Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
February 17, 2016, 1-4:00PM, Harting-Mullins Board Room, Room 4201

Members Present: Sue Kunferman, Gregory Nycz, Ken Taylor, Rob Lemanske, Rick Moss, Cindy Haq (phone), and Patrick Remington (chair).

Board of Regents Liaison: Tim Higgins (phone).

WPP Staff: Eileen Smith, Tonya Mathison, Quinton Cotton, Andrea Dearlove, Kelly Klingensmith, Nathan Watson, Mike Lauth, and Kate Westaby.


1. Call meeting to order
Remington called the meeting to order at 1:03.

2. Announcements
   a. No meeting in March
      Remington announced that there will be no OAC meeting in March.
   b. September 7, 2016 Health Equity Conference
      Smith reminded the committee of the upcoming conference.
   c. Outline for Wisconsin Partnership Program 2015 Annual Report
      The OAC will see the first draft at the May meeting and the final vote on the Annual Report will occur in July.

3. Decision on draft minutes
The draft January 20 minutes were approved following a motion by Lemanske and seconded by Nycz. The vote was unanimous.

4. Presentation of Strategic addendum application for Health Wisconsin Leadership Institute
Karen Timberlake and Marion Ceraso explained how the addendum application, which requests a supplement to the budget of the award approved by OAC on May 7, 2014 will add value to the work of HWLI by advancing the success of Wisconsin Partnership Program community grantees through building a Community Impact cohort learning collaborative and supporting WPP’s efforts to apply an explicit health equity lens to its work. HWLI will also work to align local and statewide efforts by coordinating community needs, and using a train-the-trainer model with UW-Extension agents, grow local coaching capacity.

   a. Questions
      Nycz noted that the work done by HWLI helps magnify and improve the WPP’s work. Regent Higgins asked if there has been involvement of the Hmong community with HWLI. Timberlake stated that there was a coalition in Milwaukee that engaged Hmong community members and would welcome Regent Higgins’s ideas for reaching out further. Haq noted that the addendum application essentially doubles
the budget and asked if HWLI is looking to expand the depth or breadth of the project. Timberlake stated that they are seeking to do both, as well as build in new activities.

b. Funding Decision
Nycz made a motion to approve the request for supplemental funding in the amount of $884,140 and Kunferman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Presentation of Strategic renewal application for Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems (PRAMS)
Deborah Ehrenthal and Linda Hale (Department of Health Services) updated the committee on the progress PRAMS has made since they last presented in June 2015. PRAMS has continued to oversample new mothers in LIHF communities, examine response rates and sampling methodology, and enhance strong collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The 2016 PRAMS proposal aims to continue data collection, analyze PRAMS at state and county levels, disseminate findings to guide LIHF and other regional and state efforts to reduce disparities, and incorporate PRAMS measures into the revised LIHF Evaluation Plan.

a. Questions
Pat Remington noted that this is the final investment in PRAMS data and indicated that OAC would like to see a continuation plan beyond WPP funding. Haq requested information regarding how this work is being done elsewhere because the OAC does not want the work to end. Nycz noted that the OAC needs to know if its programs are “moving the needle”. Taylor asked if PRAMS was built into the OAC’s projections. Smith stated that PRAMS funding was built into the projections until the end of the five year plan. The committee asked that PRAMS data be part of the LIHF midcourse assessment and that the assessment be completed by June 2016 and presented to OAC by Ehrenthal at the June committee meeting.

The committee asked to revisit the financial projections at the April OAC meeting.

b. Funding Decision
Haq made a motion to approve the funding for the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems. It was seconded by Nycz. The vote to approve the award in the amount of $510,644 was unanimous.

6. Partnership Education and Research Committee
a. PERC Update
Moss updated the committee on the February Partnership Education and Research Committee meeting. 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 Lipid Consortium (WPLC).” PERC continued its discussion of health equity. The discussion began with a pre-recorded video introduction by Dr. Elizabeth Jacobs, member of PERC. The committee discussed: CMS Accountable Health Communities model, a new targeted initiative, building a research component for health equity projects funded by OAC, and supporting health disparities assessments like the Race to Equity Report by the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. Remington presented the 12 month progress report on the “Preventive Medicine Residency Development Grant.” This program has successfully recruited its first two classes of residents.

7. Strategic Discussion Topic: Health Equity
The discussion began with a pre-recorded video introduction by Dr. Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs was in attendance at the OAC meeting. Remington noted that it is important that equity is considered on all measures such as race, place, language, sexual orientation, and income (among others). Taylor
suggested going forward the committee should dedicate time on the agenda for in depth discussions on how best to incorporate health equity into its responsibilities. Taylor also noted that it is important to “signal” to other stakeholders that the WPP is investing in health equity. Jacobs suggested seeking input from communities regarding how to address equity. Haq noted that she hoped the September 7, 2016 WPP health equity conference would be a call to action.

8. Decision on draft Community Impact Grant 2016 Request for Partnerships
Nycz made a motion to approve the Community Impact Grant Request for Partnerships and Kunferman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

9. Decision on draft Community Opportunity Grant 2016 Request for Partnerships
Taylor made a motion to approve the Community Opportunity Grant Request for Partnerships and Nycz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

10. Decision on appointment of two OAC members to the Partnership Education and Research Committee
Smith stated that the OAC appoints two representatives to serve on PERC: OAC’s chair and a public member. Remington and Nycz respectively indicated their willingness to continue serving in their capacity as OAC’s chair and as a public member of OAC. Lemanske made a motion to reappoint to Remington and Nycz to two-year terms, effective April 1, 2016 and Kunferman seconded. The motion was approved and Nycz abstained.

11. No Cost Extension
   a. Striving to Create Healthier Communities through Innovative Partnerships
Cotton stated that the project had a delayed start because of staffing issues. Staff recommends approval of the no cost extension request with direction to the grantee to submit a plan for sustainability by September 30, 2016. Lemanske made a motion to approve the no cost extension request and Nycz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

12. Adjourn
Remington adjourned the meeting at 3:50. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 20, 1-4pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLC.

Recorder: Nathan Watson
Secretary: Sue Kunferman