Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
January 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm, 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

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

Members Absent: David Andes, Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Craig Kent

Staff: Jim Krueger, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements
   
   a. Leverage by WisCID
   Moss announced that the Wisconsin Center for Infectious Diseases (WisCID) successfully leveraged an $18 million, five-year grant from the NIH. In 2008, PERC awarded $1.2 million to establish WisCID which investigates microbiological areas of public health importance and translates research into novel therapies and preventive measures. The NIH grant will further develop the WisCID core focused on antibiotic resistance.

   b. ICTR External Advisory Committee report
   Moss reported that PERC’s investment in ICTR, specifically the community engagement and research core, received very high marks from ICTR’s external advisory committee. He read the following quote from the report: “Drs. Maureen Smith and Alex Adams and their teams have been extremely productive since the renewal and should be congratulated on the multiple significant accomplishments made. ICTR’s Community Engagement and Research has made and continues to make significant gains in establishing itself as a highly respected program not only locally but also regionally and nationwide. It may be one of the best community engagement and research programs (if not the best) in the nation”. PERC congratulated Drezner and ICTR’s leadership team.

   c. WPP staff
   Smith introduced Jim Krueger, the new WPP accountant.

   d. Box document storage and sharing site
   Since My Web Space is no longer meeting the needs of the WPP and its committees, WPP staff have looked into alternative cloud-based file storage and sharing sites. After gathering input, staff decided that UW-Madison Box would best meet the needs of the PERC and OAC. Starting in February, meeting materials will be shared via a Box link. With this change, staff will not provide copies at the meetings of documents posted prior to the meeting.
3. **Decision on draft minutes**

Remington seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the draft minutes of December 9 and December 11, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Consent Agenda**

Petty seconded a motion by Shull to approve the following two resolutions:

   a. Resolution, acceptance of interim progress reports:
      1) Richard Brown, Preparing Health Educators to Address Behavioral Health Determinants through Health care Settings (CHSP)
      2) Ricardo Lloyd, Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank (Targeted)

   b. Resolution, acceptance of final reports:
      1) Aaron Carrel, Effects of Environmental Opportunities and Barriers to Physical Activity, Fitness, and Health in Hispanic Children in Wisconsin (CHSP)
      2) Michael Fiore, Engineering Effective Interventions for Tobacco Use: A Translational Laboratory (Targeted)

The motion passed by unanimous vote following brief discussion by PERC of plans to further evaluate outcomes of grants over the long-term.

5. **Presentation of and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2014 Program Leadership and Administrative Budget**

Smith presented an overview of the WPP program leadership and administrative budget for 2014, totaling $1,098,136. In response to a question by Nycz, Smith clarified that the administrative budget does not include the contract with CUPH to serve as the LIHF Regional Program Office. The contract with CUPH was set up as a grant award, therefore requiring regular progress and financial reports. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Monthly reports:**

   a. **Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Remington reported on the December 18, 2013 OAC meeting. OAC reviewed projected expenses by grant category for the years 2013 through 2018, which highlighted the distribution of funds across major categories in the 2014-2019 Five-Year Plan. It set the stage for making the following two major funding decisions:

   - OAC unanimously awarded a five-year, $1.5 million grant to United Way of Greater Milwaukee to serve as the convening agency for the Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative. United Way will work in conjunction with the LIHF Regional Program Office to guide the implementation of Milwaukee’s community action plan.

   - OAC awarded $3.6 million to 16 development (5) and implementation (11) grants. New grants will address topics including screening and referral in high schools for alcohol misuse among
teens, multi-level approaches to increased physical activity in a rural county, and integrating care for women and children residing in homeless shelters.

b. **PERC Executive Committee**
Moss reported on the January 9, 2014 PERC Executive Committee meeting. The committee agreed to recommendations that will be discussed in the next two agenda items.

7. **Decision on no cost extension request from Chris Bradfield for Targeted award, Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant**

Moss provided an overview of the no cost extension request from Christopher Bradfield, Professor of Oncology, for his Targeted award, *Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant*. The request is for $85,000 over six months beginning January 1, 2014. This request requires approval by PERC as it is over 25 percent of the total $200,000 budget. Dr. Bradfield has made good progress since the project began in January 2013 with enrollment of 60 volunteers, collection of mRNA, and completion of related measurements. During the next six months, he plans to complete technology comparisons for biomarker discovery and analyze the biomarker discovery methods to identify the most sensitive biomarkers for smoking in the blood.

Shull declared a conflict of interest as chair of the Department of Oncology. He did not participate in discussion of the no cost extension and did not vote.

Moss reported that the PERC Executive Committee recommended PERC’s approval of the no cost extension as submitted. The recommendation was accepted by PERC. Shull did not vote due to his conflict.

8. **Discussion of and decision on draft Collaborative Health Sciences Program 2014 Request for Proposals**

Drinkwater, PERC Review Subcommittee chair, provided an overview of the draft Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP) 2014 Request for Proposals (RFP). Changes to the RFP primarily reflect implementation of the Wisconsin Partnership Program 2014 – 2019 Five-Year Plan. The RFP includes the following list of topics of particular interest to PERC: obesity, health disparities, education and mental health. The review process has been revised to include community representatives on the expert review panel who will consider project alignment with the WPP Five-Year Plan mission, vision and desired outcomes, as well as relevance and potential impact on health in Wisconsin. Applicants are reminded that the expert review panel will assess the potential impact on health.

Moss reported that the PERC Executive Committee recommended PERC’s approval of the 2014 CHSP RFP for release February 18, 2014. Nycz commented on the importance of the inclusion of mental health as a priority topic area. In response to a question from Gumperz, Drinkwater confirmed that the expert review panel members will serve two-year renewable terms. The recommendation of the Executive Committee was unanimously accepted by PERC.

9. **Adjourn – next meeting February 10, 2014**

Moss adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
Recorder, Tonya Mathison