Minutes  
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)  
Wisconsin Partnership Program  
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)  
June 15, 12-3pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, Room 4201

Members Present: Cindy Haq, Sue Kunferman, Katherine Marks, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Pat Remington, Ken Taylor, and Barbara Zabawa (phone).

Board of Regents Liaison: Tim Higgins (phone).

WPP Staff: Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Quinton Cotton, Mike Lauth, Eileen Smith, Kate Westaby, Nathan Watson, and Debbie Wu.

Guests: Allison Amphlett, Deborah Ehrenthal, Jessica Gathirimu, Wanda Montgomery, Sam Perry, Sharon Schulz, Pamela Smith, Ryan Stasell, Donna Ugboaja, Amy Williamson, and Kevin Wymore.

1. Call meeting to order
Remington called the meeting to order at 12:05.

2. Announcements
a. Health Equity Conference Update
Pankratz noted that the conference is at capacity and there is a waitlist. Those on the waitlist will automatically receive notice about the live stream.

b. 2016 WPHA Conference
Cotton updated the committee on the Wisconsin Public Health Association 2016 conference, which was jointly sponsored by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

c. New OAC Meeting time
Smith noted that OAC meetings will now begin at 12pm.

d. Acknowledgement of Nycz and Haq
Nycz was recognized for a recent article he co-authored in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Haq was recognized for receiving an Exemplary Teaching Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

3. Decision on draft minutes
The draft May 18 minutes were approved following a motion by Nycz and seconded by Kunferman. The vote was unanimous.

The public comment period is still open and next month OAC will approve the Annual Report and Outcomes Report. Taylor asked about the public comment process and Smith explained the process. Nycz noted that pairing outcomes with the annual report is a great step.

5. Quarterly Financial Report
Mount presented the quarterly financial report for the first quarter including the endowment value, expenditures for the quarter, and a discussion of the UW Foundation’s market outlook.
6. Lifecourse Initiative for Health Families Presentation
   i. LIHF Evaluation Progress Report

Dr. Ehrenthal presented an overview and update on the Lifecourse Initiative for Health Families which included: a history of LIHF, infant mortality: the short and long term costs of complacency, data from Wisconsin, evaluation of LIHF (including: action arms: collaboratives and project grants, surveillance data, and synthesis), and a preview of LIHF 2.0.

Kunferman asked if LIHF communities have identified issues that they can tackle jointly. Ehrenthal replied that regional approaches are being considered but not yet implemented. Nycz asked when will LIHF begin to “move the needle” on key issues surrounding infant mortality. Ehrenthal stated that funded projects were having an effect at the individual level and stressed the importance of looking at short and intermediate indicators to gauge progress. Nycz noted his concern with moving away from individual level to a system level. Ehrenthal stated that system change is the focus of the program; Ehrenthal also noted the importance of addressing the issue of health equity. Haq asked LIHF collaborative members attending the meeting where they believed emphasis should be put. Marks noted that community involvement is very important. Taylor stated that it is important opportunities are not missed by focusing on clinical interventions rather than the “socio” part. Cotton noted that it is essential to ensure that social determinants were not overlooked.

7. Discussion and decision on Community Opportunity Grants

Cotton provided background on the Community Opportunity Grants program. The overview included a description of the review process as well as a brief synopsis of each proposal.

Taylor noted that some of the proposals are light on policy, systems and environmental change. Cotton stated that this may be because applicants interpreted the term “systems” differently.

Remington suggested that proposals one through seven are fundable and proposals eight and nine should be asked to revise and resubmit.

Remington stated that proposals one through three are recommended for funding. Marks made the motion to approve the top three ranked proposals for funding and Kunferman seconded. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Nycz stated that the only clear break is at application rank 10. Moss suggested advising applications ranked eight and nine and having them come back to the next OAC meeting. Marks made the motion to approve applications four through seven for funding and reconsider applications ranked eight and nine and Nycz seconded. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

The grant awards are for up to two years and up to $50,000. WPP staff will work with awardees to respond to reviewer comments and address any outstanding issues from the technical review.

The committee expressed concerns about the breadth of the applicant pool. For example, Remington noted that the most challenged Wisconsin communities did not submit applications. Cotton stated that the WPP is implementing a quality improvement initiative to examine the Community Opportunity Grants program.
8. **No Cost Extension**
   i. **#2595- No Longer an Island: Creating a Place-based Men’s Peer Outreach and Social Support Network**

   Cotton stated that the project got a late start because of staffing issues. The grantee is requesting funds to continue completing objectives and is interested in adding a robust qualitative evaluation component. Staff recommends approval of the no cost extension. Haq made the motion to approve the no cost extension and Kunferman seconded. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

9. **Adjourn**

   Remington adjourned the meeting at 2:40. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 20, 12-3pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLC.

   Recorder: Nathan Watson
   Secretary: Sue Kunferman