Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
May 18, 2016, 12-2PM, Harting-Mullins Board Room, Room 4201

Members Present: Cindy Haq, Sue Kunferman, Rob Lemanske, Katherine Marks, Greg Nycz, Pat Remington (chair), Ken Taylor, and Barbara Zabawa.

Board of Regents Liaison: Tim Higgins (phone).

WPP Staff: Quinton Cotton, Andrea Dearlove, Kelly Klingensmith, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Anne Pankratz, Eileen Smith, Nathan Watson, Kate Westaby, Debbie Wu.

Guests: Donna Ugboaja and Kevin Wymore.

1. Call meeting to order
Remington called the meeting to order at 12:07.

2. Quarterly Financial Report
Ken Mount presented the quarterly financial report to the committee. WPP investments are captured by three funds: an interest earning permanent endowment fund, an interest earning quasi-endowment fund and a spendable fund. Mount noted that plans/financial projections do not need to change at the moment. Nycz asked about the UW Foundation target investment return for the permanent endowment fund. Mount answered that it is 6.5 percent.

3. Strategic Discussion Topic: Financial Projections
Mount also presented financial projections to the committee which began with a review of the assumptions used for the projections. This was followed by a discussion on the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). Nycz noted that at some point the OAC needs to have a discussion about alternative opportunities to improve the health of Wisconsin, beyond this and other strategic initiatives. Remington stated that information about future plans for LIHF projects would be available when Dr. Ehrenthal presents to the committee in June. Marks asked about the status of LIHF in Beloit. Remington suggested asking Dr. Ehrenthal for a recap of LIHF activities in Beloit. Marks also asked about the increase in LIHF Collaborative funding from 2015-2016. Mount indicated it was due to the timing of awards with all now being full year amounts. Remington suggested that the OAC members send questions to WPP staff to share with Dr. Ehrenthal’s in advance of her presentation in June.

After the discussion on LIHF spending, Mount presented the OAC projections as a whole. Mount noted that the ratio between grant types has changed over the last five years and that spending has gone up with the implementation of the new grant programs. Although planned, the increase in spending is not sustainable. Graphs were reviewed that showed the projected decrease in spendable funds. It was noted that by 2020 the projected available funding and spending will need to be approximately equal, which will require planning and prioritization.

4. Decision on draft minutes
The draft April 20 minutes were approved following a motion by Taylor and seconded by Lemanske. The vote was unanimous.
5. Announcements
   a. Update on WPP Health Equity Conference
      Smith announced that registration for the conference went live earlier in the week. The committee noted the importance of having a split between academicians and people working in the communities. Also, the committee suggested having remote viewing sites with discussion leaders at each site.

   b. Update on grant programs: Community Opportunity Grants and Community Impact Grants
      Cotton and Dearlove updated the committee. Twelve proposals through the Community Opportunity Grant Program were advanced to full applications. Dearlove conducted 35 Community Impact Grant consults and has 19 teams interested in going forward with an application. Each OAC member will be a lead reviewer for 2-3 applications.

   c. Welcome Debbie Wu, Financial Specialist
      Smith introduced Debbie Wu to the committee.

6. Partnership Education and research Committee
   a. PERC Update
      i. Paul Peppard and Kristen Malecki, Co-Directors of the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), presented the project’s 12-month progress report. SHOW tracks trends in priority health indicators, data which is then used to research the multiple determinants of health and health disparities in the state. To-date, SHOW has recruited over 5,000 participants from 62 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties. A biorepository includes serum, plasma, urine and DNA from nearly 4,000 participants.

      ii. PERC approved a new “Guiding Principles for Matching Funding.” The definitions and principles were developed by the Executive Committee to guide PERC’s decisions for the provision of matching funds, either as institutional or competitive match, through its Strategic Grants Program.

      iii. PERC approved the New Investigator Program 2016 Request for Proposals, which was released on May 11. The New Investigator Program provides opportunities for early-career School of Medicine and Public Health faculty to initiate new, innovative pilot research and education projects that, if successful, can lead to more substantial extramural support from federal or other granting agencies. Awards are $100,000 over two years.

7. No Cost Extensions
   a. #2599-The Young Parenthood Project: A Father Engagement Strategy for Healthy Families
      Milwaukee Health Services Inc. (MHSI) is working with Dr. Paul Florsheim from the Zilber School of Public Health at UW-Milwaukee on a project to support co-parenting among young African American parents; the grant started late due to recruiting and enrollment difficulties. Staff recommends approval. Marks made the motion to approve the no cost extension and Nycz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

   b. #2595-No Long an Island: Creating a Place-based Men’s Peer Outreach and Social Support Network
      This no cost extension request is still under review. Staff will return to the committee with this request in June.
c. #2465-Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention

This project is with the Milwaukee Health Department and pulls various sources of data to provide richer and more in depth information about the individual health context around criminal justice incidents. Staff recommends approval. Nycz made the motion to approve the no cost extension and Marks seconded. The vote was unanimous.

8. Adjourn

Remington adjourned the meeting at 1:35. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 12-3pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLC.

Recorder: Nathan Watson
Secretary: Sue Kunferman