Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Joint meeting of the Oversight and Advisory Committee and Partnership Education and Research Committee
October 15, 2:30-4 pm, 4201 Health Science Learning Center

OAC Members Present: Philip Farrell (phone), Susan Goelzer, Cindy Haq, Katherine Marks (phone), Doug Mormann, Greg Nycz, Pat Remington (chair), Ken Taylor, Barbara Zabawa

PERC Members Present: Dean Robert Golden, David Allen, Marc Drezner, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Rick Page, Liz Petty, Pat Remington, Jim Shull

LIHF Regional Program Office: Ron Cisler (phone)

WPP Staff: Quinton Cotton, Lisa Hildebrand, Mary Jo Knobloch, Jim Krueger, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Amanda Price, Richard Reynolds

Guests: Sue Kunferman (Wood County Health Department), Karen Timberlake (UW Population Health Institute), Julie Van Cleave (UW Foundation), Steve Hudson (UW Foundation), Pat Alea (Alea and Associates), Lori Strelow (UW Health Public Affairs)

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome & Introductions

Remington called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm. Brief introductions were conducted and the committee members were asked for announcements. Remington announced that Dr. Atul Gawande would be speaking at the HSLC on Friday October 24th about his new book, Being Mortal. If members were interested in attending the talk, tickets were available at the UW Bookstore.

2. Presentation by UW Foundation

Julie Van Cleave, CFA, Chief Investment Officer, and Steve Hudson, Chief Financial Officer, from the UW Foundation were invited to present the annual overview of the UW Foundation’s overall endowment and its investment policy with a focus on the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s endowment. Van Cleave reviewed the endowment’s performance over the past ten years and how this performance compared to other public university endowments. In addition, information was provided on socially responsible investing and the different strategies for this type of investing. Allen left the meeting during the presentation.

3. Recognition of Doug Mormann and Susan Goelzer

Dean Golden presented Doug Mormann and Susan Goelzer, two long serving OAC members who were retiring from the committee, with plaques in recognition of their contributions to the OAC. Mormann had served as a statewide health advocate on the committee since its inception in 2002 and as vice chair since 2007 and Goelzer had served as a faculty representative since 2003 and chair from 2007 to 2011. Dean Golden thanked them for their dedication to the OAC and the strong legacy they will leave.
Mormann thanked Dean Golden and the committee, he enjoyed serving on the committee, being part of the school’s transformation, and is proud of the work the WPP has done. Goelzer also thanked Dean Golden and the committee; she has enjoyed her work on committee and working with members from throughout the state and indicated that service on the OAC had been a rewarding experience.

4. Presentation on Health Trends

Karen Timberlake, Director of the UW Population Health Institute, presented on health trends in Wisconsin. The goal of this presentation was to help inform priority setting and strategic thinking about the future work of OAC and PERC. Timberlake presented data from four reports that have been completed with WPP support, Health of Wisconsin Report Card-2013, 2013 Wisconsin Health Trends: Progress Report, Identifying Opportunities to Make Wisconsin the Healthiest State, and What Works? Policies and Programs to Improve Wisconsin’s Health. In addition, Timberlake showed the Assessing and Improving Community Health in Wisconsin Website (http://www.improvingwihealth.org/), this site helps people identify what organizations are working on specific health topics throughout the state. To conclude her presentation, Timberlake gave the committees a discussion topic, “Are there implications of these trends and findings for the work of OAC and PERC?”

Following Timberlake’s presentation there was time for discussion. Oliver commented on the large need for improvement in the areas of mental health and substance abuse. He also asked Timberlake if she had any explanation for the trend that people in Wisconsin are living longer but not better. Timberlake responded that there are many factors that may contribute to this trend including income inequality. Taylor asked specifically about Identifying Opportunities to Make Wisconsin the Healthiest State, the report that compares health indicators in Wisconsin to Minnesota and the best and worst state for each indicator. He wanted to know how disparities in Wisconsin would compare to those in Minnesota if the data was separated by race. Timberlake responded that this was not evaluated in the current report but it would be beneficial to include in the next version. Zabawa asked how groups working on different health topics were identified to create the website that was presented. Timberlake responded that the two inputs used were community needs assessments and community health improvement plans. Kunferman added that local health departments engage other groups in the community when completing community health improvement plans. To summarize, Nycz commented that time should be added to the next OAC and PERC meeting agendas for each committee to discuss and digest the information that was presented. Moss agreed that this presentation was the beginning of discussion regarding the future work of OAC and PERC.

5. Adjourn-Next Meetings: OAC-Thursday, November 20, 1-4 pm, PERC-Monday, November 10, 5-7 pm

Remington adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Recorder, Amanda Price