Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH)
Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC)
February 8, 2016 at 5 p.m. ~ 3330 HSLC

Members Present: David Allen, Norman Drinkwater (non-voting ex officio), Elizabeth Jacobs (phone), Gregory Kennedy, Rick Moss (chair), Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Richard Page, Pat Remington, James Shull

Members Absent: Marc Drezner, Patricia Keely, Elizabeth Petty

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Andrea Dearlove, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Anne Pankratz, Eileen Smith, Nathan Watson, Kate Westaby

1. Call meeting to order

Moss called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

1. Announcements

   a. No meeting in March
   Moss reminded members that PERC will not meet in March 2016. The next meeting will be April 11.

   b. Outline for Wisconsin Partnership Program 2015 Annual Report
   Smith presented the outline for the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2015 Annual Report. PERC will receive a draft in May 2016.

2. Decision on January 11, 2016 draft minutes

The draft January 11, 2016 minutes were approved with eight affirmative votes following a motion by Page and a second by Remington. Oliver abstained.

3. Monthly reports

   a. Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
   Remington reported on the January 20, 2016 Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting. Mount and Remington led a strategic discussion of the financial projections for the committee through the end of the current Five-Year Plan in 2019. There was also discussion of the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). The OAC asked Deb Ehrenthal, Principal Investigator, to conduct an assessment of the initiative to inform future activities and investments.

   The committee reviewed draft Requests for Proposals for the Community Opportunity Grants Program and the Community Impact Grants Program. The RFPs are set for release in February 2016. Opportunity Grants provide up to $50,000 over two years to enhance collaboration among diverse sectors, including public health departments, nonprofit organizations and health care systems, as they work together to address community-identified health priorities. Impact Grants provide up to $1 million over five years for large-scale, evidence-based, community-academic partnerships addressing health and health equity. WPP staff will be holding “Community Conversations” in Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Eau Claire, and Stevens Point to inform the public about these funding opportunities.
b. PERC Executive Committee
Moss reported on the January 25, 2016 PERC Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee is drafting principles to guide PERC’s decisions in regard to the provision of matching funds, either as institutional or competitive match, related to its Strategic Grants Program. The guiding principles will be shared at a future PERC meeting.

In January, the PERC asked the Executive Committee to discuss further the PERC financial projections through the end of the Five-Year Plan and to make recommendations for PERC’s consideration, especially regarding the evaluation of Strategic renewal grants. The Executive Committee will be developing recommendations in the coming months and will present them to PERC.

1) New Opportunity Grant award for Improved Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Children and Families through the Wisconsin Pediatric Lipid Consortium (WPLC)
The PERC Executive Committee awarded a new 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.” This project will establish the Wisconsin Pediatric Lipid Consortium (WPLC), a network of pediatric health care clinics across the state to monitor the diagnosis and treatment of children with Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH). FH is a common inherited cholesterol disorder that leads to premature cardiovascular disease. Untreated, 50% of men and 25% of women will have a heart attack or stroke before they are 50 years old. Ultimately, the goal is to improve the diagnosis of children and their families, and therefore, implement early treatment in order to prevent cardiovascular disease in these individuals.

Given the complexity of this type of project, the Executive Committee has required as a condition of the award that Dr. Peterson work with a peer mentor. Patrick McBride, who co-directs the Comprehensive Clinical Preventive Cardiology Program, accepted this role and shared thoughtful advice regarding ensuring protected time for Dr. Peterson to focus on this project.

4. Strategic discussion topic: Bringing a Health Equity Lens to the Wisconsin Partnership Program
PERC members were asked to share their ideas on what the committee can do now to move towards a greater focus on health equity. The discussion opened with a prerecorded video from Liz Jacobs who provided definitions of health disparities and health equity, outlined WPP’s support of health equity projects and responded to the question of why now.

*Health disparities and inequalities* occur when one group is disadvantaged compared to another when it comes to health or health outcomes. These groups are typically minority communities, such as African Americans and Latinos, but also include rural versus urban communities, lesbian, gay and transgender communities, and women compared to men, among others.

*Health equity* is achieved when disparities/inequalities are reduced and everyone has equal and equally positive health outcomes.

Following PERC’s discussion, which is summarized below, Moss asked the Executive Committee to dig deeper into the suggestions that were shared and to come back to PERC with a set of recommendations.
• Design a **new targeted initiative**, a named project to bring attention and visibility to WPP’s efforts toward health equity. Partner with other groups across campus, such as the Institute for Research on Poverty, that are already focused on equity.

• Discussion of **CMS Accountable Health Communities model**, which is testing whether increased awareness of and access to services addressing health-related social needs (e.g., housing, food insecurity, utility needs) will impact total health care costs and improve health and quality of care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries in targeted communities. Two approaches:
  - A “mini” AHC funded by PERC focusing on a particular health issue.
  - Partnering with other foundations/funders to support the community resource gaps which will likely result from increasing demands for those services addressing health-related social needs.

• PERC applicants, in particular **Strategic renewals**, should be asked to use a health equity lens in shaping proposals.

• Build a new evidence-base for health equity community projects funded by OAC—a **“supplement” or “companion” research grant**, for example, to add a research component to OAC’s new Impact grants.

• **Engage UW Health** in this planning process through Jonathan Jaffery, Senior Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer.

• Support **health disparities assessments**, like the *Race to Equity* report.

5. **Presentation of 12-month progress report for UW Preventive Medicine Residency Program Development Grant**

Pat Remington, Principal Investigator, presented the 12-month progress report on the “Preventive Medicine Residency Development Grant.” This residency program, which was accredited by ACGME in 2014, has already successfully recruited its first two classes of residents—a total of four residents. There was a comment on the impressive group of physicians selected in the first two classes followed by a question on future funding for the program. Remington responded that two of the four positions are funded by the VA Hospital and the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship Program. Remington is actively seeking funding to support the other two positions after PERC’s funding ends in June 2017.

6. **Consent agenda**

Subsequent to the recommendation by the reviewers, the following resolution passed by unanimous vote following a motion by Page and a second by Kennedy.


7. **Adjourn – next meeting April 11**

Before adjourning the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Moss announced that Gregory Kennedy had recently accepted a position at another institution. Moss thanked Kennedy for his service on PERC.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison