Minutes  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)  
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)  
February 18, 2015 at 5 p.m. ~ Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLLC

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

Members Absent: David Andes, Marc Drezner, Elizabeth Petty

Guests: Kristen Malecki and Javier Nieto (Survey of the Health of Wisconsin)

Staff: Andrea Dearlove, Lisa Hildebrand, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Amanda Price, Eileen Smith, Kelly Thompson

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Decision on draft January 12, 2015 minutes

Nycz seconded a motion by Page to approve the draft January 12, 2015 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Announcements

a. Update on Legislative Audit Bureau audit of WPP

Smith provided an update on the status of the programmatic and financial audits of the Wisconsin Partnership Program by the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB). The program audit team will be interviewing selected grantees over the next two months. The financial audit is underway.

b. Release of Collaborative Health Sciences Program 2015 RFP

The Collaborative Health Sciences Program 2015 Request for Proposals was released on February 10. Preliminary applications are due March 10.

c. Wisconsin United for Health Foundation to review WPP 2013 Annual Report in April 2015

Dean Golden will be presenting the Partnership Program’s 2013 Annual Report to the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. on April 10, 2015.

d. Introduce new WPP Program Officer, Andrea Dearlove

Smith introduced two new members of the Partnership Program—Andrea Dearlove, program officer, and Kelly Thompson, graduate student assistant.

4. Monthly reports

a. Oversight and Advisory Committee

Remington reported on the January 21, 2015 Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting. The committee learned that Community Health Systems had notified the Partnership Program of its intention to terminate the Beloit LIHF Collaborative grant. Dr. Ehrenthal, LIHF Faculty Director, and Dr. Cisler, LIHF Regional Program Office Director, are reviewing the Beloit LIHF Collaborative and will advise
OAC on next steps. The OAC approved the RFP for the new Community Opportunity Grants Program. These grants for $50,000 over two years primarily support implementation and/or evaluation strategies that address community health priorities identified through Community Health Improvement Plans or Community Health Needs Assessments. The committee wrapped up a year-long strategic planning process with discussion of the results of a survey on members’ views on the allocation of resources. The committee also discussed its role as a convener and the process by which to identify and select a new strategic initiative.

b. PERC Executive Committee
Moss reported on the January 26, 2015 PERC Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee provided feedback and recommendations which will be shared during the remaining agenda items.

5. Presentation of Strategic renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin
Moss welcomed Javier Nieto, Chair and Professor of Population Health Sciences, and Kristen Malecki, Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences, to present an overview of the Strategic renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW). The application materials included a progress report on the current grant, the proposal and budget for the renewal as well as supplemental information requested by the Executive Committee after its initial review of the renewal application. The overarching goals of SHOW are to provide data to identify and track priority health indicators in Wisconsin communities, and serve as a platform to facilitate planning, evaluation and research aimed at improving health and mitigating health disparities.

Following the presentation, the committee asked questions of Drs. Nieto and Malecki on the following topics.

Evaluation/Assessment of Program Impact. Nycz thanked Nieto and Malecki for a thoughtful response to the questions raised by the Executive Committee. He encouraged them to think of SHOW not only as a “diagnostic test” of Wisconsin’s health, but also noted the potential leveraging opportunity with SHOW’s role in evaluating and assessing the impact of programs such as the Partnership Program’s Obesity Prevention Initiative (OPI) or work done by hospitals and health care systems in general. Nieto indicated that SHOW is in discussions with the OPI team and shared other related examples of researchers utilizing SHOW in this way. He added that Karen Timberlake, Director of the UW Population Health Institute, has had discussions with hospitals.

New Sampling Methodology. Allen asked about the process for the selection of counties with SHOW’s new sampling methodology. Nieto clarified that counties are selected randomly, but given the population size in Dane and Milwaukee counties, they will likely be included in most samples. Oliver asked how impact will be assessed with the new sampling method since different counties will be in different samples. Nieto noted that SHOW will be able to offer a county-wide “snapshot” which also contributes to the overall statewide data.

Budget. Shull asked about the two budgets provided in the renewal application and the implication that if funding for SHOW remains flat, the biospecimen collection may no longer be feasible. Nieto responded that other options would be considered.

Researcher Engagement. Remington commented on Nieto and Malecki’s responsiveness to the comments of the two reviewers and asked about SHOW’s efforts to broaden faculty engagement. Nieto shared his hope that SHOW will be better able to engage more faculty with the goal of making SHOW available to all researchers. Malecki commented that SHOW’s biorepository is an untapped resource
which would be of great value to basic researchers. Jacobs stressed the importance of setting goals for SHOW.

**Potential Role as Shared Service.** Oliver commented on SHOW’s potential role as a shared service on campus.

Moss thanked Nieto and Malecki who then left the meeting.

6. **Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and make a funding decision on the Strategic renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin**

Shull seconded a motion by Oliver which passed by unanimous vote to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and make a funding decision on the Strategic renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW).

Following discussion of the application materials, supplemental documents and expert reviews as well as a draft funding motion developed by the Executive Committee, Remington seconded a motion by Nycz to return to open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The committee unanimously approved a motion by Nycz which was seconded by Page to confirm the following motion to fund the Strategic renewal application for SHOW.

**Funding Decision:*** The Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) unanimously agreed to fund the renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), Principal Investigator, Javier Nieto, over a period of three years beginning March 1, 2015 with a year-one budget of $1,399,523 followed by a $100,000 reduction in year two and an additional $100,000 reduction in year three for a total award of $3,898,569. In addition, the PERC decided it will provide dollar-for-dollar match of up to $300,000 if SHOW successfully leverages additional funding during the second and third years of the grant period.

PERC also decided that SHOW’s annual interim progress reports and final report will address advancements in the following metrics:

- Number and description of applications/proposals to leverage additional funding, both successful and unsuccessful
- Number and nature of outreach activities to engage researchers across the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) and the University, including basic scientists and clinicians, in use of SHOW data and biospecimens
- Number and titles, authors, and abstracts of publications with the goal of increasing proportion of authorship by individuals not employed by SHOW
- Data on utilization of SHOW’s biorepository
- Impact or outcomes of SHOW’s collaborations on health, such as the results of SHOW’s work with local health agencies

The PERC also expects Dr. Nieto to develop specific plans for SHOW to provide resources as a “shared service” to engage other investigators in the University.

7. **Presentation and discussion of PERC grant award history and financial projections**
Following a request made in November 2014, WPP staff members compiled data on PERC’s awards history by type, grant program and department. Moss provided an overview of a chart outlining the total PERC awards from 2004 through 2014 by type (applied public health, public health education and training, clinical and translational research, basic science research) along with a list of examples for each type. He also presented a table showing the distribution of awards by grant program (New Investigator, Collaborative Health Sciences, Opportunity, Strategic) and PI department or “Other” (Academic Affairs, Institutional Centers and Program Initiatives).

Mount presented the latest financial projections for PERC through 2018. To focus the discussion on PERC’s overall portfolio, the projections were developed with the following assumptions: (1) PERC’s projected annual income—using a 4.5% distribution rate—would be approximately $12 million, and (2) inflation was not included. He shared two tables and related graphs. The first set included projected expenditures by active awards with decreasing cumulative expenditures as grants concluded. The second set included projected expenditures by both active and projected future awards. Mount believes PERC could increase its annual awards. This would be in alignment with the WPP’s general principles for endowment growth and distributions.

Moss commented that this new approach to reviewing the projections was helpful and should be used going forward. Nycz added that it would be interesting to see the projections for the entire Partnership Program, including the OAC and the PERC.

8. Adjourn – Next meeting March 9, 2015

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison