Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM May 19, 2010 – 4201 HSLC

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

Members Absent: Valerie Gilchrist, David Kindig

Staff: Chris Blakey, Cathy Frey, Lorraine Lathen, Tonya Mathison, Mike Mirer, Ken Mount, Pat Remington, Dick Reynolds, Karla Thompson

Invited Guests: Sheila DeForest (Grant Writer for Beloit LIHF), Marilyn Kilgore (Beloit African American Infant Mortality Coalition), Angela Moore (Project Manager for Beloit LIHF), Tara Tinder (Stateline Community Foundation)

Guests: Rachel Haberman (ABC for Health)

1. Call meeting to order

Goelzer called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

2. Announcements

Legislative Audit Bureau audit
Mount reported that the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) audit report was released on May 12. A response from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) appended the report. LAB will present the report to the UW System Board of Regents in June. In July, WPP leadership and staff plan to meet with the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. and the Insurance Commissioner to discuss several points of clarification in the Insurance Commissioner’s 2000 Order identified by LAB.

Program Officer recruitment
Frey reported that the WPP staff are currently reviewing 62 Program Officer applications, and will be making a decision on the finalists for interviews in June.

Wisconsin Public Health Association awards to WPP grantees
Frey reported that several WPP grantees received 2010 awards from the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA). Geoff Swain, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Population Health Sciences, received the Presidential Citation Award. Katharine Konkle, a Population Health Fellow, received the New Public Health Worker of the Year Award. Bridget Booske, Director of the “Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State” project, received the Excellence in Public Health Research Award. The awards will be presented at the upcoming annual conference of the WPHA and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments.
and Boards (WALHDAB). The WPP is a gold sponsor of the conference and a co co-sponsor with the Medical College of Wisconsin of a day-long pre-conference session, “Honoring our Common Differences: Creating Inclusive Partnerships and Organizations”. There will be exhibits at the conference on the Community-Academic partnership Fund and on the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families.

Meeting with Governor
Nycz reported that Governor Doyle recently signed into law legislation authorizing up to $10 million to the Marshfield Clinic to aid in the construction of a rural dental education outreach facility in Marshfield, WI. This facility will help increase access to dental care for children and families living in rural Wisconsin by recruiting and training more dentists to work in rural and underserved areas.

Obesity prevention symposium
Remington reported that the WPP is sponsoring the June 2, 2010 “Symposium on Linking Research, Community Action and Policy to Prevent Obesity”. The symposium brings together the University of Wisconsin’s Wisconsin Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes (WIPOD) and the Department of Health Services’ Wisconsin Partnership for Activity and Nutrition (WI PAN). This event will provide opportunities that foster networking and linkages between community coalition members, researchers and other partners working to prevent obesity; promote collaboration among basic, clinical and community-based researchers; and increase awareness of UW-Madison research and community projects related to the prevention of obesity.

3. Decision on draft April 21, 2010 minutes
Farrell seconded a motion by Holmes to approve the draft April 21, 2010 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OAC cash flow and financial projections
Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through April 30, 2010. The projected value of the endowment is $306.5 million with a remaining cash balance of $25.6 million.

5. Medical Education and Research Committee quarterly report
Rick Moss, Chair of the Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC), provided a quarterly report on the committee’s recent activities. In January 2010, the third funding cycle of the Collaborative Health Sciences Program concluded with the awarding of $291,882 to Aaron Carrel for “Linking Physical Environments to Obesity, Nutrition, Fitness, and Diabetes risk in Wisconsin's Children”. This project is an important link to OAC’s new targeted initiative on promoting healthy weight, physical activity, and good nutrition, and reducing the incidence and
severity of overweight and obesity. Aaron Carrel will present an overview of this project at an upcoming OAC meeting.

In April, MERC released the sixth Request for Proposals for the New Investigator Program. A competitively reviewed preliminary application was required for the first time since the Program’s inception. Preliminary applications were due last week and MERC received 51 applications. The applications are currently undergoing a technical review by WPP staff. In June and July, MERC will review the preliminary applications to determine those that warrant further development as full applications. MERC expects to make three awards in December 2010.

MERC members have dedicated considerable time reviewing interim progress and final reports. In accordance with MERC’s policy, the reports are each reviewed in advance by two MERC members who present an overview to the committee and make a recommendation on next steps. In some cases MERC has requested additional information from grantees. This has been a productive process and serves as a meaningful feedback loop to our grantees during the grant period as well as at the conclusion of the project.

