Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
May 17, 12:00pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, Room 4201

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

Board of Regents Liaison: Tim Higgins (phone)

WPP Staff: Andrea Dearlove, Camille Endres, Mike Lauth, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Anne Pankratz, Helen Powling, Courtney Saxler, Eileen Smith, Nathan Watson, Kate Westaby, and Debbie Wu

Guest: Lydia Hartlaub

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

2. Announcements
   i. Draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2016 Annual Report
Smith informed the committee that they will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback regarding the Wisconsin Partnership Program 2016 Annual Report.

3. Decision on draft minutes
   i. April 19, 2017 OAC Meeting
The April 19 draft minutes were approved following a motion by Taylor, seconded by Moss. The vote was unanimous.

4. Presentation of OAC financial projections
Mount presented the OAC projections through the year 2019. The projections were broken out by expenditure type, which included: community grant programs, Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families, obesity programs, strategic priorities, training, and administrative expenses. Next, Mount presented the OAC projected spending for the year 2017. Finally, Mount showed projections of cash available, estimated spending, and projected endowment income distributions for all OAC grants.

   Mount noted that the OAC's portfolio is relatively balanced between community-based and strategic awards. Smith reminded the committee that the next 5-year plan will allow the OAC to review its entire portfolio.

Mount and Wu left the meeting following this presentation.

5. Partnership Education and Research Committee
   i. PERC Update
Moss updated the committee on recent PERC meetings. At the May meeting, PERC awarded $790,000 over 4 years to Maureen Smith, Principal Investigator of the PERC-funded Health Innovation Program (HIP) for "Measuring and Addressing Disparities in the Quality of Care among Wisconsin Health
Systems.” This concept was initially suggested by Greg Nycz with the underlying idea that by sharing data on health disparities within and across health care systems, those systems will be motivated to put their considerable resources into programs and efforts that have a positive impact on the populations experiencing disparities. Nycz noted that Minnesota has a program that is similar to the recently funded “Measuring and Addressing Disparities in the Quality of Care among Wisconsin Health Systems” and that the program has been very effective.

The PERC Executive Committee is also leading the development of a new health equity focused Request for Proposals grant program. Currently in the design phase, these grants would investigate the effectiveness of targeted efforts to reduce disparities experienced by at-risk populations in our state and/or support and evaluate the effectiveness of educational initiatives to improve the experience of at-risk populations in the health care setting. The RFP is expected to be released later in the year.

The PERC released two Requests for Proposals in 2017: the Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP) and New Investigator Program (NIP). CHSP grants award $600,000 over three years. There was tremendous interest in the program this year with 33 teams submitting preliminary applications. NIP grants award $100,000 over two years. The 2017 NIP RfP was just released in May.

PERC also awarded renewal funding to the UW Preventive Medicine Residency (PMR) program (Pat Remington, PI). PMRs prepare public health and population medicine leaders who are skilled at working and conducting scholarship at the intersection of the public health and health care systems.

6. Presentation and discussion on draft 2017 Community Catalyst Grants and draft 2017 Community Collaboration Grants Requests for Partnerships

Saxler presented an overview of the new health equity focused RfPs. Saxler reviewed the data-collection and analysis process WPP staff used to develop the new grant programs. Then Saxler discussed the Community Catalyst Grant, which is designed to actively reduce gaps in access, outcomes, or opportunities. The proposed maximum award is $50,000 with a maximum duration of 24 months and between 5 and 10 grants would be awarded annually.

Next, Saxler presented the Community Collaboration Grant, designed to learn from and build trust with communities in order to advance health equity by collaboratively enhancing capacity, and increasing and strengthening partnerships. Grant recipients will receive training, technical assistance, and funding. Community Collaboration Grants are intended to support communities with significant health equity needs and limited resources. The proposed maximum award is $300,000 per grant with a maximum duration of 4 years. Up to 4 grants could be awarded in 2017-2018.

Moss left the meeting during this discussion.

7. Adjourn

Lemanske made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 and Nycz seconded. There was no discussion and the vote passed with six affirmative votes. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 12-3 pm, Harting-Mullins Board Room, 4201 HSLC.

Recorder: Nathan Watson
Secretary: Sue Kunferman