Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM February 17, 2010 – 4201 HSCL

Members Present: Phil Farrell, Meg Gaines, Susan Goelzer, Christine Holmes, David Kindig (phone), Katherine Marks (phone), Doug Mormann, Greg Nycz

Members Absent: Valerie Gilchrist

Staff: Chris Blakey, Cathy Frey, Lorraine Lathen, Tonya Mathison, Mike Mirer, Dick Reynolds, Eileen Smith, Karla Thompson

Guests: Charlotte Bernard (ABC for Health), Gina Graham and Jackie Dedrick (Aurora Health Care), Tom Oliver (UW Population Health Institute)

1. Call meeting to order

Mormann called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. Susan Goelzer, Chair, joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

2. Announcements

Welcome Katherine Marks
In February, the UW System Board of Regents unanimously approved Katherine Marks’ appointment to OAC as an urban health representative. Marks is the Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Kenosha County. Although she is filling an unexpired term ending October, 2010, she is eligible for reappointment in accordance with the bylaws of the OAC. The committee welcomed Marks to the committee and expressed appreciation for her commitment.

OAC membership terms ending October, 2010
The following OAC membership terms end in October, 2010: Meg Gaines as Insurance Commissioner’s appointee; Val Gilchrist and Susan Goelzer as SMPH appointees; and Katherine Marks and Doug Mormann as health advocate appointees. WPP staff will be in touch with these individuals regarding their interest in reappointment for four-year terms.

Public Health Education and Training Subcommittee
Doug Mormann and Cathy Frey recently contacted each member of the Public Health Education and Training (PHET) Subcommittee by phone to thank them for their participation on the Subcommittee. This was followed by a letter from Susan Goelzer and Doug Mormann. Mormann indicated that members were appreciative of the opportunity to advise the OAC and were interested in other opportunities to support public health training programs.
Legislative Audit Bureau audit
Smith reported that the Legislative Audit Bureau has been in contact with the WPP Office as work is being done to complete the audit report on the programmatic activities of the WPP.

National County Health Rankings
Kindig reported that a collaboration of the UW Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) has taken the Wisconsin County Health Rankings to the national level. The national County Health Rankings identify the health outcomes and health factors of every county in every U.S. state. The intended stakeholders include government and business leaders, health officials, and educators— to improve community health. Pat Remington is director of the County Health Rankings project, and presented an overview at a press release held at RWJ earlier today. The release highlighted a 2007 Community Academic Partnership development grant in Juneau County, “Creating Healthy Rural Communities”.

Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) Newsletter
Miper reported that the inaugural quarterly WPP e-Newsletter, highlighting the Program’s latest news and upcoming events, is set for release next week.

3. Decision on draft minutes:

January 11, 2010 OAC Nominating Subcommittee
OAC unanimously accepted the draft January 11, 2010 OAC Nominating Subcommittee minutes following a motion by Gaines and a second by Mormann.

January 20, 2010 OAC
OAC unanimously approved the draft January 20, 2010 OAC minutes following a motion by Holmes and a second by Nyicz.

4. Medical Education and Research Committee report

Nyicz reported that the MERC meeting on February 8, 2010 was primarily dedicated to the review of a dozen interim progress and final reports. In accordance with MERC’s policy, the reports were each reviewed in advance by two MERC members who presented an overview to the committee and made a recommendation on next steps.

MERC requires that Principal Investigators with awards over $500,000 provide in-person interim progress reports to MERC at least every 18 months. On behalf of Dean Golden, Ken Mount presented an interim progress report on the targeted grant, Shared Resources for Interdisciplinary Research for Wisconsin Institute for Medical Research (WIMR) Phase 1. WIMR is designed to provide opportunities to implement research from basic discoveries to clinical and population health applications. The main research topics of investigators in WIMR are breast and prostate cancer, stem cells, and imaging sciences. This award provides funding for
resources for WIMR that fall into two major categories: shared molecular biology equipment and animal facility caging and ancillary equipment necessary to operate the vivarium.

Following a regular presentation by Ken Mount of the cash flow and financial projections, MERC approved the *General Principles for Endowment Growth and Distributions*.

MERC also discussed revisions to the New Investigator Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for release on April 2, including:
- Require a preliminary application whereby applicants will be invited to submit full applications.
- The Health Innovation Program will provide training and guidance for Principal Investigators who are invited to submit full applications.
- Salary support will be allowed on the grant with a 30% FTE annual limit on the compensated appointment of the Principal Investigator.

5. **Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families report**

Lathen reported that the Convening Planning Agencies from each the four targeted communities, Beloit, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine, submitted LIHF Community Action Planning Grant proposals by the January 31, 2010 deadline. The proposals are currently being evaluated by a review team made up of two OAC members, three LIHF Steering Committee members, two maternal and child health experts, and two mothers from the targeted communities who gave birth to premature babies.

6. **OAC cash flow and financial projections**

Thompson presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through January 31, 2010. The projected value of the endowment is $294 million with a remaining cash balance of $25 million.

7. **Presentation of Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program**

Tom Oliver, Faculty Director of the Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program, gave a progress report and requested $570,482 for the period April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The Fellowship Program, one of three public health education and training programs funded by the OAC since 2004, to-date has supported 23 two-year fellowships. The Program contributes to community efforts to improve health throughout Wisconsin while successfully training the next generation of public health professionals. The majority of fellows work in state and local public health agencies, including the Wisconsin Division of Public Health and the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Other community based placement sites are also part of the fellow training experiences. The program has three major goals: (1) Strengthen Wisconsin’s public health workforce and leadership, (2) Build individual skills and career opportunities, and (3) Benefit communities and public health agencies. Currently, 40% of graduating fellows are working in Wisconsin.
Nycz recommended conducting exit interviews with the fellows to gather insight on the prevalence of leadership, administrative or policy positions in Wisconsin. He added the importance of continuing efforts in placing fellows in rural Wisconsin. Mormann commented on the important benefit of the fellows to communities through their work with health agencies and community organizations. Gaines asked Oliver to address potential opportunities for leveraging or collaborative agreements with partner health agencies. Oliver acknowledged the in-kind benefits provided by the placement sites, especially the time and effort of the preceptors at each site. Oliver added that discussions with the sites are underway and efforts will be made to implement such leveraging agreements in the future. There being no further questions, Oliver left the meeting.

Discussion and decision on year two budget
Mormann seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the 15-month budget request for the Fellowship Program. There was general interest by OAC in supporting the new class of four fellows through its entire two-year curriculum. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Update on Community-Academic Partnership Fund 2010 Request for Partnerships

Frey presented a revised timeline for release of the Community Academic Partnership Fund 2010 Request for Partnerships (RfP). The RfP will be issued on April 23, 2010 with statewide training sessions in May. Notices of Intent will be due June 18. Applicant agencies invited to submit full applications must do so no later than October 1. OAC will make award decisions in December. There was general agreement to the revised timeline. Frey added that staff from the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research’s Community Academic Partnership core will attend a future OAC meeting to discuss training opportunities for applicants.

Holmes, Mormann and Nycz volunteered to participate on a subcommittee to discuss the 2010 RfP, in particular the criteria by which OAC will review the Notices of Intent.

9. Adjourn – Conference call March 25, 1-2:30pm

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Val Gilchrist