In April, MERC approved a revised budget and proposal for the Health Innovation Program (HIP), originally funded with feedback from MERC in December 2009. At MERC’s request, the proposal was revised to include a new aim focused on dissemination. HIP is partnering with the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ), a nationally recognized voluntary consortium of 28 provider and hospital organizations from around the state working to improve quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for the people of Wisconsin. HIP will work with UW faculty and WCHQ to jointly develop, test and assess dissemination and shared learning activities. Maureen Smith, Principal Investigator, will present an overview of this project at an upcoming OAC meeting.

6. Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF)

Co-chair report
Farrell and Marks shared their letter accepting Gwen Perry-Brye’s resignation from the LIHF Steering Committee. They also reported on a recent meeting with the Stateline Community Foundation and the Participating Agencies on the Beloit LIHF Community Action Planning Grant.

Updates on Community Action Planning Grants
Lathen reported that the convening planning agencies and participating agencies for the Beloit and Milwaukee LIHF initiatives have been working on their responses to the external reviewer comments. Beloit LIHF has responded to the reviewer comments and is prepared to present the revised proposal today. Milwaukee LIHF will be prepared to present the revised proposal in June. Lathen added that the WPP will convene a conference of all four communities, Beloit, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine, at Wingspread Conference Center on June 28. The agenda is under development.
7. Presentation and decision on award for Beloit LIHF Community Action Planning Grant, *Pathways to Healthier African-American Families in Beloit*

Tara Tinder (Executive Director, Stateline Community Foundation), Marilyn Kilgore (Beloit African American Infant Mortality Coalition), Angela Moore (Project Manager for Beloit LIHF), and Sheila DeForest (Grant Writer for Beloit LIHF) presented an overview of the revised Beloit LIHF Community Action Planning Grant, *Pathways to Healthier African-American Families in Beloit*. The presentation included a detailed response to the issues raised by the reviewers. Following the presentation, there was a consensus by OAC that the response to the reviewer comments was comprehensive, and, with the exception of some remaining budget concerns, the response thoroughly addressed the issues raised by the reviewers.

Nycz seconded a motion by Farrell to approve planning grant funding for the Beloit LIHF Community Action Planning Grant, *Pathways to Healthier African-American Families in Beloit*, of $199,765 over a period of one year. Farrell added that WPP staff will work with the Stateline Community Foundation on addressing the budget concerns. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

8. Discuss draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2009 Annual Report

Goelzer asked for feedback on the draft WPP 2009 Annual Report. There was consensus that the report provides expansive information in a concise manner. In addition to an editorial change, Nycz requested that the report include a link to the WPP 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan. The draft report will be posted on the WPP website for public comment for a two week period and will then go to UW-Madison Media Solutions for design and layout. The layout version of the report will be presented to OAC in June.

9. Community-Academic Partnership Fund

Response to Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

Goelzer reported on Eileen Smith’s response to the recent letter from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. requesting the OAC to consider funding the project, “Increasing Cultural Competency Among Nurses in Indian Country”, which was previously approved but unfunded in the 2008 funding cycle. Smith’s response reflected OAC’s decision that it would not be appropriate to give special consideration to unfunded highly ranked proposals from the previous funding cycle given the significant changes made to the 2010 Request for Proposals.

Release of 2010 Request for Partnerships

On April 23, the Community-Academic Partnership Fund 2010 Request for Partnerships was released along with the web-based Notice of Intent. An announcement was posted on the WPP web site and sent to an extensive email list.
Information session webinar – May 20

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is hosting an online information session on May 20 on the Community-Academic Partnership Fund 2010 Request for Partnerships. WPP staff will present an overview of the 2010 grant cycle goals and priorities, the Notice of Intent and Letter of Interest requirements, advice on finding an academic partner, and web resources available to applicants. Participants also will have the opportunity to direct questions to WPP staff. The information session will be archived on the WPP web site.

Process for evaluating Notices of Intent and Letters of Interest

Frey reported that Notices of Interest, including Letters of Interest, are due on June 18. Following a technical review by WPP staff, the Notices of Intent and Letters of Interest will be evaluated by a Review Subcommittee made up of OAC members and public health experts. The Subcommittee will make a recommendation to OAC on which proposals warrant further development as full applications.

10. Adjourn – Next meeting June 16

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 3:20pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Val Gilchrist