Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) Executive Committee
February 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m., 4141 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Elizabeth Jacobs, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz (phone), Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, Jim Shull (phone)

WPP Staff: Tonya Mathison, Eileen Smith

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Decision on December 15, 2014 and January 26, 2015 draft minutes

Oliver seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the December 15, 2014 and January 26, 2015 draft minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Announcements

Mathison reviewed the timeline for the Executive Committee’s review of the Collaborative Health Sciences preliminary applications. Preliminary applications are due March 10. The applications will be distributed to the Executive Committee members no later than March 23 with independent reviews due April 20. The meeting to discuss the applications and make a recommendation to PERC regarding applicants to invite to submit full applications is set for April 27.

4. Review and finalize PERC’s motion on funding the Strategic renewal application for “Survey of the Health of Wisconsin”

Moss provided an overview of the final draft decision by PERC on funding for the Strategic renewal application for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin. The draft included the following revisions suggested at the February 18, 2015 PERC meeting:

- Indicate that PERC will provide a dollar-for-dollar match of up to “$300,000.”
- Clarify that PERC expects SHOW’s annual interim progress reports and final report to address “advancements” in the listed metrics.
- Include in the publications metric the concept of an “increasing proportion of authorship by individuals not employed by SHOW.”
- Remove the concluding paragraph.
- Add concept of SHOW becoming a “shared resource” to engage other investigators in the University.

Following discussion by the Executive Committee, there was general agreement that PERC’s funding decision as finalized should be shared with Javier Nieto, Principal Investigator. Moss reported that he and Smith will meet with Dr. Nieto to share PERC’s funding decision.
5. **Discussion and decision on no cost extension request for the 2013 PERC Opportunity grant, “Improved Health Care Delivery to Wisconsin Amish Infants”**

Moss presented an overview of the no cost extension request from Christine Seroogy her 2013 PERC Opportunity grant, “Improved Health Care Delivery to Wisconsin Amish Infants.” She requested to carry over $70,118.71 through December 31, 2015. Moss recommended approval of the request as submitted given the important progress made to-date. Following discussion, Jacobs seconded a motion by Oliver to approve the no cost extension with a request that the 12-month interim progress report include details on the response rate of the survey, including efforts made to increase it. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss PERC Opportunity Grant preliminary application for “Engaging Clinicians in Online Social Learning to Close Gaps in Obesity and Mental Health Care” and decide on inviting full application**

Petty declared a conflict as the Principal Investigator on the proposal.

Moss asked Petty, as the Principal Investigator, to provide an overview of the preliminary Opportunity grant application for “Engaging Clinicians in Online Social Learning to Close Gaps in Obesity and Mental Health Care.” This project will use online social learning principles and tools to facilitate translation of knowledge into clinical practice in public health areas of high priority for Wisconsin, initially obesity and mental health. Internet-based modules will be developed with the goal of improving the reach of continuing education programs offered through the UW Office of Continuing Professional Development in Medicine and Public Health.

After responding to questions on the following topics, Petty left the meeting:
- Social learning, its scope and how online social learning may be used by busy clinicians
- Selection of initial pilot topic areas of mental health and obesity and potential future topic areas
- Potential for extending access to students for academic credit
- Sustainability of this new infrastructure through user fees

After Petty left the meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the application. A question was raised regarding the perception of an Executive Committee member serving as a Principal Investigator given the Executive Committee’s decision-making authority for Opportunity Grants. There was agreement to pursue the option of identifying another Principal Investigator for this proposal.

Oliver seconded a motion by Nycz to invite a full application for “Engaging Clinicians in Online Social Learning to Close Gaps in Obesity and Mental Health Care.” The motion passed with five affirmative votes. Petty was not present for the discussion or vote. Smith will notify Petty and share with her the committee’s suggestion that a new Principal Investigator be identified.

7. **Adjourn – next meeting March 23, 2015**

Moss adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison