

Minutes

UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Oversight and Advisory Committee 1:00 PM, January 16, 2008 – 4201 HSLC

Members Present: Meg Gaines, Susan Goelzer, David Kindig, Lorraine Lathen, June Martin Perry, Douglas Mormann

Members Absent: Philip Farrell, Michael Fleming, Gregory Nycz

Staff: Cathy Frey, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Karla Thompson, Eileen Smith

1. Call the meeting to order

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

2. Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) Update

Paul DeLuca provided a quarterly report on MERC activities. MERC recently released the 2007-08 Collaborative Health Sciences Program RFP, which was revised to emphasize collaboration across the traditional boundaries. The maximum award was increased to \$500,000 over three years. In addition, MERC developed a more thorough two-step review process whereby applicants are required to submit preliminary applications and must be invited by MERC to submit full applications. MERC will interview finalists in July and make the final determination of awards in August.

MERC recently awarded the following grants:

Engineering Effective Interventions for Tobacco Use: A Translational Laboratory. This award provides matching funds for a center grant proposal to the National Institutes on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and leverages other matching funds from the Chancellor's Office, UW Comprehensive Cancer Center, Department of Medicine, and the School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).

Wisconsin Center for Infectious Disease (WisCID). This award provides funding to create a center that will promote research and training in microbiology and infectious disease. The center will translate discoveries into strategies to solve the problem of antibiotic resistance, harness immunity and new vaccines, define the beneficial roles of microbes, and stem state and global patterns of infectious disease.

Development of a Centralized UW Comprehensive Cancer Center Biobank. This award provides pilot funding to expand the biobank which currently collects tissues from cancer patients to allow collection of samples from other disease types.

To ensure MERC membership input and participation in the development of the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan, the Committee established three Strategic Plan Subcommittees – Research,

Education, and Service/Outreach. The “Strategic Retreat Overview and Outcomes” document, which summarizes the MERC strategic planning retreat, provides the framework for the subcommittee discussions. Each Subcommittee will develop a final report and rationale explaining its recommendations, which will be discussed by MERC in March, 2008.

3. Approval of minutes

Mormann moved approval of the draft December 14, 2007 OAC Executive Committee minutes. Martin Perry seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mormann moved approval of the draft December 19, 2007 OAC minutes. Martin Perry seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Announcements

Smith reported that the Wisconsin Partnership Program is recruiting a Program Officer and a Senior Public Relations Specialist. It is expected that both positions will be filled in March or April.

Smith announced that the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) recently released their 2006-07 annual report. The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2007 annual report will be developed in partnership with the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Public Affairs office. An overview of the report will be presented to OAC in March.

Smith announced that the Board of Regents appointed Roger Axtell as the new liaison to the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Mr. Axtell is an emeritus regent who served on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents for seven years beginning in 1999.

5. Five-Year Plan 2009-2014

Goelzer reported that the February OAC meeting will be dedicated to strategic planning for the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan. The February 20 OAC meeting will be from noon-5pm. OAC will discuss the current five year plan, OAC’s current funding commitments, recommendations from the February 2007 OAC strategic planning retreat, MERC’s strategic planning, and the WPP evaluation.

Frey provided an overview of the timeline and framework for participation by the SMPH faculty and staff, and the public to inform MERC and OAC in the writing of the next five year plan. There will be in-depth interviews of internal and external stakeholders, a general public web survey, community forums, and focus groups.

Gaines recommended discussing the fund reserves at a future meeting.

6. Progress Report Presentation on *Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State*

Pat Remington, MD, MPH, Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences, presented a progress report on *Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State*. The following documents were distributed:

- *Health of Wisconsin Report Card*, July 2007
- *Opportunities to Make Wisconsin the Healthiest State*, Draft, January 2008

Smith recommended that Remington present an update on this project at the next joint meeting of the OAC and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Consortium since the information will be useful to both programs as they develop their next five year plans. Goelzer added that the program is an important instrument in the evaluation of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Mormann emphasized the importance of the project in informing the general public and policy makers.

7. OAC Special Initiative on Birth Outcomes Wingspread Conference

Frey reported that Dick Aronson's, MD, MPH, report assessing the effectiveness of current and innovative state, national and global strategies addressing disparities in birth outcomes is expected in February. The Special Initiative Subcommittee will discuss the report in February and Dr. Aronson will present the report at the OAC meeting in March.

In order to begin a dialogue with and to gather partners to identify the important next steps related to OAC's special initiative, Frey reported that a proposal was submitted to the Johnson Foundation for a conference sponsored by the SMPH and the Johnson Foundation on strategies to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes in Wisconsin. The proposed conference will be held at the Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, WI on May 22-23, 2008 and will bring together representatives from multiple community and state entities to stimulate a collaborative commitment towards reducing racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes in Wisconsin. Dick Aronson's report will provide the basis for the discussion.

The conference will bring together a limited number of invited representatives from the SMPH, the Wisconsin DHFS, state and local leaders, community representatives, national experts, researchers, health care provider organizations and local foundations. Frey has been working with staff at the Johnson Foundation.

Goelzer reported that the Executive Committee discussed a new initiative proposed by Greg Nycz regarding oral health and fluoridation. The Executive Committee recommended that staff draft a policy on a process for consideration of special initiatives proposed by OAC members. The process will be similar to the approach taken with the special initiative on birth outcomes.

8. Discuss Community-Academic Partnership Fund

Healthiest WI 2020: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health and Safety of the Public

Frey reported that OAC's vote on the Community-Academic Partnership Program development grant proposal, *Healthiest WI 2020: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health and Safety of the Public*, on December 19, 2007 was invalid because it did not meet the requirements of the Insurance Commissioner's Order Section 2(7)(b) which requires an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of OAC. The proposal will be considered at the February OAC meeting.

2007 grant awards and process

The committee debriefed on the 2007 Community-Academic Partnership Fund grant awards and process and made the following recommendations:

- Revise the process of reviewing proposals that are resubmissions or continuations of projects awarded in prior years. The review must include an evaluation of the final report on the initial grant. Such projects could be submitted as part of a separate grant category.
- Reduce the redundancy between the external review and the OAC review. Expert panels of reviewers should give OAC more guidance so that the committee can focus on strategic issues in making award decisions.
- Develop community-academic partnerships through new or existing SMPH Centers to promote research partnerships that involve community organizations.
- Consider the role of the Institute of Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) program on community-academic partnerships.
- Discuss how to handle conflicts of interest on OAC.
- Have regular presentations from academic partners so OAC knows more about the dynamics of being a partner.
- Publicize the grant awards more widely.

The Community-Academic Partnership Fund will be discussed further at the February OAC meeting.

Sustainability grants

At the OAC strategic planning meeting in 2007, OAC proposed developing a sustainability grant category for the Community-Academic Partnership Fund with the primary purpose being the sustainability of successful programs that offer promise of permanent institutional or community changes in health policy or practice. Frey indicated that many of the 2004 implementation grantees are interested in applying for such grants. She presented an initial proposal outlining the program's purpose, eligibility, timing, requirements, funding criteria, and review process. There was support by OAC for developing this grant category with the understanding that it will take some time to develop because of the complexity of a number of issues related to the purpose and objectives of such a category.

9. Next meeting – February 20, 2008

The February 20 OAC meeting will focus on strategic planning for the 2009-2014 Five-Year Plan.

10. Adjourn

Goelzer adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison