Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
July 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm, 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: David Allen, Marc Drezner, Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Richard Page, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: David Andes, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Tom Oliver

Guests: Michael Fiore (CTRI), David Fraser (CTRI), Megan Piper (CTRI)

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Lisa Hildebrand, Mary Jo Knobloch, Jim Krueger, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. Announcements

   a. New Investigator Program preliminary applications

Smith reported that the Request for Proposals for the New Investigator Program, which was released May 15, resulted in 36 preliminary applications. Following a technical review, one applicant was determined to be ineligible. The remaining applications have been advanced for independent review by the members of the PERC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will discuss the applications at its July 28 meeting and make a recommendation to PERC on invitations for full applications.

   b. Collaborative Health Sciences Program full applications

Smith reported that the seven Collaborative Health Sciences Program applicants invited by PERC to submit full applications had done so by the June 10 deadline. Each application was assigned to a primary and secondary content expert, a reader and two community reviewers. The PERC Review Subcommittee will meet on July 17 to discuss the applications and develop a ranked list for consideration by PERC. In August, PERC will decide which applicants to invite for interviews.

3. Decision on draft May 12, 2014 minutes

The draft May 12, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Drezner and a second by Nycz.

4. Monthly reports:

   a. PERC Executive Committee

Moss reported on the June 23, 2014 PERC Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed a request from Karen Timberlake to increase the year three budget for “Advancing Evidence-Based Health Policy” from $26,201 to $52,400 – the annual budget for the project’s first two years. If approved by PERC, the increase would be matched by the UW-Madison
Chancellor’s Office. As requested by PERC when the award was made in January 2013, Timberlake actively sought other sources of funding: (1) explored national organizations but they were not interested, (2) learned that seeking funding from a legislative body was problematic, and (3) funding interest seemed to focus on specific health problems rather than a broad perspective, which is the objective of this project. An extensive assessment of this program’s impact has been conducted with stakeholders showing positive results. Moss reported that the Executive Committee recommended PERC’s approval of the budget increase with five affirmative and one negative vote. Jacobs and Remington spoke in support of the recommendation. Remington added that the continued match from the Chancellor’s Office shows a commitment from the University to continuing to engage the legislature through this program. Shull seconded a motion by Page to approve the budget increase for Advancing Evidence-Based Health Policy to $52,400 in year three. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Further recommendations of the Executive Committee will be included in the discussion of the relevant agenda items that follow.

5. Presentation of strategic renewal application, Optimized Chronic Care for Smokers: A Comparative Effectiveness Approach

Page declared a conflict of interest as chair of the Department of Medicine. Drs. Fiore (PI) and Baker (Co-PI) are faculty in the Department of Medicine. Page did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, MBA, presented an overview of his strategic renewal application for “Optimized Chronic Care for Smokers: A Comparative Effectiveness Approach”. The proposal requests $300,000 over two years in matching funding for a recently-awarded five-year, $11.9 million National Cancer Institute P01 center grant. PERC’s funding will be used to fully power—a relapse recovery project which screens five different treatments. A future funding request from Fiore will request matching funds from PERC to cover the final three years of the center grant.

In response to a question from Nycz about the cost per participant, Fiore responded that PERC’s funding would support the translation of a variety of treatments in “real world” clinics. The project implements a chronic disease perspective with the idea that those who relapse need support over a period of time. Fiore noted that smoking related illnesses and deaths account for $3.6 billion in added healthcare costs and lost productivity in Wisconsin. Nycz stressed the importance of sustainability and noted the promise of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Fiore responded that sustainability is of utmost importance as the project helps identify the most effective treatments which he anticipates will then help reduce costs. He added that the project is well aligned with the ACA and that the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention is working with Health and Human Services on defining tobacco cessation tools.

Moss thanked Fiore for his presentation. Fiore left the meeting.
6. **Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and decide on strategic renewal funding for “Optimized Chronic Care for Smokers: A Comparative Effectiveness Approach”**

Page left the room due to the conflict he declared on Fiore’s proposal. Page was not present for the discussion or vote on the proposal.

Remington seconded a motion by Nycz 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 “Optimized Chronic Care for Smokers: A Comparative Effectiveness Approach”. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Page was not present.

Moss reported that the Executive Committee recommended PERC’s approval of the strategic renewal application. Following further discussion, Nycz seconded a motion by Shull to return to open session. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Page was not present.

Page returned to the room.

Shull seconded a motion by Nycz to confirm the following motion which was made in closed session: PERC approved funding totaling $300,000 over two-years for “Optimized Chronic Care for Smokers: A Comparative Effectiveness Approach”. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Page abstained as he was not present during the closed-session vote.

7. **Progress report presentation on Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR)**

Marc Drezner, MD, presented an interim progress report on the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR). The presentation included responses to PERC’s questions on (1) clarifying PERC’s support of ICTR’s sub-goals, (2) explaining goals for cost recovery for shared services, and (3) providing more details on the extensive list of personnel. Moss asked WPP staff to share the PowerPoint by email so PERC members could look more closely at the details in the slides. Remington commented on an improvement in support of research between community practice and evidence-based programs with a more clear community connection. Nycz asked what would happen to ICTR without PERC’s funding. Drezner responded that PERC provides 22 percent of the annual funding for ICTR which primarily supports the pilots and ICTR’s Community-Academic Partnership activities. Moss thanked Drezner for his presentation and indicated no action by PERC is necessary as the committee accepted the written report in April.

8. **Discussion of draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2013 Annual Report and Grant Outcome Reports**

Smith provided an update on development of the 2013 Annual Report and the related 2013 Grant Outcome Reports. She gave an overview of the public comments received after a draft of the report was posted on the WPP website for two weeks. The draft report was also shared with PERC and OAC. Smith asked the members to share their comments on the annual report so they can be incorporated into the final draft.

Nycz commented that the draft report, as laid out by grant program, highlights the WPP’s role as a grant-maker over its role in engagement and partnerships – a cornerstone of the five-year plan.
Although this suggestion will not lead to significant changes in the 2013 report, Smith responded that it will be reflected in the 2014 report which is the first of five annual reports focused on the new Five-Year Plan. Page commented on the impressive array of accomplishments outlined in the report. Jacobs noted the outcome reports successfully demonstrate the downstream effects of WPP’s funding.

In August, the final draft report will be brought to OAC and PERC for approval. Dean Golden will present the report to the Board of Regents in October.

9. Decision on no cost extension requests:

   a. Cystic Fibrosis MRI: Tracking Lung Function and Response to Therapy (Nagle, NIP)

   Moss provided an overview of the no cost extension request from Scott Nagle for his 2010 New Investigator Program award, “Cystic Fibrosis MRI: Tracking Lung Function and Response to Therapy”. If approved, this would be the second 12-month no cost extension for the project. At PERC’s request following review of Nagle’s most recent progress report, Smith and Moss met with Nagle to discuss the committee’s concerns. He was optimistic about completing this project since the obstacles related to recruitment and technical issues were largely solved. He agreed to submit a no cost extension along with a letter from his department chair regarding funding beyond the 12-month period to ensure completion of the project.

   Moss reported that the Executive Committee recommended PERC’s approval of the no cost extension. A motion to approve Nagle’s no cost extension was unanimously approved following a motion by Allen and a second by Petty.

   b. Cholecystokinin in the survival of human pancreatic islets (Davis, NIP)

   Page declared a conflict of interest as chair of Davis’ department, Medicine. Page did not participate in the discussion or vote.

   Moss provided an overview of the no cost extension request from Dawn Davis for her 2012 New Investigator Program award, Cholecystokinin in the survival of human pancreatic islets. At PERC’s request, Davis was asked if an extension was necessary following the technical difficulties faced early on in the project’s implementation. She agreed and submitted the required forms.

   Nycz seconded a motion by Petty to approve Davis’ no cost extension which passed with nine affirmative votes. Page abstained.

10. Consent Agenda

   Shull declared a conflict of interest as chair of Bradfield’s department, Oncology. Shull did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

   Subsequent to the recommendation by the reviewers, the following resolution passed with nine affirmative votes and one abstention (Shull).

   Resolution, acceptance of interim progress reports:
   a. Environmental Health Center Strategic Planning Grant (Bradfield, 12 month interim)
   b. Patient-Specific Induced-Pluripotent Stem Cell Models for Human Disease (Kamp, Final)
11. Discussion and decision on final report for Medical Homes for High Risk Pregnant Women in Southeast Wisconsin: Do They Improve Birth Outcomes? (Jaffery)

Page declared a conflict of interest as chair of Jaffery’s department, Medicine. Page did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.

Jacobs presented an overview of her and Oliver’s reviews of Jonathan Jaffery’s final report for his 2011 Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, “Medical Homes for High Risk Pregnant Women in Southeast Wisconsin: Do They Improve Birth Outcomes”. This community-based project has made substantial progress toward its objectives, but a number of issues which were resolved have prevented the second objective from being met by the project end date. This objective is to assess the impact of the medical home intervention on birth outcomes for high-risk women. The reviewers noted that Jaffery received matching funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services which expanded significantly the scope of the project which will continue for two more years. Jacobs reported Oliver’s recommendation to delay closing the grant and require a revised final report once the findings pertaining to the second objective are available. Following a motion by Jacobs which was seconded by Remington, PERC approved with nine affirmative votes and one abstention (Page) consideration of a 12 – 24 month ($0) extension. Smith will discuss PERC’s recommendation with Jaffery and will report back to PERC on appropriate next steps.

12. Adjourn – next meeting August 11, 2014

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison