

## **Draft Minutes**

### **UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee Public Health Education and Training Subcommittee (PHET) 10:00AM, October 19, 2006, 3330 Health Sciences Learning Center**

Members Present: Barb Duerst, Jan Klawitter, Lorraine Lathen, Douglas Mormann, Pat Remington, Lora Taylor

Members Absent: Moira Lafayette, George Mejicano, Pa Vang

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

Guests: David Ahrens, Marion Ceraso, Gary Gilmore, Peter Layde, Nancy McKenney, Peggy Ore, Linda Pittz, Nancy Sugden

#### **1. Call meeting to order**

Mormann called the meeting to order at 10:10am. He asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

#### **2. Announcements**

Mormann introduced discussion of PHET's membership. Remington will no longer serve as an OAC representative on PHET since his term on OAC expires at the end of October. OAC will appoint his replacement. In addition, Duerst has resigned due to her new role as director of the MPH Program.

Mormann requested that members contact Frey about their interest in continuing to serve on the subcommittee and about nominating possible candidates to fill the vacancy. Frey will forward recommendations to the OAC for consideration. There will also be a public call for nominations. In January, PHET will discuss expanding its membership. Remington recommended including a representative from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). In addition, Klawitter suggested a rural representative. A representative from the Division of Public Health is also sought, a position formerly held by Moira Lafayette.

Mormann distributed the 2007 meeting schedule. The subcommittee will meet quarterly starting in January.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2006**

Mormann asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of July 20, 2006. Since none were suggested, Remington moved approval of the minutes. Taylor seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **4. PHET Roundtable dialog with invited guests**

Mormann initiated the roundtable dialog by asking invited guests to address how the organizations for which they work are assessing and meeting the needs of Wisconsin's public health workforce.

##### ***Gary Gilmore, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and University of Wisconsin-Extension***

UW-La Crosse and UW-Extension include community health education as part of their missions. UW-La Crosse offers three community health education degree programs: Bachelor of Science, Master of Public Health, and Master of Science. Up to 25 are admitted to the master programs each year.

Gilmore participates on several regional and national committees aimed at assessing and meeting the needs of the public health workforce. He is confident that there are opportunities for regional organizations, including the Wisconsin Public Health Council and the Education and Training Advisory Committee (EdTRAC), to collaborate with PHET since the programs have similar goals.

##### ***Lora Taylor, Partnerships for Healthy Milwaukee, UW-Milwaukee College of Health Sciences***

UW-Milwaukee is collaborating with Mayor Barrett and UW System in the development of an accredited school of public health at UW-Milwaukee. The planning report will be released to the public soon. Taylor is confident the comprehensive report will identify future opportunities for collaboration.

Partnerships for Healthy Milwaukee is a public health consortium comprised of diverse leadership with a mission to connect resources and to assure access to quality health services and information. The organization, in collaboration with the School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Office of Continuing Professional Development in Medicine and Public Health, is sponsoring Milwaukee's third urban health forum in November. Participants will learn effective methods to communicate meaningful public health messages and to employ evidence-based practices in "real world" settings.

Taylor is a preceptor for the Population Health Sciences Program.

##### ***Peter Layde, Medical College of Wisconsin***

MCW offers a Master of Public Health and is currently developing a PhD program in public and community health. Recent changes to the MPH program include: expanding admission to include public health professionals, changing the curriculum to include more courses and electives, and incorporating the latest learning technologies.

MCW collaborates with the SMPH on the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute (HWLI). MCW leads the Health Policy Program, which provides community groups and individuals the opportunity to learn about policy and how they can successfully impact policy at a local, regional or state level. The Health Policy Program has two components: distance-based modules with

learning materials, suggested readings, and suggested links for information, and a day long health policy workshop.

***Nancy Sugden, Wisconsin AHEC System, UW School of Medicine and Public Health***

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program was established by Congress to assist schools to improve the distribution, diversity, supply and quality of health personnel by encouraging the regionalization of health professions training programs in Wisconsin. The program has established a network of community-based training sites to provide educational services to students, faculty and practitioners in underserved areas, to bring the resources of the academic medical center to the community, and ultimately to improve the delivery of health care in each of its four service areas. AHEC received federal core funding from 1991-99 and is now supported through an allocation in the state budget, smaller federal and private foundation grants and membership and services fees, among others.

***Nancy McKenny, Office of Operations, Division of Public Health***

Workforce development is a high priority for the Division of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Health and Family Services. A major goal is to maintain a workforce that is representative of Wisconsin's population. Guiding documents include the State Health Plan and the core public health competencies. A key role of DPH is training local and state health department personnel. DPH offers TRAIN, an e-learning resource for public health professionals where learners can access public health and health care related training. Partnerships are essential and include: EdTRAC, which is a coalition of education, public health and health professionals convened to ensure a competent workforce, and the Public Health Foundation, a coalition of over 25 states with the mission to improve the public health infrastructure with measurable results.

## **5. Summary Discussion and Next Steps**

Committee members and guests discussed collaboration and promotion of a sufficient and competent workforce. Their discussion is summarized below:

- Collaboration must be mutually beneficial
- Coordination may be more appropriate in some cases than collaboration
- Possibility of using PHET website to share information on public health workforce issues
- Consider communities' assets rather than their needs
- Ensure access to resources for the public health workforce by making them available from a neutral agency, such as WPHA
- OAC should consider using AHEC as a platform for its programs.
- Expand membership of PHET; look for content experts in each of the above organizations; also consider the Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Overlap in elements of education programs is acceptable, so long as it is not wasteful
- Must identify and develop synergy among programs to maximize the Wisconsin Idea
- Need more opportunities to share information and leverage resources

- Consider different needs of different learners, such as advanced dual degree students, high school and undergraduate students, and continuing public health professionals
- Involve the state's technical colleges and UW-Extension
- Develop a central location, or "warehouse," to help the public health workforce find education and training opportunities
- Must agree upon a framework of public health competencies from which to measure progress

## **6. Next meeting topics**

The next meeting will take place on January 17, 2007.

## **7. Adjourn**

Mormann adjourned the meeting at noon.

Recorder, Tonya Paulson