Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
August 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: David Allen, David Andes, Marc Drezner, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Elizabeth Jacobs, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, James Shull

Members Absent: Patricia Keely, Richard Page, Pat Remington

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

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

   a. New Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) staff
   Smith introduced Amanda Price, the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s (WPP) new administrative assistant, and Dick Reynolds, a consultant with expertise in systems engineering, who is on a short-term assignment with the WPP regarding grant management.

   b. Introduce Deborah Ehrenthal, LIHF Faculty Leader
   The committee welcomed Deborah Ehrenthal, MD, MPH, a maternal and child health expert, who recently joined the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Population Health Sciences and Medicine as the new faculty leader for the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). Dr. Ehrenthal was Director of Health Services Research for Women and Children at Christiana Care Health System and Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Jefferson Medical College of the Thomas Jefferson University.

   c. Legislative Audit Bureau audit of Wisconsin Partnership Program
   Smith reported that the opening conference for the audit of the WPP by the Legislative Audit Bureau is set to take place the week of September 22, 2014. This will commence the second five-year programmatic and financial audits of the program, a requirement delineated in the Insurance Commissioner’s Order. To help PERC members prepare for the audit, WPP staff will distribute an overview of PERC’s role and responsibilities.

   d. Close-out of Jonathan Jaffery’s 2011 Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, Medical Homes for High Risk Pregnant Women in Southeast Wisconsin: Do They Improve Birth Outcomes
   Smith reported on her recent discussion with Jonathan Jaffery on PERC’s July 2014 recommendation to consider a 12 – 24 month ($0) no cost extension for his Collaborative Health Sciences Program award, Medical Homes for High Risk Pregnant Women in Southeast Wisconsin: Do They Improve Birth Outcomes. Smith did not believe a no cost extension was necessary or appropriate and, instead, recommended that PERC close the project with the expectation that Jaffery submit a revised final report in one to two years when the second aim is accomplished. There was general agreement by PERC to accept Smith’s recommendation.
3. Decision on draft July 14, 2014 minutes

The draft July 14, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Nycz and a second by Andes.

4. Monthly reports:

a. Oversight and Advisory Committee

Nycz reported on the July 16, 2014 OAC meeting. The committee met Deb Ehrenthal and noted the importance of her role as the new LIHF faculty leader as a good example of OAC/PERC collaboration.

The terms for four positions on OAC end in October 2014: two public members—Katherine Marks and Doug Mormann—and two UW SMPH representatives—Susan Goelzer and Cindy Haq. Katherine Marks and Cindy Haq have agreed to renew their terms. Doug Mormann and Susan Goelzer will be resigning. There is an open recruitment to fill Mormann’s position and Dean Golden will recommend a replacement for Goelzer’s position. The appointments for both positions are made by the UW System Board of Regents.

OAC continued its monthly strategic planning sessions with a focus on new grant categories, discussed the draft WPP 2013 Annual Report and had a preliminary discussion on the planned August 2014 annual vote on the allocation for public health and health care provider education (i.e., the 35%/65% split). OAC heard a presentation from Alex Adams and her team on plans for pilot projects in Marathon and Menominee Counties for the Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative. And, the committee made two funding decisions: (1) $1.2 million over five years for the LIHF Regional Program Office and (2) $150,000 over one year for the Beloit LIHF Collaborative.

b. PERC Executive Committee

Moss reported on the July 28, 2014 PERC Executive Committee meeting which included the two items below. Further recommendations of the Executive Committee will be included in the discussion of the relevant agenda items that follow.

1) Decision on Opportunity Grants application guidelines

Following a motion by Shull which was seconded by Petty, PERC unanimously approved the application guidelines for the Opportunity Grants Program as recommended by the Executive Committee. Grants of $50,000 to $100,000 over one-year will support high-profile, innovative education and research projects benefiting the health of the people of Wisconsin. To be responsive, applications will be reviewed and awarded by the PERC Executive Committee on a rolling basis. Award decisions will be reported to PERC.

2) Report on Opportunity grant award for Building an Accessible Database of Patient Experience for the U.S. (Pandhi)

Moss reported that the Executive Committee awarded Nancy Pandhi, MD, PhD, MPH, Family Medicine, $45,000 over two-years for Building an Accessible Database of Patient Experience for the U.S. First developed at Oxford University, the Database of Patients’ Experiences (DiPEx) has been implemented in nine countries. DiPEx provides reliable, useful information about patients’ and caregivers’ experiences with a wide variety of health conditions. PERC’s matching funds—along with ICTR, UW Medical Foundation, UWSMPH, Family Medicine, Health Innovation Program, and Center for Patient
Partnerships— support an application to DIPEx International, which if successful, will make the UW School of Medicine and Public Health the host institution for the database in the U.S.

5. Discussion of and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2013 Annual Report and PERC Non-supplanting Attestation

Smith presented the draft WPP 2013 Annual Report for approval. The draft incorporates revisions and suggestions from PERC and OAC members. The WPP 2013 Grant Outcome Reports and a summary of public comments on the annual report were posted with the meeting materials. PERC unanimously approved the WPP 2013 Annual Report following a motion by Jacobs which was seconded by Shull. Smith reported that the OAC will vote on the annual report on August 20. In October, Dean Golden will present the report to the Board of Regents.

Mount, Senior Associate Dean for Finance, presented his annual attestation of non-supplanting for PERC initiatives. All PERC initiatives listed on the attestation, which lists grants that were active between January 1 and December 31, 2013, were reviewed to determine whether use of WPP funds had complied with the supplanting prohibition in the Insurance Commissioner’s Order of March 28, 2000. Mount indicated that financial support by the WPP of these projects had not resulted in supplanting. Mount signed the attestation which was unanimously accepted by PERC following a motion by Nycz which was seconded by Allen.

6. Quarterly financial report on Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial report for the WPP through June 30, 2014. The projected value of the permanent endowment is $352.4 million; 25 percent over the original value. The total spendable balance, including the spendable and quasi-endowment accounts, is $43 million, $25 million of which is allocated to PERC. Mount reviewed a reconciliation of actual performance of the WPP accounts in the second quarter to the UW Foundation’s estimates and indicated that the estimates were accurate.

Moss reported that at its next meeting the PERC Executive Committee will look at PERC’s financial projections. The projections will be shared with PERC at a later date.

7. Adjournment—Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to consider:
   a. Faculty finalists to be invited to interview for the Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP), and
   b. Faculty finalists to be invited to submit full applications for the New Investigator Program

Following a motion by Oliver and a second by Nycz, PERC unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to consider: (1) faculty finalists to be invited to interview for the Collaborative Health Sciences Program, and (2) faculty finalists to be invited to submit full applications for the New Investigator Program.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Collaborative Health Sciences Program: Drinkwater presented an overview of the review process for the seven full applications for the 2014 cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program. PERC’s review materials included the applications, final scores and ranking of the applications along with the reviewer comment summaries. Members of the PERC Review Subcommittee, made up of content
experts and community representatives, independently reviewed the applications and met on July 17, 2014 to discuss and rank the applications.

The Executive Committee reviewed the ranking and review materials and recommended that PERC interview the top four ranked applicants. Interviews will take place at the September 8, 2014 PERC meeting.

**New Investigator Program:** Drinkwater presented an overview of the review process for the 35 preliminary applications for the 2014 cycle of the New Investigator Program. PERC’s review materials included the applications. PERC Executive Committee members independently evaluated the preliminary applications and met on July 28, 2014 to discuss the applications. The Executive Committee recommended that PERC invite the 17 top-ranked applicants to submit full applications. Full applications are due September 11, 2014.

After discussing the applications, Shull seconded a motion by Nycz to return to open session. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Jacobs was not present.

Oliver seconded a motion by Petty to confirm the following votes made in closed session, which passed with nine affirmative votes. Jacobs was not present.

- **Collaborative Health Sciences Program:** Motion to interview the top-four ranked applicants.
- **New Investigator Program:** Motion to invite the 17 top-ranked applicants to submit full applications.

8. **Discussion and decision on no cost extension for Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2 (Asthana)**

Smith asked for PERC’s retroactive approval of a six-month no cost extension beginning March 1, 2013 for $22,000 for Sanjay Asthana’s strategic award, *Recruitment of Middle-Aged African-Americans for Studies of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease: Minority AD Prevention Prog – 2*. This request had been approved administratively, but through an oversight was not brought to the committee for approval as required since the amount was over 25 percent of the total award. Drezner seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the no cost extension. The motion passed with nine affirmative votes. Jacobs was not present.

9. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Resolution, acceptance of interim progress and final reports:**

1) *Discharge Order Completeness and 30-Day Rehospitalizations in Rural Wisconsin Nursing Home Patients* (Kind, #2560, 12 month interim)

2) *Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank* (Lloyd, #2249, final)

Subsequent to the recommendation by the reviewers, the following resolution passed with nine affirmative votes following a motion by Shull which was seconded by Oliver. Jacobs was not present.

Resolution, acceptance of interim progress and final reports:

- Discharge Order Completeness and 30-Day Rehospitalizations in Rural Wisconsin Nursing Home Patients (Kind, #2560, 12 month interim)
• Development of a Centralized UWSMPH Biobank (Lloyd, #2249, final)

10. Adjourn

Moss adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison