee community and addressing infant mortality in the city. The WPP hired a consultant, Lorraine Lathen, President of Jump at the Sun Consultants, to reestablish a representative Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative, and help develop a structure to move Milwaukee LIHF into the implementation phase.

OAC’s January 2013 meeting focused on strategic planning to build consensus on the 2014-2019 Five Year Plan. Committee discussion focused on the following topics:
- OAC/PERC collaboration
- Support of the school into an integrated School of Medicine and Public Health
- Community-Academic Partnerships
- Targeted initiatives – support of LIHF and new targeted obesity initiative
- Opportunities for leveraging
- Workforce development
- Balanced portfolio

OAC will continue its strategic planning discussions in future meetings.

13. Adjourn – next meeting April 8, 2013

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison