Minutes  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)  
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)  
August 10, 2015 at 5 p.m. ~ Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLC

Members Present: David Allen, Norman Drinkwater (ex officio), Elizabeth Jacobs, Patricia Keely, Gregory Kennedy, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Elizabeth Petty, James Shull

Members Absent: Marc Drezner, Tom Oliver, Richard Page, Pat Remington

Staff: Andrea Dearlove, Lisa Hildebrand, Mike Lauth, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Richard Reynolds, Eileen Smith, Kelly Thompson, Nathan Watson

Guests: Alex Adams, Brian Christens, Amy Korth, Amy Meinen, Paul Moberg (Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative)

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Decision on draft July 13, 2015 minutes

The draft July 13, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Nycz, which was seconded by Allen.

3. Announcements

   a. Legislative Audit Bureau audit

   Smith reported that the Legislative Audit Bureau will be releasing the audit report on the Wisconsin Partnership Program later this week. She will forward to PERC a link to the report as soon as it is published. The report will include a response letter from Dean Golden addressing LAB’s recommendations and sharing overall comments.

   b. August 31, 2015 PERC meeting

   The next meeting of the PERC is set for August 31, 4 – 4:30 p.m. in room 4201 HSLC, to discuss the Collaborative Health Sciences full applications and to decide on finalists for interviews.

   c. Welcome Mike Lauth

   Smith introduced the WPP’s new accountant, Michael Lauth, CPA. He is an experienced accountant who has worked in both state government and private industry.

   d. Welcome Greg Kennedy

   Moss welcomed Gregory Kennedy, MD, to the PERC. This was Dr. Kennedy’s first opportunity to participate in person since joining the committee in June.
4. Presentation of 12-month interim progress report for Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative

Alex Adams, Principal Investigator, and her team presented a progress report on the first year of activities related to the Strategic award for the “Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative.” All five project cores (administration, community engagement, community intervention, surveillance and evaluation) are making strong progress toward the four project aims:

1. Infrastructure for support of the Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Network (WOPN)
2. Pilot multi-setting community intervention study in two Wisconsin counties
3. Development of a childhood obesity surveillance system
4. Outreach and community engagement that includes state and local level public messaging and dissemination of evidence-based solutions to obesity

PERC’s questions focused on the following topics:

- Efforts to bring together the many players in the state working on obesity prevention. Amy Meinen, WOPN Director, reported that there have been over 150 one-on-one meetings with partners across the state.
- Development of the “menu” of community interventions for selection by the two counties. The menu includes nine strategies, each with three to five interventions, and key indicators for each strategy.
- Lessons learned regarding “community readiness” to implement the intervention strategies. This will inform PERC and OAC on future expansion to additional counties.

Moss thanked Adams and her team for the informative presentation. They left the meeting. Nycz seconded a motion by Shull to accept the report and presentation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Monthly reports

a. Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)

Nycz reported on the July 15, 2015 OAC meeting. Moss presented an overview of the evolving roles of the basic sciences, across a continuum of basic and applied research and community engagement, in a transformed School of Medicine and Public Health. He shared an example of PERC’s funding of a project led by Dr. Bruce Klein which subsequently led to the establishment of the new Wisconsin Antimicrobial Drug Discovery Research Center. The Center, which is funded by the National Institutes for Health, is headed by Dr. David Andes, a former PERC member.

The OAC also heard updates from WPP staff on the 11 recently funded Community Opportunity Grants and on the proposed review process for the new Community Impact Grants program. In August, OAC will discuss the stage 1 Impact applications and make a decision on which teams to invite for stage 2 in-person “pitch” presentations, which will take place in September.

b. PERC Executive Committee

Moss reported on the July 27, 2015 PERC Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the New Investigator Program preliminary applications. In closed session, the Executive Committee will share the results of its review and its recommendation on which proposals warrant further development as full applications.
6. **Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss the New Investigator Program preliminary applications and make a decision on faculty finalists to be invited to submit full applications.**

Petty seconded a motion by Nycz to adjourn the meeting to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss the New Investigator Program preliminary applications and make a decision on the faculty finalists to be invited to submit full applications. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Moss declared a conflict of interest on the application from Yanjun Chen as Moss had discussed the proposal with Dr. Chen’s collaborators. Moss did not participate in the discussion of or vote on Dr. Chen’s proposal.

Norman Drinkwater, PERC Review Subcommittee chair, reported on the Executive Committee’s review of the 37 preliminary applications for the New Investigator Program. Executive Committee members and Norman Drinkwater independently reviewed the applications and discussed them at the committee’s July 2015 meeting. Drinkwater shared the Executive Committee’s recommendation that PERC invite the 17 top-ranked applicants to submit full applications, which are due September 14.

After discussing the applications and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Shull seconded a motion by Nycz to return to open session. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Shull seconded a motion by Nycz to confirm the votes made in closed session to invite the 17 top-ranked applicants to submit full applications. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mount provided an overview of the WPP quarterly financial report, including descriptions of each of the accounts—spendable, quasi-endowment and endowment. Mount presented the report through March 31, 2015. The projected value of the permanent endowment was $341 million; 21 percent over the original value. The total spendable balance, including the spendable and quasi-endowment accounts, was $42.8 million, approximately $25 million of which is allocated to PERC.

8. **Discussion of and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2014 Annual Report and PERC Nonsupplanting Attestation**

Smith presented the final draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2014 Annual Report for approval. The draft incorporated revisions and suggestions from PERC and OAC members. She shared one public comment on the report—the only comment received—which will result in a minor addition to the financial section of the report to clarify the use of the administrative expenditures. The companion 2014 Grant Outcomes Report was also posted with the meeting materials. PERC unanimously approved the 2014 Annual Report following a motion by Jacobs which was seconded by Keely. Smith reported that the OAC will vote on the annual report on August 19. In October, Dean Golden will present the report to the UW System Board of Regents.

Mount, Senior Associate Dean for Finance, presented his annual attestation of nonsupplanting for PERC initiatives. All PERC initiatives listed on the attestation, which lists active grants between January 1 and December 31, 2014, 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. He noted that funding for one of the listed projects was terminated after the Principal Investigator disclosed, in compliance with WPP’s nonsupplanting policy, that she had received funding from the National Institutes for Health for similar work. Mount signed the attestation which was unanimously accepted by PERC following a motion by Nycz and a second by Shull.

9. Adjourn – Next meeting August 31, 4-4:30 p.m., 4201 HSLC

Moss adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison