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On April 30, 2014, ACCAHC chair Elizabeth A. Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA will lead a 20-minute discussion with the other roughly 60 members of the IOM Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. Goldblatt was invited to do so through her leadership on the theme of "health, wellness and well-being" in the emerging era of team care. Goldblatt plans to lead into her interactive presentation with a mindfulness exercise then demonstration of the emergence of "creating health" as the necessary direction for health care in recent perspectives of Donald Berwick, MD, and leaders of the Mayo Clinic and the American Hospital Association. This direction is embedded in ACCAHC’S vision and the Center for Optimal Integration: Creating Health initiative.
The critical importance of focusing future health professional education on developing a workforce focused not only on reactivity but also on creating health was the core charge the ACCAHC Board of Directors gave Goldblatt when ACCAHC chose to participate in the Global Forum in January 2012. This invitation is a huge opportunity to move this agenda. Goldblatt has also been involved with other members of the IOM in additional writing projects related to this theme. ACCAHC’s involvement was made possible through support from The Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation.

Additional IOM note: Transdisciplinary Professionalism The final, book version of the report from the May 2013 workshop on Establishing Transdisciplinary Professionalism to Improve Health Outcomes is available here. Goldblatt was a principal in one of the chapters.

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Positive outcomes of the Hecht Foundation grant will be evident in two additional ways at the May 1-2, 2014 IOM Global Forum event called Scaling up Best Practices in Community-based Health Professional Education: A Workshop. ACCAHC called out to the community for examples of community-based education in our fields to feature in a May 1 poster session and a May 2 presentation. Robb Russell, DC, the director of the Centers of Excellence at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS) suggested his institution’s integrative program at Venice Family Clinic. Two acupuncture schools are also involved, Yo San and Emperor's.

ACCAHC's John Weeks linked Russell to Nick De Groot, ND, dean of naturopathic medicine at Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM) regarding a community program in a local hospital on which he and Clinical Working Group member Mitchell Zeifman, BSc, ND recently provided an ACCAHC webinar. Both the presentation and poster were accepted by the IOM this month. SCUHS is flying Russell out to make the oral and poster presentation which will feature the Venice Family Clinic collaboration, the CCNM hospital affiliation and some data from the 2005 Survey on Inter-institutional and Interprofessional Relationships of ACCAHC Schools and CAHCIM Programs. Myles Spar, MD, MPH, from the Venice Family Clinic, is also collaborating on the content. Thanks to Russell for stepping up!

Additional IOM note: global programs Thanks to those who responded to the query regarding the international relationships of some of our schools for the IOM Global Forum survey on this topic. More next issue.

Board Begins Strategic Planning Process toward June 22-23, 2014 Retreat

The ACCAHC Board of Directors has begun a strategic planning process that will lead up to a June 22-23, 2014 retreat at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS). The Board has retained the services of Martha Menard, PhD, CMT for two survey processes - one via phone with a selection on members of the Board, staff, working group members and members of the Council of Advisers. The other will be via Survey Monkey to all on the Collaborator list. (Stay tuned.) As part of the project, but under separate contract, Menard will provide briefing papers and what it will take for ACCAHC to develop courses in two identified priority - but unfunded - areas: leadership in integrative health values; and competencies for practice in integrated environments. ACCAHC chair Liza Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA is taking the lead in working with Menard on the process.

Getting in the Game: ACCAHC Poster Accepted for American Association of Medical Colleges Workforce Conference, May 1, 2014

Last month, the Collaborator featured the ACCAHC invitation to present in a plenary May 2, 2014 at the American Association of Medical Colleges' 10th Annual Healthcare Workforce Research Conference - Finding the Right Fit: The Workforce Needed to Support the ACA. This month, we have the good news that we have also had a poster accepted for delivery on May 1. The poster will report out the findings of the Primary
Care Project white paper. Via support from the NCMIC Foundation, the ACCAHC disciplines will have significant presence with a booth, the plenary, this poster and hard copies of the white paper for all attendees. Jennifer Olejownik, PhD, MS, project manager for the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim, will join John Weeks at the meeting.

**Greg Cramer, PhD, DC to Step Down from Roles on Board, Exec, Research Working Group Chair**

One of ACCAHC’s most stalwart contributors, Greg Cramer, DC, PhD, has chosen to step down from three key roles with ACCAHC: Member, Board of Director; Member, Executive Committee; and Co-Chair, Research Working Group (RWG). His reasons are an interest in focusing squarely on his research work, the research department at ACCAHC Gold Level Center for Optimal Integration: Creating Health investor National University of Health Sciences, which he directs, and on the institution’s own mission. Greg has indicated an interest in staying on the RWG.

Greg has been a tremendous contributor to ACCAHC. He led the team that represented us to the NIH NCCAM in early 2011 - after leading our internal processes in responding to (and successfully changing) language in the 2011-2015 strategic plan. (See ACCAHC - NCCAM Correspondence 2009-2011.) Also in his term, we began a series of top-level presentations to the RWG, including Joseph Selby, MD, MPH, CEO of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). PCORI subsequently directly invited us to send a representative to one of their advisory panels. Greg’s leadership will be missed - AND we are happy that he plans to stay involved with the RWG. Greg, thanks for everything! We wish you the best with your re-focused efforts at NUHS.

