Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
May 12, 2014 at 5:00 pm, 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: David Allen, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Richard Page, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington

Members Absent: David Andes, Marc Drezner, Rick Moss, James Shull

Guests: Marion Ceraso (Population Health Sciences), Kristen Malecki (Population Health Sciences), Javier Nieto (Population Health Sciences)

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

1. Call meeting to order

Drinkwater called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He chaired the meeting on behalf of Moss who was not able to attend.

2. Interim progress report presentation on the 2012 targeted grant, Survey of the Health of Wisconsin

Javier Nieto, MD, PhD, MPH, presented an interim progress report on the “Survey of the Health of Wisconsin”. He provided background on the development of SHOW, highlighted achievements in 2013, and detailed changes in approach and design following extensive strategic planning efforts. In response to a question from Petty, Nieto acknowledged that the change from an annual statewide survey to a three-year county-level survey will sacrifice some statistical robustness. However, he expects this approach to increase SHOW’s overall efficiency. Nycz commented on the ancillary studies which he anticipates will yield impressive outcomes of great benefit to the state. In response to a question from Remington on obstacles, Nieto responded that attempts to secure additional funding following the $5.5 million GO grant in 2009 have not been successful. He added that maintaining response rates has also been a major challenge. Nieto noted, however, that he expects the new county-level approach to boost participation rates. He highlighted a very successful 100% response rate in Menominee. Moss thanked Nieto for his presentation and indicated that PERC would take action on the interim progress report later in the meeting.

3. Announcements

   a. Welcome new member

Drinkwater introduced Richard Page, Chair of the Department of Medicine, who was nominated by the Council of Chairs and appointed by Dean Golden to a two year term on PERC through March 2016. Page replaced Craig Kent as the representative of the Council of Chairs. Drinkwater asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

   b. Annual declaration of conflicts of interest

Mathison reported that several PERC members had not yet submitted their annual conflict of interest questionnaires. She will follow-up with them by email.
c. Establishment of PERC Review Subcommittee
Drinkwater reported on the establishment of the new standing PERC Review Subcommittee. At this time, 18 content experts and two community reviewers have agreed to serve. The community reviewers are Tim Size, Executive Director of the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, and Beth Neary, a pediatrician and community volunteer. To ensure broad expertise and departmental representation, WPP staff will follow-up with the content experts who have not responded.

d. Wisconsin Partnership Program draft 2013 Annual Report
Smith plans to email the draft WPP 2013 Annual Report and draft Grant Outcome Reports to the OAC and PERC in mid-June. The draft Annual Report will also be posted on the WPP website at that time for public comment. The report will be a discussion item at the next PERC meeting. Smith will share any public comments at that time. She asked the committee to bring comments and suggestions to the July meeting or to share them with her beforehand. The vote on the Annual Report will take place in August.

e. Audit of Wisconsin Partnership Program by Legislative Audit Bureau
In April, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee accepted the scope of the audit of the Wisconsin Partnership Program as proposed by the Legislative Audit Bureau. The audit will include a financial audit and a program evaluation.

4. Decision on draft April 14, 2014 minutes
Keely seconded a motion by Oliver to approve the draft April 14, 2014 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Quarterly financial report on WPP endowment value and cash balances
Mount presented the financial report for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through March 31, 2014. The projected value of the permanent endowment is $343.7 million; 37 percent over the original value. The total spendable balance, including the spendable and quasi-endowment accounts, is $41.9 million, $24 million of which is allocated to PERC.

6. Monthly reports:

a. Oversight and Advisory Committee
Remington reported on the April 16, 2014 and the May 7, 2014 OAC meetings. In April, OAC had a strategic planning retreat focused on board development and implementation of the WPP 2014 – 2019 Five-Year Plan. The retreat was led by an experienced facilitator who has written an overview of the retreat for OAC’s use as a reference for continuing strategic planning discussions. The retreat focused on a more targeted approach to grant-making with an emphasis on systems development, health policy, sustainability, and evaluation.

In May, OAC approved its 50% portion of the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship totaling $875,460 over three years. The program is jointly funded by OAC and PERC. OAC was impressed with the program’s successful retention of fellows in Wisconsin, just over 50%. Remington reported that Beloit is the last of the four LIHF Collaboratives to seek funding through the end of the current Five-Year Plan.
b. PERC Executive Committee

Drinkwater reported on the April 28, 2014 PERC Executive Committee meeting. Recommendations of the Executive Committee will be included in the discussion of the relevant agenda items that follow.

7. Discussion of and decision on recommendation by PERC Executive Committee on invitations to submit full applications for the Collaborative Health Sciences Program

Drinkwater provided an overview of the review process for the 15 preliminary applications for the 2014 cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program. Executive Committee members independently evaluated the preliminary applications and met on April 28, 2014 to discuss the applications. The Executive Committee recommended that PERC invite the 7 top-ranked applicants to submit full applications.

Page declared a conflict on Vince Cryns’ application. Cryns is a division chief in the Department of Medicine, which Page chairs. Page left the room for discussion of Cryns’ application and did not participate in the following vote:

Remington seconded a motion by Allen to invite Cryns to submit a full application. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes. Page and Petty were not present.

Page returned to the meeting for the vote on the remaining six preliminary applications being recommended by the PERC Executive Committee for further development as full applications. Jacobs seconded a motion by Nycz to invite the remaining six top-ranked applicants to submit full applications. The motion passed with eight affirmative votes. Petty was not present.

8. Presentation and discussion of strategic renewal application for Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship

Tom Oliver, Faculty Director, and Marion Ceraso, Program Director, presented the strategic renewal application for the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship. This program has been supported by OAC since its inception in 2004, and beginning in 2012 has been funded jointly by OAC and PERC with each committee funding 50% of the annual budget. The presentation included a progress report and outlined the specific objectives and expected outcomes of the renewal application.

Nycz commented on the number of graduated fellows staying in Wisconsin. Ceraso noted that program staff work closely with the fellows on job placement in the state and added that a recent graduate took a position with the City of Milwaukee Health Department.

9. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on strategic renewal funding for Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship

Oliver declared a conflict as the Principal Investigator and Faculty Director of the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship. He left the room during the discussion and vote.

Remington seconded a motion by Keely to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on strategic renewal funding for
Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship. The motion passed with six affirmative votes. Jacobs, Oliver and Petty were not present.

Following further discussion of the renewal application, Keely seconded a motion by Remington to return to open session. The motion passed with six affirmative votes. Jacobs, Oliver and Petty were not present.

Oliver returned to the meeting.

Keely seconded a motion by Remington to reaffirm the following vote made in closed session: Fund PERC’s 50% portion of the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship totaling $875,460 over three years. PERC requested that future progress reports and presentations include an overview of how the program addresses the WPP’s education and research missions in addition to the well described efforts related to the WPP’s service mission. The motion passed with six affirmative votes. Oliver abstained. Jacobs and Petty were not present.

10. Consent Agenda

Subsequent to the recommendation by the reviewers, the following resolution passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Remington and second by Keely:

Resolution, acceptance of interim progress reports:
   b. Gould CHSP (2356) Bisphosphonates and Breast Cancer Prevention: Mechanistic and Clinical Analyses (1st interim)
   c. Johnson CHSP (2075) Predicting Alzheimer’s Disease using Multimodal Machine Learning (2nd interim)
   d. Timberlake Strategic (2610) Advancing Evidence-Based Health Policy in Wisconsin (1st interim)

The motion passed with seven affirmative votes. Jacobs and Petty were not present.

11. Decision on interim progress report for Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (Strategic, 2309)

Keely seconded a motion by Oliver to approve the interim progress report for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin. The committee commented on the significant progress that SHOW has made over the past year. SHOW has been effective in enrolling participants, implemented successful outreach efforts and leveraged numerous ancillary studies and “mini-SHOWs”. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes. Jacobs and Petty were not present.


Drinkwater adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison