Members Present: Philip Farrell (phone), Meg Gaines (phone), Susan Goelzer, Cindy Haq, Chris Holmes, Katherine Marks (phone), Doug Mormann, Greg Nycz, Pat Remington

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Cathy Frey, Mary Jo Knobloch, Lorraine Lathen (phone), Tonya Mathison, Karen Roach, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

Guests: Adam VanSpankeren (ABC for Health, Inc.), Marion Ceraso (Population Health Sciences)

1. Call the meeting to order

Remington called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Decision on draft March 21, 2012 OAC minutes

Goelzer seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the draft minutes of March 21, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Announcements

Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc.
The Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) will meet to review the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2010 Annual Report in July, 2012. OAC will be notified as soon as the date is set.

Five-Year Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee
In preparation for the development of the next Five-Year Plan, a subcommittee has been formed to evaluate the outcomes and impact of the current plan, and to make recommendations for the next plan. Membership includes Pat Remington, Rick Moss, Norm Drinkwater, Paul Moberg, and Greg Nycz. The subcommittee will provide regular updates to OAC and PERC.

4. Public Health Education and Training renewal application for “Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship”

Presentation of renewal application
Marion Ceraso, Associate Director of the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship program, presented the renewal application for $534,526 over two-years. The Fellowship program builds the next generation of public health leaders through education and professional development, and provides service to Wisconsin communities to address the state’s most pressing public health challenges. Ceraso gave several examples of fellows’ work with local and state health departments and community organizations. The fellows have helped these organizations secure grants totaling more than $25 million for chronic disease prevention, health impact assessment, HIV/AIDS surveillance, sexual assault prevention and community wellness. Fellows present their work at monthly seminars and at the annual Public Health Symposium. The seminars include education and leadership development. A majority, 65%, of recent graduates have been retained in Wisconsin’s public health workforce. In addition, several graduates are currently leading new sections and committees of the Wisconsin Public Health Association.
**PERC funding commitment**

In March, 2012, PERC unanimously voted to split the funding for the Fellowship Program equally, 50% by PERC and 50% by OAC, for one year beginning July 1, 2012 with the understanding that PERC is committed to continued funding beyond one year.

**Discussion and decision on funding**

Mormann declared a conflict of interest as the Director of the La Crosse County Health Department. The Health Department has submitted an application to host a fellow. He left the room during the discussion of the Fellowship Program application, and did not participate in the vote.

Haq made a motion to approve funding for the Fellowship Program totaling $268,763, 50% of the total budget, annually over a period of two years. Nycz seconded the motion and Remington asked for discussion. Haq recommended further discussion of the oversight of the program, and recommended one committee take the lead. Moss reported on a recommendation shared at the March, 2012 PERC meeting that the joint OAC/PERC Fellowship Subcommittee oversee the program and make funding recommendations. There was general agreement by OAC that oversight by the subcommittee, including review of annual reports and renewal applications, is most appropriate. There was a discussion of leverage funding to sustain the program. OAC was interested in knowing the program’s plans to use such funding to reduce the amount of funding requested from the WPP. Nycz commented on the number of high quality applicants, and the job opportunities for graduating fellows. He added that both are critical to the success of the program. Haq’s motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

Remington asked Mormann to return to the meeting.

**5. Discussion and decision on Community-Academic Partnership Fund 2012 Request for Partnerships**

Knobloch presented an overview of the Community-Academic Partnership Fund 2012 Request for Partnerships (RfP). She outlined the following changes:

- Beginning this funding cycle, applicants submitting Implementation grants must have successfully completed a Development grant.
- The review criteria emphasize linking the eventual impact of the project with the WPP’s guiding principles.
- The review process includes a technical and content review by WPP staff and an OAC member. Also, Implementation grant finalists will present an overview of the project to the OAC prior to the funding decision.
- There are two types of Development grants, Partnership Development and Pilot/Feasibility, each for up to $50,000 over one or two years. And, two types of Implementation grants, Small-Scale Implementation for up to $150,000 over two or three years, and Large-Scale Implementation for up to $400,000 over three years.

Although completion of a WPP Development grant is preferred, there was general agreement by OAC to consider other demonstrated collaboration as well. Mormann seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the 2012 RfP with the revision to the eligibility requirements for Implementation grants. Nycz added that WPP staff may make additional editorial changes to the RfP for clarification, as appropriate. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. **Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF)**

**Discussion and decision on targeted application for “Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)”**

Eileen Smith presented the budget for the “Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)”. $269,529 is requested over 21 months (through the end of the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan) to expand a PRAMS survey of African American mothers in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine and Rock counties. The Wisconsin Division of Public Health and the UW Survey Center will oversample, analyze and report on the Survey. The goal of the PRAMS project is to improve the health of mothers and infants by reducing adverse outcomes such as low birth weight, infant mortality and morbidity, and maternal morbidity. PRAMS is an important part of the LIHF evaluation plan with the goal of providing baseline data estimates and a resource for tracking progress towards the LIHF goal of improving birth outcomes for African American families. Initial funding for this effort came from the WPP administrative budget. Now that the survey is well established, there was general agreement by OAC that funding from the LIHF budget is appropriate. Haq seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the LIHF PRAMS budget. The motion passed by unanimous vote. WPP staff will present the LIHF budget at a future meeting, including evaluation.

**Discussion and decision on targeted application for “Beloit LIHF Collaborative” Implementation Grant**

Cotton reported that Beloit LIHF recently submitted its Collaborative Implementation Grant application. He provided a timeline and overview of interactions, including technical assistance, between the WPP and Beloit LIHF regarding the development of the application. The application underwent a technical review by staff followed by an independent expert review. Cotton provided a summary of the reviewer comments, including the score, areas of strength, and areas of development. OAC agreed with the recommendation of the LIHF Core Leadership Team to return the application to Beloit LIHF for further revision and modification. It is anticipated that a revised application will be considered in May, 2012.

7. **Quarterly financial report on WPP endowment value and cash balances**

Steve Smith presented the financial projections for the WPP through March 31, 2012. The projected first quarter return on the endowment is 6.5%. The projected value of the endowment is $308.5 million; 9.5% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $34.1 million, $13.5 million of which is allocated to OAC. Smith also presented a reconciliation of the actual third quarter 2011 endowment distributions to estimates.

8. **Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) report**

Moss reported on the April 9, 2012 PERC meeting. Following a PERC subcommittee review of 26 preliminary applications for the Collaborative Health Sciences Program, PERC invited 11 full applications. The applications, due May 17, will undergo an expert panel review. Finalists will be invited for interviews in September, and PERC will make up to two $500,000 awards.

In March, Javier Nieto presented the targeted renewal application for the *Survey of the Health of Wisconsin* (SHOW), which included progress on the current grant. Following the presentation, PERC requested a written response addressing several questions related to SHOW's sustainability, new and continuing partnerships, and impact. After considering his response in April, along with the expert reviewer comments and the full application, PERC awarded Dr. Nieto $4.2 million over three years.
In March, Pat Remington presented the new targeted application for *Planning Grant for a Preventive Medicine Residency Program* (PMR). PERC was supportive of the application, and in April, after asking questions for clarification, awarded Remington a planning grant of $167,600 over two years to develop a plan for a PMR and seek accreditation. Establishment of a PMR is a prerequisite for the School to apply for a CDC Prevention Research Center grant, an important component of an integrated school of medicine and public health.

9. **OAC grant and financial status quarterly report**

WPP staff provided the OAC grant and financial status report for the first quarter (January-March) of 2012. There are 45 active grants, including 39 Community-Academic Partnership Fund grants, two Public Health Education and Training grants, and four Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families grants. The Program Officers have reviewed a number of interim progress and final reports, which have been accepted. Steve Smith indicated that there are no financial issues related to the active grants. Since January 1, there have been two no cost extension requests. One was approved by the OAC, and one was approved administratively.

10. **Adjourn – Next meeting May 16, 2012**

Remington adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Chris Holmes