

## Minutes

### UW Medical School Oversight and Advisory Committee

8:00AM, September 29, 2005 – 4201 HSLC

Members Present: Philip Farrell, Meg Gaines, Susan Goelzer, Nancy Miller-Korth (phone), Doug Mormann, Pat Remington, Sue Riesch

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

Guests: Pat Boyle, John Dowling, Amy Lemke

#### 1. Call meeting to order

Philip Farrell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

#### 2. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g) - "Conferring with legal counsel ... with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved." The meeting will reconvene into open session.

Mormann introduced a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) so the OAC could confer with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which the OAC is likely to become involved. He confirmed that the meeting will reconvene into open session. Riesch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. After discussion in closed session, Mormann moved that the meeting reconvene into open session. Riesch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Farrell confirmed that no action was taken in closed session.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2005 and September 16, 2005

Mormann moved approval of the draft minutes of August 31, 2005. The motion passed unanimously. There was no discussion of the September 16, 2005 minutes.

#### 4. Announcements

Farrell announced that although no letter was received from the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. (WUHF) regarding approval of the 2004 Annual Report, Smith received confirmation from Chuck Henderson that there was a successful review. \$56M, or 1/3, of the restricted funds were transferred into the endowed account.

Farrell announced that three OAC members, Greg Nycz, Meg Gaines, and Susan Goelzer will participate as panel members at *The Transformation of Health Care and the Role of the University* conference on November 17-18. He encouraged the remaining members to attend as guests.

Farrell announced that Margaret MacLeod Brahm, the urban and community health advocate appointee, had resigned effective immediately. He requested the nominating subcommittee fill the vacant position as soon as possible. He hopes the nominee, like Brahm, represents Southeastern Wisconsin.

Farrell proposed canceling the October 26 meeting since staff will be reviewing and evaluating Community-Academic Partnership Fund and Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC) New Investigator Program grant applications. There were no objections.

## **5. UW Medical School proposed name change update**

Farrell reported that opposition had developed recently with regard to the proposed name change of the UW Medical School to the School of Medicine and Public Health. The name change will be discussed by the full UW System Board of Regents on October 6 and 7. Farrell encouraged OAC members to attend. Members expressed strong support for the name change.

Miller-Korth wondered about accreditation for an integrated School of Medicine and Public Health. Farrell confirmed that the Council on Education for Public Health, the agency which accredits schools of public health, has a strong preference for independent schools of public health. Farrell reaffirmed that the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) as well as the Institute of Medicine have supported models of integration. Remington stressed that accreditation can be sought programs as well as schools. He reported that accreditation is being sought for the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program.

## **6. Nominating Committee Report**

Miller-Korth reported that when filling a vacant health advocate position, the OAC Nominating Committee is to be made up of the remaining public health advocate appointees as well as the Insurance Commissioner's appointee. Nycz, Mormann, Miller-Korth, and Gaines had a teleconference last week to discuss the process of filling Margaret MacLeod Brahm's position. It was decided that there would be a month-long call for nominations for advocates representing women, children, or senior citizens as well as a non-profit or local governmental community health organization other than a rural community health organization. The call will be posted on the Wisconsin Partnership Program website and sent to an extensive email list. Nominations are being sought from Wisconsin-based organizations that have operated for at least five years. The nominating committee will also review the list of public health advocate nominees from when the OAC was being formed. The call for nominations will be sent to organizations that submitted those nominations.

Staff will conduct an initial review of the nominations to ensure that nominees meet the aforementioned criteria. Nominating committee members will interview the best candidates. Since the Board of Regents requires that OAC submit three nominees, the nominating committee will make a recommendation to OAC of the three best nominees. The committee hopes to present the nominations to the Board of Regents in February 2006.

## **7. UW Master of Public Health Program – Presentation**

Farrell asked Amy Lemke to give an update on the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program. Lemke reported that the MPH Program is a 42-credit program with core courses in biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health services, health services administration, and social and behavioral sciences, among others. Courses are centered around five core concepts: prevention of epidemics and the spread of disease, protection from environmental hazards, prevention from injury, promotion and encouragement of healthy behaviors, response to disasters and assistance to communicate in recovery, and assuring the quality and accessibility of health services. The first class is made up of 29 students, 18 full-time and 11 part-time, from diverse disciplines. Future goals include increasing the recruitment of diverse and underrepresented populations, identifying financial aid and scholarship opportunities, seeking accreditation, and developing distance education opportunities. Farrell emphasized the importance of offering scholarships since medical student debt is so high. He reported that the Medical School received a commitment from the Gwen Shapiro Foundation to support two dual-degree students.

## **8. Financial status report**

Mount gave an overview of administrative and program expenditures to date as well as a summary of expenditures by the 20 planning and 13 implementation grantees. Members expressed concern that although many grants are near their end dates, many grantees have not spent significant portions of their budgets. Frey stressed that expenditures by grantees do not necessarily reflect programmatic activity due to invoicing delays.

Mount also discussed the budget forecast through 2008. Members deferred discussion of moving funds currently earmarked for the Center for Urban Population Health (CUPH) and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) from the Community-Population Health Initiatives component to the Community-Academic Partnership Fund component.

## **9. Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC)**

Goelzer gave an update on discussions at last week's MERC meeting. Members decided that Strategic Initiative Allocation proposals must be formally submitted using an application form. Goelzer was impressed by the progress report presented by David Kindig on his Strategic Initiative Allocation award, *Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State*. Susan Skochelak is expected to provide such an update next month. There were implementation grant presentations by Rick Moss on the *Human Proteomics Program*, Javier Nieto on the *Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW)*, and Howard Bailey on the *Wisconsin Network for Health Research (WiNHR)*. Goelzer reported that the proposals were very impressive, but that members were concerned about the magnitude of the budget requests. The proposals will be thoroughly discussed in October.

## **10. PHET Subcommittee Report**

Morman reported that the Public Health Education and Training (PHET) Subcommittee recommends that OAC support the *Community-Population Health Practice Fellowship* and the

*Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute* proposals, which will be discussed next. He added that the PHET Continuing Education Workgroup is developing a revised proposal for Continuing Education Programs through Statewide/Regional Conferences using innovative continuing education models.

### **11. Population Health Fellowship Proposal**

Remington gave an overview of the *Community-Based Population Health Practice Fellowships* proposal. The proposal requests funding for the second year of the Fellowship Program. There are currently four fellows placed with the following host agencies: American Cancer Society, Bureau of Health Information and Planning, La Crosse County Health Department, and the Milwaukee Health Department. Although one Fellow was placed with the American Cancer Society, she is located at the Milwaukee Health Department with another Fellow. An additional fellow, who is replacing a fellow who resigned, will begin in May of 2005. Remington emphasized that the host agencies have been very impressed with work completed by the fellows. Riesch moved approval of the *Community-Based Population Health Practice Fellowships* proposal and budget. The motion was seconded by Goelzer and passed with five affirmative votes. Mormann and Remington abstained.

### **12. Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute Proposal**

Remington reported that a planning committee developed the *Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute* proposal, which proposes a single entity Leadership Institute that will be co-supported and co-directed by the UW Medical School and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). The proposal requests funding for three years that will support continued development and implementation of the following programs: Community Health Improvement Team Program, Lifelong Learning and Mentoring Program, and Health Policy and Forums Program. The proposal incorporated OAC's feedback by including scholarship opportunities, criteria to ensure diversity on the Community Health Improvement Teams, and a detailed explanation of the proposed program and financial support requested from each school. The MCW Consortium and Board of Trustees have approved the proposal as well as the budget request from MCW.

Remington explained that the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute is unique because it is community-based and focuses on the broad public health workforce. He clarified that each member of the Community Health Improvement Teams will pay tuition of \$5,000. Team scholarships will be offered each year. Remington confirmed that there was a numbering error under Objectives on page four which would be corrected. Mormann moved approval of the *Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute* proposal and budget. Riesch seconded and the motion passed with six affirmative votes. Remington abstained.

### **13. Community Academic Partnership Fund**

Frey reviewed the timetable for the 2005 grant review process. She reported that up to 200 Community-Academic Partnership Fund proposals are expected on or before the October 15 deadline. The following week, staff will conduct a technical review of the proposals. During November, external reviewers will score and comment on assigned proposals. OAC members

will review the highest ranking proposals in early December. Finally, OAC will meet, in open session, on December 22 to discuss the proposals and make award decisions. Awards will be announced before the end of the year.

Frey reported that a pre-conference grantee meeting is scheduled before *The Transformation of Health Care and the Role of the University* conference on Thursday, November 17. The meeting is designed to provide grantees an opportunity to meet and share their experiences over the past year. There will be emphasis placed on the goals of The Wisconsin Partnership Program as part of a larger initiative to improve health in Wisconsin. Feedback from the grantees will be used to evaluate the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Ellen Taylor-Powell, an evaluation specialist with UW Extension, will give the keynote presentation on developing evaluation techniques.

#### **14. Next Meeting Topics**

The next OAC meeting will take place on November 22. The agenda will include discussion of the following topics: distribution of funds overseen by OAC, UW Medical School name change, and Wisconsin Partnership Program evaluation process.

#### **15. Adjourn**

Farrell adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Recorder, Tonya Paulson

Secretary, Doug Mormann