Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health
Medical Education and Research Committee
July 14, 2008 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Bill Busse, Molly Carnes, Cindy Czajkowski, Paul DeLuca, Norm Drinkwater, Susan Goelzer, Tom Grist, Jeff Grossman, Cindy Haq, Rick Moss, Javier Nieto, Greg Nycz, Mary Beth Plane, Patrick Remington, Jeff Stearns, George Wilding

Members Absent: Sanjay Asthana, Gordon Ridley, Susan Skochelak, Rod Welch

Staff: Cathy Frey, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Shannon Sparks, Karla Thompson

DeLuca called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

1. Approval of June 9, 2008 minutes

Nycz moved approval of the draft June 9, 2008 minutes which was unanimously approved.

2. MERC Executive Subcommittee report

DeLuca reported that there was general agreement by the Executive Subcommittee to revise the interim progress and final report forms to ensure that adequate information is provided by grantees. In addition, the Subcommittee recommended that presentations by Principal Investigators (PIs) to MERC should take place no earlier than one month after a formal discussion by the Executive Subcommittee.

As required by the approved MERC Reapplication Process for Targeted Grants, grantees will be required to provide a final report on their current grant before submitting a competitive reapplication. The Subcommittee recommended considering final reports in three groups:

- Group 1 – grants ending in December 2008 or January 2009
- Group 2 – grants ending in March 2009
- Group 3 – grants ending in or after June 2009

DeLuca reported that Norm Drinkwater and Laurel Rice have agreed to co-chair the New Investigator Program (NIP) Application Review Subcommittee. In addition, nine reviewers from 2007 have agreed to continue serving in 2008. Since it would be ideal to have an additional 8-10 reviewers, more reviewers will be sought.

DeLuca indicated that the remaining topics discussed at the July Executive Subcommittee meeting, including the 2007 Annual Report and Non-Supplanting Attestations as well as the Collaborative Health Sciences Program awards, will be covered later in the meeting.
3. **Discuss and approve 2007 Wisconsin Partnership Program Annual Report and Non-Supplanting Attestations**

DeLuca reported that the Executive Subcommittee recommended that MERC approve the WPP 2007 Annual Report. Busse moved approval of the report and Moss seconded. Remington commented that the report was well written and comprehensive. The motion was unanimously approved. Smith indicated that the report will go to OAC for approval on July 16, and then to the Board of Regents on August 21.

Mount presented his annual attestation of non-supplanting for MERC initiatives. All MERC initiatives listed on the attestation document, including the Strategic Allocation Initiatives, were reviewed in detail to determine whether use of the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) funds had complied with the supplanting prohibition in the Insurance Commissioner’s Order, as specified in the criteria set forth in the addendum of the 2003-2008 Five-Year Plan, and as approved by the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF). Mount determined that financial support by the WPP of the initiatives does not result in supplanting and recommended approval of the attestation by MERC. Remington moved approval of the non-supplanting attestation. Stearns seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mount reported that non-supplanting attestations will also be signed by Dean Golden on behalf of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and by Darrell Bazzell on behalf of the UW System and the UW-Madison.

4. **Adjournment-Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant awards for the competitive Collaborative Health Sciences Program. The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

DeLuca provided an overview of the interview process recommended by the Executive Subcommittee. Four interview groups of Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP) finalists were arranged randomly in half-hour time slots with ten minutes allowed for each interview, including at least three minutes for questions. The eleven finalists were asked to provide an overview of their project with the expected outcomes and a brief explanation of the relevance to the review criteria.

DeLuca reviewed the scoring process and also reminded members of the conflict of interest policy.

Remington moved that the meeting be adjourned into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant awards for the competitive Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP). Grossman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

MERC interviewed the eleven CHSP finalists. After considerable discussion of the presentations, Drinkwater moved that MERC enter into open session. Grist seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
After returning to open session, Drinkwater moved reaffirmation of the decision to award a total of $2.5M ($500,000 each) to the following CHSP finalists:

- Kamp, Timothy, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Medicine, *Patient-specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Models for Human Disease*
- Kanarek, Marty, PhD, MPH, Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, *Wisconsin Children's Lead Levels and Educational Outcomes*
- Kling, Pamela, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, *Closing the Gap on Pediatric Health Disparities: Discerning the Causes and Consequences of Iron Deficiency in Infancy*
- Sarto, Gloria, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, *Reducing Infant Mortality Disparities in Wisconsin*
- Smith, Stevens, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, *Menominee Smoking Cessation Clinical Trial*

Grist seconded and the motion was approved with twelve affirmative votes. Busse, Carnes, Nieto and Remington identified conflicts of interest and did not participate in voting as related to their conflicts.

DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison