Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM June 16, 2010 – 3330 HSLC

Members Present: Meg Gaines, Christine Holmes, David Kindig, Katherine Marks, Doug Mormann, Greg Nycz

Members Absent: Phil Farrell, Valerie Gilchrist, Susan Goelzer

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

Invited Guests: Quinton Cotton, Nancy Hahn, Elaine Maly, Patricia McManus, Kathleen Pritchard, LG Shanklin-Flowers, Earnestine Willis

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1. Call meeting to order

Mormann called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

2. Announcements

Legislative Audit Bureau audit
Smith reported that Jan Mueller, State Auditor, presented the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) audit report to the UW System Board of Regents on June 10. Dean Golden was given an opportunity to make comments in response to the report. The Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. will hold a meeting to hear a presentation of the LAB audit, receive comments from the Insurance Commissioner, to seek the responses from MCW and UWSMPH to the audit report, and to provide a forum for public comments.

OAC member resignation
Smith announced David Kindig’s resignation from the Oversight and Advisory Committee. The OAC members thanked him for providing an important and critical perspective on the committee, especially during the development of the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan. Kindig will continue to serve on OAC until the UW System Board of Regents appoints his replacement, most likely in August. Smith reported that Dean Golden will be nominating Pat Remington, Associate Dean for Public Health, to fill Kindig’s unexpired term through October 2012.

Program Officer recruitment
Smith reported that interviews are currently being conducted.
SMPH/MCW Five-Year Plan celebration
Due to many ongoing activities, Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) and Medical College of Wisconsin staff and leadership decided to cancel the community grants event. MCW and WPP staff will continue to discuss the best approach to highlighting their community grant programs.

WIPOD/WI PAN conference, “Linking Research, Community Action and Policy to Prevent Obesity”
Remington reported that the WPP contributed to support of the June 2, 2010 “Symposium on Linking Research, Community Action and Policy to Prevent Obesity”. The symposium brought 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 well-attended event aimed to provide opportunities to 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 May 19, 2010 minutes
Holmes seconded a motion by Nycz to approve the draft May 19, 2010 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) report
Lathen reported on the June 9, 2010 Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) Steering Committee meeting. The agenda included updates from the four convening planning agencies, discussion of the upcoming Wingspread Conference, and development of a comprehensive communications strategy and evaluation plan.

The WPP will convene a conference of all four communities, Beloit, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine, at Wingspread Conference Center on June 28. This event will include an overview of the WPP and the grant guidelines and requirements, and give the convening planning agencies and participating agencies an opportunity to share their work to date and plans for the future.

5. Presentation and decision on award for Milwaukee LIHF Community Action Planning Grant
Katherine Pritchard (Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc.), Earnestine Willis (MCW), and Pat McManus (Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin) presented an overview of the revised Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families Community Action Planning Grant. 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 administrative and budget concerns, the response thoroughly addressed the issues raised by the reviewers.

Marks seconded a motion by Holmes to approve planning grant funding for the Milwaukee LIHF Community Action Planning Grant for $250,000 over a period of one year. Holmes added that WPP staff will work with the Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc. on addressing outstanding administrative and budget concerns. Nycz recommended partnering with the dental community due to the negative impact of periodontal disease on birth outcomes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

6. OAC cash flow and financial projections

Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through May 31, 2010. The projected value of the endowment is $295 million with a remaining cash balance of $24.6 million. Following poor performance in the financial markets recently, the value of the endowment has decreased. WPP leadership and staff continue to carefully monitor the value of the endowment given the continued volatility in the financial markets. And, they will work with the UW Foundation to request a more responsive turnaround of needed financial information. Marks noted the importance of strategic planning related to OAC’s $10 million commitment to the LIHF.

7. Medical Education and Research Committee report

Nycz reported on the June 14, 2010 Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) meeting. MERC discussed the draft 2009 Wisconsin Partnership Program Annual Report. There was consensus by MERC that the report provides extensive information in a concise manner. Nycz shared a recommendation on the description of the governing committees’ roles related to the allocation percentage, which will be incorporated into the final version of the report.

MERC received 51 preliminary applications for the New Investigator Program from a diverse group of applicants. The Assistant Professors come from 17 different departments in the School. 54% are on the Tenure Track, 44% Clinical Health Sciences, and 2% Clinician-Teachers. Following an independent review of the preliminary applications by committee members, a ranked list will be developed for discussion at the July MERC meeting with the objective of making a decision on which applications warrant further development as full applications.

Nichelle Cobb, Director of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB), provided an update on the IRB process. She commented on: (1) an expanded scientific review process in response to recommendations by the IRB’s accreditation body, (2) IRB staff pre-review of protocols ensuring that protocols are well prepared before being advanced to IRB review, (3) the new ARROW system for electronic submission and tracking of protocols which is expected to decrease turnaround time, and (4) deferral agreements through the Wisconsin IRB Consortium (Marshfield, MCW, Aurora) and with Meriter Hospital.
MERC reviewed progress reports for two New Investigator Program projects. MERC delayed accepting Tammy Sims’ final report awaiting further details on the outcomes of the project, *Partnering with Quit Lines to Promote Youth Smoking Cessation in Wisconsin*. MERC accepted Weibo Cai’s interim report *Positron Emission Tomography Imaging of Tumor Angiogenesis*.


Mormann asked for feedback on the latest draft Wisconsin Partnership Program 2009 Annual Report. He acknowledged the work of WPP staff in development of a comprehensive report. Smith reported that ABC for Health, Inc. submitted a letter in response to the public posting of the draft report on the Wisconsin Partnership Program web site. The letter was included in today’s meeting materials. OAC’s approval of the report, including an extensive appendix with the outcome reports of concluded grants, will be sought in July.

9. Community-Academic Partnership Fund

2010 Request for Partnerships

Frey reported that Notices of Intent, 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.

Quarterly progress and financial status report

Frey and Thompson presented a quarterly progress and financial status report. Frey reported that there are currently 35 active grants. Outcome reports for grants that concluded in 2009 will be included in the appendix to the 2009 Annual Report. There are no active requests for no-cost extensions, re-budgeting or work plan changes. Thompson distributed the summary of grant expenditures through March 31, 2010. In July, OAC will receive an expenditure report updated through June 2010.

10. Adjourn – Next meeting July 21

Marks seconded a motion by Gaines to adjourn the meeting at 3:10pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Val Gilchrist