Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health
Oversight and Advisory Committee and
Medical Education and Research Committee
June 17, 2009, 1:00PM, 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present:  Betty Chewning, Paul DeLuca, Marc Drezner, Valerie Gilchrist, Susan Goelzer, Craig Kent, Lorraine Lathen, Robert Lemanske, Pat McBride, Paul Moberg, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Pat Remington, Clive Svendsen, Rod Welch

Members Absent:  Philip Farrell, Meg Gaines, Christine Holmes, David Kindig, Doug Mormann

Invited Guests:  Ron Cisler, Roseanne Clark, David Erickson, Kathleen Falk, Robert Golden, Lynn Green, Andy Heidt, Mallory O’Brien, Emily Thibedeau

Guests: Jordan Hinahara, ABC for Health, Inc.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dean Robert Golden welcomed everyone to the fifth joint meeting of the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and the Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC). He gave some background on the joint meetings for the benefit of new committee members. OAC and MERC hold two joint meetings each year to provide an opportunity for both committees to share information on activities and initiatives, to explore points of mutual interest related to collaboration, and to measure progress toward realizing the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s (WPP) purpose to improve the health of the people of Wisconsin.

The most recent joint meeting was in October 2008 and focused primarily on discussion and approval of the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan. The discussion included collaboration of OAC and MERC around joint initiatives with a focus on the expansion of MERC’s efforts in community engagement as mentioned in the plan. One of the areas of collaboration mentioned in the plan was exploration of ways both committees can work towards a more integrated program of community-based research and education opportunities that promote community partnerships.

Dean Golden briefly reviewed the agenda which included presentations from two organizations funded through the OAC’s Community-Academic Partnership Fund as well as a presentation on the UW Foundation’s investment portfolio.

2. Community-Academic Partnership Fund Continuation Grant Presentations

Susan Goelzer reported that through support from the OAC’s Community-Academic Partnership Fund, the Dane County Department of Human Services and the City of Milwaukee Police Department are working to improve the lives of hundreds of individuals and families in some of
the most challenging areas of our state and on extremely difficult public health issues. Through their academic partnerships with faculty from UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Departments of Psychiatry and Population Health Sciences, the WPP is encouraged by their promising results and the opportunity they offer to improve health in our state. Both projects are now into their fifth year of funding after receiving continuation grants from the OAC in 2007.

Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission
Ron Cisler, Director of the Center for Urban Population Health and Professor at UW Milwaukee, and Mallory O'Brien, Injury Epidemiologist with the Milwaukee Police Department, presented an overview of the progress of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission (MHRC) on reducing fatal and non-fatal violent injuries and promoting healthy and safe neighborhoods in high crime areas of Milwaukee.

The MHRC strives to reduce the incidence of homicide and non-fatal shootings through a multi-level, multi-disciplinary and multi-agency homicide review process. The key premise of the MHRC is the development and implementation of violence prevention strategies. This is a complex and multi-faceted process that is strengthened by input and buy-in from stakeholders throughout the community. In an effort to further engage the community, by both enhancing the in-depth analysis of cases, as well as a community response, the MHRC continues to focus on expanding and strengthening partnerships with community based organizations.

Although direct reductions in the homicide rates in Milwaukee are multi-factorial, the MHRC has played a role in a 32% decrease in the number of homicides in 2008 and an 8% decrease in non-fatal shooting as compared to 2007. Prior to the development of the MHRC, key stakeholders in homicide investigations did not have a forum to discuss violent crime in the city of Milwaukee.

Allied Drive Early Childhood Initiative (ECI)
Kathleen Falk, Dane County Executive, and Roseanne Clark, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, along with Dane County Department of Human Services staff members, Lynn Green, Andy Heidt, and Emily Thibedeau, presented an overview of the progress of The Dane County Early Childhood Initiative - Allied Drive Community (ECI) on improving the health of vulnerable young children and their families in Madison’s Allied Drive community.

The ECI has enrolled over 85 families to receive comprehensive home visitation and social support services. Innovative features of the ECI include 1) formation of an early childhood team comprised of early childhood, public health, social work, mental health, and employment professionals to assist families; 2) employment of culturally competent neighborhood family partners to conduct outreach and early childhood education activities; 3) mental health assessment and service linkage on demand; 4) strength-based family intervention strategies; 5) cross system integration of Early Childhood Team efforts with
professionals representing W-2, mental health/AODA, domestic violence, and child protective services systems.

3. **Presentation on the Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment and the investment portfolio of the UW Foundation**

David Erickson, Chief Investment Officer for the UW Foundation, presented an overview of the investment philosophy and portfolio of the UW Foundation, UW-Madison’s official fundraising and gift receiving organization, with particular emphasis on the WPP’s endowment.

4. **Discussion of draft 2008 Wisconsin Partnership Program Annual Report**

Smith presented the draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2008 Annual Report and asked that members review the report and contact her with any comments or corrections. Anticipating approval of the final draft report by OAC and MERC in July, the report will be forwarded for review by the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) and the UW System Board of Regents. Although WUHF’s review is not yet scheduled, the Board of Regents will review the report on September 10.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting concluded with consideration of the following collaborative efforts:

- Focus on strategic planning so that OAC and MERC can effectively and efficiently commit funds once endowment surpasses the floor
- Aim to develop models for lasting change, such as the *Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative*
- MERC support for further evaluation of successful Community-Academic Partnership Fund grants, such as the two continuation grants presented today
- Coordinate the efforts of and develop a continuum of support provided by OAC’s Community-Academic Partnership Fund and the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research’s Community Academic Partnership core
- Better promote outcomes of successful grants through public relations efforts as well as research publications

Dean Golden adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison