Minutes - Approved  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)  
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)  
June 10, 2013 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

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

Members Absent:  David Andes, Elizabeth Jacobs, Craig Kent

Staff:  Cathy Frey, Mary Jo Knobloch, Tonya Mathison, Ann McCall, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

Invited Guests:  Alex Adams (Collaborative Center for Health Equity), Amy Alvig (UW Extension), Amy Meinen (Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network)

Guests:  Moira Urich (WPP consultant)

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

Collaborative Health Sciences Program update
The ten applicants invited to submit full applications did so by the May 9 deadline. Each application was assigned to two expert reviewers who independently evaluated their assigned applications and provided scores and comments. Reviewers will meet as a panel later this week to discuss the applications and develop a ranked list for consideration by PERC. In July, PERC will decide on the finalists to be interviewed. PERC expects to make up to three awards.

Reminder, next meeting Monday, July 29, 5-7pm, 4201 HSLC
The July PERC meeting will take place on Monday, July 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in room 4201 HSLC. This date has been confirmed on members’ calendars.

Wisconsin Public Health Association letter
A letter from the Wisconsin Public Health Association was distributed. It was submitted in response to the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s request for input on the development of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Plan. Members were asked to review the letter in the context of the committee’s strategic planning for the Five-Year Plan.

3. Decision on draft May 13, 2013 minutes

Petty seconded a motion by Moberg to approve the draft May 13, 2013 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Monthly reports

Oversight and Advisory Committee
Nycz reported on the May 15, 2013 OAC meeting. The OAC continued its strategic planning discussions and made progress on reaching consensus on continuing and new initiatives in the next five-year plan. The discussion included an evaluation of input provided through a survey of WPP grantees and
applicants and a question posted on the WPP website. The OAC also heard a presentation from Lorraine Lathen, Jump at the Sun Consultants, on the draft recommendations of the Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) Transition Team. Moss added that the recruitment of the faculty leader for LIHF is moving ahead with three interviews scheduled.

Targeted Obesity Initiative Planning Committee
Moss welcomed Alex Adams and Amy Meinen, Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the WPP Targeted Obesity Initiative Planning Committee. Moss indicated that Dr. Adams will present an overview of the draft recommendations of the Planning Committee for feedback from PERC. In July, PERC will review the final plan for a targeted obesity initiative and take action on including a summary of the plan in the WPP 2014-2019 Five-Year Plan.

5. Presentation of draft planning report by WPP Targeted Obesity Initiative Planning Committee on development of a targeted obesity initiative

Adams presented the draft plan of the WPP Targeted Obesity Initiative Planning Committee, a 13-member committee made up of experts from state government, UW-Madison, PERC and OAC, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Adams provided an overview of the following draft recommendations:

1. Developing infrastructure to support Initiative which includes the Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network (WOPN), Prevention Research Center (PRC), Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) and Steering Committee,
2. Piloting targeted, multi-level community intervention in several locations with an emphasis on children and families,
3. Establishing a childhood obesity surveillance system to track obesity and related indicators in children from birth to age 18
4. Reaching out to the public statewide to communicate positive solutions to obesity

Discussion by PERC focused on the proposed community intervention, which Dr. Adams acknowledged needs further discussion before PERC sees the final plan. Nycz asked about any past successes in addressing obesity in Wisconsin. Meinen cited interventions in La Crosse and Wood counties, funded by CDC through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which advanced environmental and policy changes in both counties. Nycz commented that given WPP’s many investments in urban communities, the obesity initiative provides an opportunity to reach smaller or mid-size communities.

Remington noted that the establishment of a childhood obesity surveillance system would be exceptional since Wisconsin has very limited data on children’s weight. Drezner questioned how frequently centers like the NORC and the PRC are funded. Adams replied that NIH funding for the NORC has been applied for in the past, but not for many years. Remington added that funding for the PRC would require the CDC to terminate its support of a currently funded PRC, which typically happens to one or two PRCs each funding cycle. Nycz questioned how funding of infrastructure will be used to address problems in communities. Adams replied that the Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network’s role will be to ensure a connection to and partnership with communities across the state.

6. Quarterly financial report on WPP endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial report for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through May 31, 2013. In the first quarter, the projected return on the endowment was 5.5 percent. The projected value of the endowment is $321 million; 14 percent above the original value. The total spendable balance, including
the spendable and quasi-endowment accounts, is $37.4 million, $21.5 million of which is allocated to PERC.

7. Discussion and decision on one-year extension of Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship

After hearing a brief presentation by Tom Oliver on the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program, Keely seconded a motion by Nycz to approve one additional year of funding totaling $267,263 through June 30, 2014. The motion passed with 12 affirmative votes. Oliver declared a conflict as Director of the Fellowship Program. After his presentation, he left the room and was not present for the vote. This decision brings PERC’s funding of the program into alignment with OAC’s.

8. Discussion of draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2012 Annual Report

PERC received a draft of the WPP 2012 Annual Report and the related supplement with outcome reports on concluded grants. The committee shared ideas regarding the lists of concluded grants in the annual report, and recommended including one line descriptions for each concluded grant. Eileen Smith asked members to provide additional feedback by email. PERC will take action on the annual report at its July meeting.

9. Discussion and decision on New Investigator Program 2013 Request for Proposals

Drinkwater presented an overview of the New Investigator Program 2013 Request for Proposals. Shull seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the NIP 2013 Request for Proposals with a June 18 release date. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Preliminary applications are due August 1.

10. Consent agenda

There was unanimous agreement by PERC to approve the following resolutions as recommended by the two reviewers of each report:

(1) Resolution, acceptance of interim progress report for:
   - Faculty Recruitment in Maternal and Child Health (Farrell, Targeted)
   - Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (Nieto, Targeted)

(2) Resolution, acceptance of final report for:
   - Nuclear EGFR and Breast Cancer: Strategies for increasing efficacy of anti-EGFR based therapies in Breast Cancer (Wheeler, NIP)
   - Wisconsin Children’s Lead Levels and Educational Outcomes (Kanarek, CHSP)


Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison