Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM July 21, 2010 – 3330 HSLC

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

Members Absent: Christine Holmes

Staff: Chris Blakey, Cathy Frey, Lorraine Lathen (phone), Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Karla Thompson

Invited Guests: David Allen (Pediatrics), Aaron Carrel (Pediatrics)

Guests: Jackie Dedrick (Aurora Health Care), Gina Graham (Aurora Health Care), Jordan Hinahara (ABC for Health, Inc.), Trina Salm Ward (Center for Urban Population Health)

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

Program Officer
Mary Jo Knobloch was recently hired as the new Program Officer for the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP). She will provide oversight for the Community-Academic Partnership Fund grant program. Knobloch, MPH, CPH, has over 20 years of experience in project and program management and process development and improvement. She was most recently the Resident Research Facilitator with the Division of Education at Marshfield Clinic.

Legislative Audit Bureau audit
Smith reported that the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) held a meeting on July 15, 2010 to discuss the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) audit report. The meeting started with a presentation by Jan Mueller, State Auditor, of the audit findings and recommendations for both the UW SMPH and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Insurance Commissioner Sean Dilweg shared brief remarks. Dean Robert Golden and Cheryl Maurana respectively presented each school’s response to the audit report. The meeting concluded with a forum for public comments. Dean Golden’s presentation was distributed to OAC along with copies of the letters from the public that WUHF received commenting on the audit report.

3. Decision on draft minutes

Farrell seconded a motion by Nycz approving the draft June 16 and July 2, 2010 OAC minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial reports

OAC cash flow and financial projections
Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through June 30, 2010. The projected value of the endowment is $284.9 million with a remaining cash balance of $27.4 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.

Presentation and decision on 2009 Annual Report OAC non-supplanting attestation
Mount presented his annual attestation of non-supplanting for OAC initiatives. All OAC initiatives listed on the 2009 attestation document were reviewed in detail to determine whether use of the WPP funds had complied with the supplanting prohibition in the Insurance Commissioner’s Order, as specified in the criteria set forth in the addendum of the 2004-2009 Five-Year Plan, and as approved by WUHF.

Mount determined that financial support by the WPP of the funded initiatives does not result in supplanting and recommended approval of the attestation by OAC. Nycz seconded a motion by Kindig to accept the non-supplanting attestation as distributed. The motion passed unanimously. Mount reported that non-supplanting attestations will also be reviewed and signed by Dean Golden on behalf of the UW SMPH and by Darrell Bazzell on behalf of the UW System and UW-Madison.

5. Discussion and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2009 Annual Report

OAC members commented on the comprehensive WPP 2009 Annual Report. In compliance with the Insurance Commissioner’s Order, the Grant Agreement and the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan, Nycz moved approval of the 2009 Annual Report of the Wisconsin Partnership Program, prepared in collaboration with the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, covering expenditures through December 31, 2009, which includes the OAC’s decision-making process for support of community-based initiatives, the participation of OAC members in the review of medical education and research initiatives, the process for determination of non-supplanting, and an overview of the financial status of the funds. Further, the OAC gives authority to the Wisconsin Partnership Program staff to make editorial changes for purposes of clarification, style, grammar and accuracy before submission of this report to the UW System Board of Regents and the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. Farrell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
6. Wisconsin Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes (WIPOD)

Drs. David Allen and Aaron Carrel from the UW SMPH Department of Pediatrics presented the mission and goals of the Wisconsin Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes (WiPOD) as well as opportunities for OAC to engage WiPOD around advancing OAC’s targeted initiative promoting healthy weight, physical activity, good nutrition, and reducing incidence and severity of overweight and obesity.

Dr. Allen presented the collaborative makeup of WiPOD. It is a far-reaching partnership with over 70 members including faculty from the UW SMPH (Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Population Health Sciences), faculty from the UW (Transportation Engineering, Urban and Regional Planning, Soil Science, Land Information and Computer Graphics Facility, Nelson Institute, Nutritional Sciences), and experts from the State Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Carrel presented lessons surrounding the unique issues related to obesity and diabetes prevention, and shared some recommendations for OAC’s consideration.

Following questions and further discussion by OAC, the committee supported a strategic planning retreat of UW SMPH leadership, OAC and MERC to consider the appropriate leadership needed to bring partners together to significantly impact Wisconsin’s obesity epidemic.

7. Discussion of OAC Conflict of Interest policy

Smith reported that in response to LAB’s recommendations, OAC must revise its written conflict of interest policy to reflect its current practice of requiring conflicted members to be absent from discussion and voting. Gaines will work with WPP staff to revise the written policy.

8. Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) report

Farrell, Marks, and Lathen reported on the latest activities of the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF). The next meeting of the LIHF Steering Committee is scheduled on August 11, and will be followed by an Evaluation Committee meeting.

Farrell reported that WPP and LIHF leadership recently met with the UW Foundation to discuss fundraising opportunities for LIHF. He also reported that the Wisconsin State Legislature convened a Legislative Council Special Committee on infant mortality. Membership includes the LIHF Program Leader and several LIHF Steering Committee members. The committee will study the causes and public health costs of infant mortality as well as steps taken in other regions to remedy the problem. The committee will develop a strategic plan to reduce infant mortality in Wisconsin and make recommendations to the Legislature.

Lathen reported on the June 28 LIHF Wingspread Conference. The WPP convened a conference of all four communities, Beloit, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine. This event included an
overview of the WPP and the grant guidelines and requirements, and gave the convening planning agencies and participating agencies an opportunity to share their work to date and plans for the future. Lathen shared with OAC some of the grantees’ work.

9. Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) report

Nycz reported on the July 12, 2010 MERC meeting. The committee considered additional information provided by grantees for several interim progress and final reports. MERC unanimously approved the WPP 2009 Annual Report and Ken Mount’s annual non-supplanting attestation covering active MERC grants.

Ricardo Lloyd, MD, PhD, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and his team presented an overview of the targeted reapplication for Development of a Centralized UW SMPH BioBank, including a progress report since inception. There was general agreement by MERC that a funding decision on the reapplication be delayed until August 2010. Moss and WPP leadership will meet with the Dr. Lloyd to discuss MERC’s concerns and recommendations.

MERC discussed a ranked list of the 51 preliminary applications for the New Investigator Program (NIP) and decided to invite 14 of the top-ranked applicants to submit full applications. After further consideration following the July 12 meeting and in response to issues raised by MERC members, MERC’s Chair, in consultation with the Chair of the NIP Review Subcommittee and the WPP Director, extended invitations to four additional top-ranked applicants. Full applications are due in September, and will undergo expert review. MERC will make up to three awards following interviews of the finalists in December.

10. 2010 Community-Academic Partnership Fund Request for Partnerships

Notice of Intent Review Committee report

Mormann reported that the Notice of Intent Review subcommittee, made up of OAC members and public health experts, met this morning to discuss the 2010 Community-Academic Partnership Fund (CAPF) Notices of Intent (NOI). The WPP received 113 NOI’s. Three NOI’s were disqualified after not meeting the eligibility requirements of the CAPF. Of the remaining 110 NOI’s, 49 are for implementation grants and 61 are for development grants. NOI’s include a letter of interest (LOI) describing the primary goal and activities or interventions of the project, the intended outcome, the applicant organization and how the project aligns with the WPP goals and priorities. The Review subcommittee is currently reviewing each LOI to determine if it warrants further development as a full application. The Review subcommittee will present its recommendations to OAC in August.

Updated OAC grant expenditures report

Thompson distributed the summary of grant expenditures through June 30, 2010.
11. Adjourn – Next meeting August 18

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Val Gilchrist