Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM May 20, 2009 – 4201 HSLC

Members Present: Phil Farrell, Meg Gaines, Valerie Gilchrist, Susan Goelzer, Christine Holmes, Lorraine Lathen, Doug Mormann, Greg Nycz

Members Absent: David Kindig

Staff: Chris Blakey, Cathy Frey, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Shannon Sparks

Guests: Barbara Bowers, UW School of Nursing; Jordan Hinanara and Bobby Peterson, ABC for Health, Inc.; Patrick Remington, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

1. Call the meeting to order

Goelzer called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. She welcomed Pat Remington, recently appointed as the first Associate Dean for Public Health for the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH). Remington indicated that as part of his new role he plans to regularly participate at OAC meetings.

Smith reported that Shannon Sparks is resigning as Program Officer for the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) effective July 15. She has accepted a joint faculty appointment in the UW School of Human Ecology and the American Indian Studies Program.

2. Decision on draft minutes:

April 6, 2009 OAC Nominating Subcommittee
Mormann moved approval of the draft April 6, 2009 OAC Nominating Subcommittee minutes. Farrell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

April 8, 2009 OAC
Nycz moved approval of the draft April 8, 2009 OAC minutes. Farrell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Announcements

Welcome Christine Holmes
Goelzer welcomed Christine Holmes, President and CEO of the Penfield Children’s Center, as a new public member on OAC. Holmes is an advocate for child health and well-being with nearly three decades of national leadership and advocacy experience in health and human services.
June 17, 2009 meetings
Smith announced that the joint OAC/MERC meeting on June 17 will be followed by an OAC meeting. The joint meeting will include two continuation implementation grant presentations as well as a presentation on the UW Foundation’s investment portfolio and the WPP’s endowment. The OAC meeting will include a review of the two 2007 continuation implementation grants, the Allied Drive Early Childhood Initiative and the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, and on the six pending 2008 “awarded but not funded” development and implementation grant proposals.

LAB audit update
Smith indicated that the program audit of the WPP by the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) is ongoing. The financial audit is also underway.

Medical College of Wisconsin Five-Year Plan
Smith announced the release of the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan.

New faculty director for Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute and Population Health Fellowship Program
Since Pat Remington is transitioning into his new role as Associate Dean for Public Health for the SMPH, Thomas Oliver, PhD, MHA, Professor of Population Health Sciences, has assumed the role as faculty director of the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute and the Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program.

Continuing Public Health Education no cost extension request
Frey announced that George Mejicano had complied with the OAC’s request for a no cost extension focused solely on the funding necessary to complete objective two of A Plan for Continuing Public Health Education. Dr. Mejicano is requesting $16,798 to identify and provide appropriate incentives and continuing education credits for activities that target the public health workforce. The no cost extension will be implemented following a review by the WPP staff.

Update on implementation grant budget reductions
Sparks reported that with the exception of ABC for Health, Inc., the remaining 21 budget reductions to the active Collaboration Implementation grants are complete. Awards that began in 2008 have been reduced during years 2 and 3 of their grant and awards that began in 2007 have been reduced during year 3 of their grant. Addenda to the Memoranda of Understanding indicating a 15% budget reduction have been mailed to the 21 grantees.

4. Update on status of Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment
Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through April 2009. The UW Foundation closed its books for the year ending December 31, 2008 and
reported a 25% decrease in the value of the endowment. In the first quarter of 2009, UWF estimated an additional 6.75% decrease which recovered by 2.42% in April with a balance of $249 million, placing the endowment 13% under the floor of $281 million. Mount clarified that the losses do not impact the value of OAC’s spendable reserves of $11.9 million. In order to meet existing obligations through calendar year 2010, current grants were reduced to 85% of the original annual award, and reapplications for the Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program and the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute were each funded at reduced amounts.

5. Discussion and decision on ABC for Health, Inc. budget reduction

Goelzer reported on ABC for Health’s continued questioning of the OAC’s January 21, 2009 decision to reduce the remaining budgets of active implementation grants by 15%. After considering advice of the UW Office of Administrative Legal Services, Farrell made a motion to reaffirm the OAC’s January 21, 2009 decision to require a 15% reduction on remaining years of active implementation grants, including ABC for Health’s “HealthWatch Wisconsin”. Nycz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. An addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to ABC for Health, Inc. indicating a 15% reduction of $22,301 on the original year 3 budget of $148,675.

6. 2008 Wisconsin Partnership Program Annual Report outline and timeline

Smith presented the outline and timeline for the Wisconsin Partnership Program 2008 Annual Report. WPP staff is currently drafting the report which will be forwarded for review and feedback by OAC and MERC in June. Anticipating approval of the report by OAC and MERC in July, the report will be forwarded for review by the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) and the UW System Board of Regents. Although WUHF’s review is not yet scheduled, the Board of Regents will review the report on September 10.

7. Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) report

Nycz provided an overview of the May 11, 2009 MERC meeting. There was a report on Strategic Initiatives Awards by Dean Golden for two reapplications: David Kindig was awarded $463,635 over three years (40% reduction from original award) for Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State and Thomas Oliver was awarded $156,000 over three years (20% reduction from original award) for Advancing Evidence-based Health Policy in Wisconsin.

MERC considered two targeted grant reapplications: Survey of the Health of Wisconsin and Transforming Medical Education: Integrating Public Health in the Curriculum. MERC awarded $4,119,675 over three years (15% reduction from original award) to Javier Nieto MD, MPH, Professor and Chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences, to maintain the infrastructure for the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin. MERC shared feedback on Transforming Medical Education, a new program proposed by Christine Seibert, MD, Associate
Dean for Medical Education, expanding upon the accomplishments of *Innovations in Medical Education*.

After a delay of a couple months due to the decline in the value of the endowment, MERC decided to move forward with the review process for the Collaborative Health Sciences Program and invited full applications from 10 of the 31 applicants who submitted preliminary applications. MERC expects to make one award in January 2010.

8. **Healthy Birth Outcomes Steering Committee report**

Lathen provided an overview of the May 13, 2009 Healthy Birth Outcomes Steering Committee meeting. Katie Gilespie with the Division of Public Health and Karen Michalski with the Milwaukee Health Department presented on the regional approach of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review. The meeting ended with continued discussion and reporting by the small workgroups of the Steering Committee’s three major goals: coordinating a public awareness and media campaign, engaging funding partners, and releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) for community organizing and planning.

Nycz requested that peer reviewed articles be shared with OAC on topics under discussion by the Steering Committee.

9. **OAC Strategic Planning Discussion Topics**

Goelzer reported that over the next six months the OAC will have strategic planning discussions of community-academic partnership development, operations and program improvement, strategic priority setting, community capacity building, collaborations, partnerships and community engagement, and evaluation. Today’s discussion focuses on the Community-Academic Partnership Fund.

Members were asked to complete a Board Self Assessment Questionnaire to help identify how OAC can be more effective. Frey will email the questionnaire for completion prior to the June OAC meeting.

**Reflections on five years of grant making**

Frey presented an overview of the past five years of grant making by OAC. In that time, OAC has awarded 52 development grants and 48 implementation grants for over $22 million to community organizations for health promotion, disease prevention and public health workforce development. 41 of those grants have concluded. WPP staff has prepared grant outcome reports detailing the results and outcomes of each closed grant and will present annually to OAC the cumulative grant results and outcomes of all closed grants.

The Community-Academic Partnership Fund (CAPF) was evaluated as part of *Measuring Our Progress: The Wisconsin Partnership Program Evaluation*, and included a review by Barbara
Bowers of the community-academic partnership model and a grant financial review by Jefferson Wells.

Community-Academic Partnership evaluation report by Barbara Bowers, UW School of Nursing
Barbara Bowers, Professor of Nursing, presented an overview of her evaluation of the community-academic partnership model. The purpose of this study was to: (1) investigate the extent to which CAPF is promoting effective partnerships between the SMPH and community organizations, (2) identify the characteristics of successful community-academic partnerships, and (3) describe the processes and contexts that contribute to successful community/academic partnerships. Evaluators conducted interviews of 28 partners, 14 academic partners and 14 community partners. The full evaluation report, with findings and recommendations, is available on the WPP website.

Community-Academic Partnership Fund grant financial review by Jefferson Wells
Presentation of the grant financial review by Jefferson Wells was postponed until the July OAC meeting.

10. Adjourn

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison

Secretary, Lorraine Lathen