

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY
University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
10:30 AM to 2:00 PM
The Edgewater Hotel, Madison, WI

Members Present: Bevan Baker (call in), Steve Brenton, Pam Galloway, Curt Gielow, Gregory Nycz, Chris Queram, Dick Tillmar, Susan Turney

Staff Present: Tom DeLeire, D. Paul Moberg, Donna Friedsam, Colleen Comeau

Members Absent: Cheryl DeMars, Kurt Eggebrecht, Peggy Rosenzweig, Ayaz Samadani, Greg Simmons, Tim Size

A. Introductions and Review of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM.

B. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

C. Directors' Reports and Discussion

1. Institute Director Search / Organization Update – Tom DeLeire

Tom DeLeire updated the Advisory Board on the selection of Karen Timberlake as the new Director of Population Health Institute.

2. Health Policy – Donna Friedsam

Ms. Friedsam presented an outline of the group's recent products including the *Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus Reform: impact on Low-Income Families' Enrollment and Retention in Public Coverage*, published DHS Reports #1 through #6, published NBER paper titled *Estimates of Crowd-Out from a Public Health Insurance Expansion Using Administrative Data* and Issue Brief on Medicaid/CHIP enrollment. She discussed the work on WHIO data analysis. The health policy group is submitting several grant proposals: to the Partnership Fund, both at the UW and the Medical College of WI, to support its evaluation of the BadgerCare Plus Medical Homes Pilots, and to RWJF to support an analysis of the impact of Medicaid/BadgerCare on labor supply and workforce participation. Mr. Brenton asserted that the latter study is quite important, as his hospital members' report employees declining work hours/additional wages for concern about losing BadgerCare coverage.

Ms. Friedsam also mentioned her group's lead responsibility, under the direction of Dr. DeLeire, for the health policy component of ICTR-CAP. Dr. Jonathan Jaffery will become Principal Investigator of the Evidence-Based Health Policy Project when he returns from his Fellowship in Washington DC.

3. Evaluation Research – D. Paul Moberg

Dr. Moberg discussed the current work of behavioral health programs: SBIRT is continuing with a six-month follow-up of WIPHL patients, SPF-SIG working with DHS and 20 local programs on evaluations, evaluation of statewide Mental Health Services client and programs, and data analysis for NIDA-funded Recovery Schools research. They have submitted a grant in collaboration with Vanderbilt and the University of MI. The health disparity programs' update included work with PI Alex Adams, MD for childhood obesity, evaluation of African American infant mortality, work with the WI tribal communities on reducing infant mortality and improving child. The meeting agenda includes a presentation about his group's current work on various juvenile justice and drug court-related evaluation projects

The Board members engaged in a discussion of the continued funding for the SBIRT program. Medicaid supports some of these programs, and new funding proposals are being submitted. It was not clear at that point whether the Administration would be supporting the continuing request for federal funding.

4. Population Health Assessment & Community Engagement

A brief report was distributed on the PHACE program. In the absence of the Dr. Booske, the group's staff direct, Dr. DeLeire briefly summarized major points. The second national County Health Rankings were released on March 30, 2011. Appreciation was extended to the Advisory Board for assisting with open submissions. This project is funded through April 2012 and a renewal grant will be submitted. In addition to this release, a \$3.7 million grant from RWJ will fund a response to communities to assist them with resources to improve health. An update to the Health of WI Report Card was released which includes new programs and policies and their usefulness. The Community Teams Program is recruiting for the 2011-2012 class. The WI Population Health Fellows Program completed recruitment and funding for six new Fellows. Board members commented on the utility of the What Works database.

D. Research/Policy Portfolio

Presentation: *Drug Courts and Juvenile Justice*
(Kit Van Stelle)

Ms. Van Stelle presented on her research contracts with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The PowerPoint slides are attached.

E. Engaging with the New Administration and Legislature

Presentation and Discussion: *Evidence-Based Health Policy Project*
(Laura Rose, Dick Sweet, Liz Feder)

Ms. Rose, Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Legislative Council, and Mr. Sweet, Senior Staff Attorney with the Council, reported on the ongoing partnership with the Institute under the Evidence-Based Health Policy Project. A new group of legislative advisors was being formed with accommodate changes in the legislature. The project has hired a new La Follette graduate student and is preparing its new programming for fall 2011 and spring 2012. Several Board members expressed appreciation for the Project and the service it delivers.

F. Member Updates and Next Meeting

The date, time and location will be decided by the new Director, Karen Timberlake

Members provided various comments and updates pertaining to the Medicaid funding shortfall, project workforce shortages.

Mr. Gielow announced that the Concordia School of Pharmacy will have a second class of 85 students. The demand for pharmacy education is astounding with 730 applications of which they took 71 students for the first class.

Mr. Tillmar announced that he will be doing a webinar on wellness programs which is a co-branded with the international foundation of employee benefit plans with the independent insurance agents of WI to educate their producers in employee benefits. As well, he was recently elected to a new small business committee at WMC. Dr. Turney noted that WMS has been focusing on health insurance exchange, health information exchange, and a range of regulatory, payment and legal issues.

Mr. Nycz announced that Marshfield is working on another dental center in Rhinelander and Black River Falls in the fall or next spring. They will probably see 40,000 to 45,000 this year for dental care and over 60,000 since they've started which will push to 120,000 a year.