Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) Executive Committee
January 25, 2016, 10 a.m., 4250 Health Sciences Learning Center

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

WPP Staff: Tonya Mathison, Eileen Smith

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

   a. Additional funding leveraged by SHOW

When PERC made its February 18, 2015 award decision on the renewal of the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), the committee agreed to provide a dollar-for-dollar match of up to $300,000 in additional funding if SHOW was able to successfully leverage extramural funding. Paul Peppard, SHOW PI, recently notified the WPP that one of SHOW's affiliated investigators, Corinne Engelman, received a NIH R56 award totaling $377,200. WPP staff are collecting more information before determining the appropriate level of matching funding to be provided—limited to direct costs associated with SHOW resources. The final amount of matching funding to be provided by PERC will be reported to the Executive Committee at its February meeting. PERC will also be notified at a subsequent meeting.

3. Decision on November 23, 2015 draft minutes

The draft November 23, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Shull and a second by Oliver.

4. Adjournment-Closed Session

Following a motion by Shull, which was seconded by Oliver, the Executive Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to discuss and make a funding decision on the revised full Opportunity Grant application, “Improved Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Children and Families through the Wisconsin Pediatric Lipid Consortium (WPLC).”

The Executive Committee discussed the revised full application from Amy Peterson for “Improved Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Children and Families through the WPLC.” After discussing the application, Petty seconded a motion by Jacobs to return to open session. Then, Oliver seconded a motion by Shull to confirm the following decision made in closed session. Both motions passed by unanimous vote.

Decision: Award Opportunity Grant for $100,000 over two years to Amy Peterson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, for “Improved Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Children and Families through the Wisconsin Pediatric Lipid Consortium.” Given the complexity of this type of project, the Executive Committee required as a condition of the award that Dr. Peterson
work with a to-be-determined peer mentor—most likely someone from her faculty mentoring committee—who will serve as an advisor during the implementation of the project. The Executive Committee is also interested in learning more about plans to sustain the WPLC and requested that the 12-month progress report include related information, such as a sustainability plan and/or a list of grant applications.

5. **Discussion of draft Guiding Principles for Matching or Leveraging Funding**

Smith introduced discussion of draft guiding principles for PERC on providing matching or leveraging funding. This topic had come up during discussion of the renewal of a Strategic grant which was made by PERC as part of a required institutional match. There were a number of suggestions made that will be incorporated into the next draft, which will be shared at the February 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

6. **Strategic discussion follow-up on PERC financial projections**

At the January 11, 2016 PERC meeting, the Executive Committee was asked to give further consideration to the financial projections, especially regarding the evaluation of Strategic renewal grants, and to develop recommendations for future financial planning by PERC. There was general agreement among the Executive Committee members that PERC must give serious consideration when renewing longstanding Strategic grants. Grantees must be made aware of WPP’s expectations well in advance of a renewal submission, which could include requirements such as increasing levels of non-WPP funding with decreasing levels of funding from WPP and incorporation or expansion of health equity. Of concern was PERC’s overall financial ability to commit to a new strategic priority area, health equity, unless there is a reduction in some of the Strategic grants. The discussion turned to health equity and included the following recommendations:

- Build new evidence-base for health equity community projects funded by OAC.
- Commission a white paper on what WPP has done regarding health equity (a deeper analysis of current and past grants), what other major funders are doing in this area, related needs in the state and opportunities for WPP to make an impact.
- Define and determine the framework for health equity and related goals, and apply them when making award decisions going forward.
- Be responsive to emerging community needs, like opioid misuse/overdose and mental and behavioral health.
- Develop a grant program focused on solely on health equity. PERC could set aside pilot funds to use to start-up new health equity initiatives.
- Develop a major strategic initiative, with significant dollars backing it up, to show PERC’s commitment to health equity.
- Necessary to first set a context for PERC on how health equity was determined as the priority initiative over other topics at this time.
- Balance of integrating health equity in all we do (grant programs) and making a new commitment.
- PERC and OAC should share respective plans on addressing health equity.

Moss thanked everyone for their ideas. He indicated that at its February 8 meeting, PERC will have a strategic discussion on what the committee can do now to move towards a greater focus on health equity.
7. **Adjourn – Next meeting February 22**

Moss adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison