Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)
1:00PM August 18, 2010 – 3330 HSLC

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

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

Guests: Sarah Beversdorf (Wisconsin Public Health Association), Jackie Dedrick (Aurora Health Care), Gina Graham (Aurora Health Care), Helene Nelson, Trina Salm Ward (Center for Urban Population Health)

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Announcements

Joint OAC/MERC strategic planning meeting, November 17
Smith reported that a joint strategic planning meeting of the OAC and the Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) is scheduled on Wednesday, November 17, Noon-4:00pm, at the Fluno Center. The agenda for this meeting is under development and will be shared with OAC in October.

UW System Board of Regents meeting, August 19
Dean Golden will present an overview of the 2009 Annual Report at the Board of Regents meeting on August 19. The overview will include an update related to the Legislative Audit Bureau audit report. The Regents will also consider Pat Remington’s appointment to the OAC to fill David Kindig’s unexpired term.

OAC membership terms ending October, 2010
The following five OAC membership terms end in October 2010: Val Gilchrist and Susan Goelzer as UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) appointees; Katherine Marks and Doug Mormann as health advocate appointees; and Meg Gaines as the Insurance Commissioner’s appointee. Goelzer, Marks and Mormann have indicated their willingness and interest in continuing to serve on OAC. Their nominations will be forwarded by Dean Golden for consideration by the Board of Regents in October. Val Gilchrist is reviewing her availability to continue her membership. The Insurance Commissioner has been notified of Meg Gaines’ expiring term.
3. Decision on draft minutes

July 21, 2010 OAC
Mormann seconded a motion by Gilchrist to approve the draft July 21, 2010 OAC minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

July 21, 2010 and July 28, 2010 OAC Notice of Intent Review Subcommittee
Nycz seconded a motion by Mormann to accept the draft July 21 and July 28, 2010 Notice of Intent Review Subcommittee minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Report on August 9, 2010 Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. meeting on Legislative Audit Bureau audit report

Smith provided an overview of the August 9 Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) meeting for those who were not able to attend. WUHF met with the UW SMPH and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) to discuss, and to further clarify as necessary, the schools’ written responses to specific questions raised by WUHF following the July 15 meeting. The Insurance Commissioner also attended the meeting and spoke briefly indicating his interest in participating in further discussions. There was also a presentation by Rachel Curran-Sheehan from the Department of Health Services on new funding opportunities made available through federal health care reform. At the conclusion of the meeting, both schools were asked to present additional information to the WUHF Board. Smith asked those in attendance to share their perspectives on the meeting.

5. OAC cash flow and financial projections

Mount presented the financial projections for the Wisconsin Partnership Program through July 31, 2010. The projected value of the endowment is $292.2 million with a remaining cash balance of $26.1 million. WPP leadership and staff continue to carefully monitor the value of the endowment given the continued volatility in the financial markets. The Chief Investment Officer for the UW Foundation will present on the UWF investment philosophy and anticipated investment income at the joint OAC/MERC meeting in November.

6. Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) report

Nycz reported on the August 9, 2010 MERC meeting. MERC’s conflict of interest policy is being revised to accurately reflect the current practice of requiring members to be absent during discussion and voting. MERC is scheduled to have conference call in September to review and approve the revised policy.

MERC formally accepted a decision made by MERC’s Chair, in consultation with the Chair of the New Investigator Program (NIP) Review Subcommittee and the WPP Director, to extend invitations to four additional top-ranked applicants— for a total of 18. 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.

MERC awarded Ricardo Lloyd, MD, PhD, $168,790 over one year for Development of a Centralized UWSMPH BioBank. The Biobank must reapply to seek funding for a second year. BioBank staff will be developing a long-range business plan, which will be presented to MERC in a few months.

7. Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families report

Farrell reported on the August 11 Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) Steering Committee meeting. The LIHF Steering Committee discussed faculty engagement, specifically efforts to recruit a senior faculty member to take a leadership role for LIHF. The Committee offered feedback and advice on Farrell’s draft presentation for the inaugural Legislative Council Special Committee on infant mortality meeting on September 8. The UW Foundation staff presented on joint LIHF fund development efforts.

Lathen reported on the August 11, 2010 LIHF Evaluation Workgroup and the August 13, 2010 Communications Workgroup meetings. The workgroups respectively focused on specific strategies and tools for evaluation and communications. Both meetings were well-attended with good participation. Lathen noted that there are now regular meetings of the project coordinators from the four communities.

8. 2010 Community-Academic Partnership Fund Notices of Intent: Discussion and decision on applicant organizations to invite to submit full applications*

Goelzer asked members to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest on the 110 Community-Academic Partnership Fund (CAPF) Notices of Intent (NOI) for consideration today as full proposals:

- Gilchrist declared a conflict on ten Development NOI and seven Implementation NOI as Chair of the Department of Family Medicine (DFM) because the identified academic partner is a DFM faculty:
  - Development NOI #: 1758, 1788, 1838, 1871, 1876, 1887, 1891, 1920, 1950, 1961
  - Implementation NOI #: 1779, 1835, 1862, 1879, 1903, 1931, 1955
- Mormann declared a conflict on Development NOI #1847 as a member of the board of the Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center.
- Nycz declared a conflict on Development NOI #1812 as a member of the board of the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association.

Mormann reported that the Notice of Intent Review Subcommittee, made up of OAC members and public health experts, reviewed the 110 NOI’s to determine if each warrants further development as a full application and proposal. For each NOI, the reviewers considered alignment with OAC program priorities, project significance, need and potential impact, strength of evidence-based Intervention, evaluation plans, and collaboration and partnerships.
The OAC Review Subcommittee recommended 12 Implementation and 19 Development NOI’s for further development as full proposals based on these criteria.

Gilchrist left the room for the discussion and vote on the Implementation NOI’s. After discussion, Holmes seconded a motion by Marks to invite the 12 recommended NOI’s to submit full proposals from the Implementation NOI’s ranked list. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

Gilchrist, Mormann, and Nycz left the room for the discussion and vote on the Development NOI’s. After discussion, Gaines seconded a motion by Marks to invite the 19 recommended NOI’s to submit full proposals from the Development NOI’s ranked list. The motion passed with five affirmative votes.

After the vote, Gilchrist, Mormann and Nycz returned to the meeting.

Frey reported that applicants will be notified of their status by the end of this week. Notification will include the reviewers’ comments. Two information session and grant writing workshops will be offered in September for those invited to submit full applications. Gaines requested that in the future consideration should be given to expanding training opportunities for applicants to include information on other funding sources.

9. Discuss revision of OAC Conflict of Interest policy

The Legislative Audit Bureau audit report included a recommendation that the UW SMPH and MCW clarify their respective conflict of interest policies. The OAC and MERC policies must be revised to accurately reflect the current practice of requiring members to be absent during discussion and voting. Nycz noted that the revised policy must not interfere with OAC members’ stewardship responsibilities. There was general agreement by OAC to include a statement of commitment to the WPP mission and vision. And, that the OAC and MERC policies need not be identical, but should not be contradictory or apply different standards for OAC and MERC members. Remington noted the importance of maintaining a quorum when conflicts are declared.

Goelzer reported that WPP leadership and staff will work with UW Legal Counsel to revise OAC and MERC’s current policies. Once approved by OAC, the policy will be filed with the Insurance Commissioner, the WUHF and the Board of Regents.

10. Adjourn – Next meeting September 15

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison
Secretary, Valerie Gilchrist