**Welcome Dale Healey, DC, as the New Co-Chair of the Education Working Group**

ACCAHC is pleased to welcome Dale Healey, DC, as the new co-chair of the ACCAHC Education Working Group. Healey is a long-time participant in the Clinical Working Group, and a member of the ACCAHC Board of Directors nominated through the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation. Healey oversees the massage therapy program at Northwestern Health Sciences University, a president’s level Individual College member of ACCAHC, as part of his role as dean of the College of Undergraduate Health Sciences there. Dale takes a spot vacated by Jan Schwartz, MA, who remains on the working group. ACCAHC’s working group co-chairs are among the organization’s top volunteers, steering the work of interprofessional teams in multiple projects.

**Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activities**

ACCAHC has published a media release entitled Second Edition Acclaimed Text to Support Interprofessional Teams Via Integrative Medicine and Health Published on the new Clinicians’ and Educators’ Desk Reference on the Licensed Complementary and Alternative Healthcare Professions ... Deborah Hill, MS, project manager for the Project to Enhance Research Literacy (PERL) has been asked by Cyndy Long, PhD of individual college member Palmer College to be a co-investigator for the "Process of Integrating Evidence (PIE) for CAM Educators" conference to be held on the Palmer College of Chiropractic campus in Davenport, IA, July 9-11, 2015 ... At Long’s request, ACCAHC submitted a strong letter to support a grant request to NIH NCCAM to support the meeting ...
Thanks to an invitation from Council of Advisers Member Lori Knutson, RN, BC-HN, the ACCAHC Ambassador to the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education (NCIPE), Michael Wiles, DC, MEd, vice president and provost at ACCAHC president's level member Northwestern Health Sciences University, will be connecting with Knutson and her work with a team working on interprofessional teams for mental health issues for NCIPE ... Joe Brimhall, DC, the corresponding author for the ACCAHC paper in Explore entitled Competencies for Public Health and Interprofessional Education (IPE) in Accreditation Standards of CAM Disciplines shares that it has been opened or downloaded 219 times since publication last year ...

ACCAHC supported Lauren Muser Cates, CMT, the founding director of ACCAHC associate member Society for Oncology Massage, by pointing her to content on the Other Resources page for her keynote presentation taking place in June at the Oncology Massage Training Conference in Canberra, Australia entitled "Opening the Door to Integrative Healthcare" ... Council of Advisers member Ben Kligler, MD, MPH has sent along two excellent studies that will the useful for the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA) ... Special thanks to Whitney Lowe, CMT, Jan Schwartz, MA, BCMBT and Jerrilyn Cambron, DC, MPH, PhD, LMT for collaborative efforts to host PERL materials for display during the upcoming Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals 2014 Schools Issues Forum April 24-26 in Boulder CO ...

**Brief Notes on Activities of ACCAHC Participants and Member Organizations**

A new Consortium of Evidence Informed Practice Educators named Ron LeFebre, DC from ACCAHC president's level member University of Western States as its executive director. The Consortium is presently only open to chiropractic educators ... The program on "Multidisciplinary Healing Circles" that Meg Jordan, PhD, the director of the ACCAHC associate member California Institute for Integral Studies will provide at Sustaining Investor Bastyr University was featured in this March 2014 newsletter from the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education ...

Former Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services deputy director for strategic planning Karen Milgate, a member of the advisory team to the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA), will be speaking at the 6th annual Integrative Healthcare Conference in Asheville, North Carolina and including PIHTA content ... New Associate Member at the $500 level is Tucson-based Michael Austin, DC, developer of "Autonomic Body Therapy" which he calls "a synthesis of meridian, mind-body and myo-therapies." He is looking for institutional affiliation for his work for which he is particularly targeting indigenous and traditional communities (see Opportunities, below) ...

**Opportunities and Announcements**

**New**

April 22, 2014 webinar Assessment & Evaluation in IPE: Lessons Learned from a Multi-Methods Study 1 - 2 PM CDT, via the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. Free.

May 13, 2014 A Planning Process to Develop, Implement, and Evaluate Continuing Interprofessional Education (CIE) Programs, via American Interprofessional Healthcare Collaborative. 2-3 CDT.

July 9-11, 2015 conference: Process of Integrating Evidence (PIE) for CAM Educators on the Palmer College of Chiropractic campus in Davenport, IA. Deb Hill, MS and the Project to Enhance Research Literacy are involved. This is for 15 months from now, in 2015.

Opportunity: ACAOM seeks public member The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine is seeking a public member. Information about the opportunity is here. Whom do you know who might fit the bill?

Opportunity: ACCAHC Associate Member Michael Austin, DC seeks institutional affiliation for his Autonomic Body Therapy training, an approach that he calls "a synthesis of meridian, mind-body and myo-therapies." Austin was
educated at NYCC where he began exploring his interest in "frontier medicine" and energy work. He began developing the ABT program in 2006 and teaching it in 2010. His goal is "to introduce ABT to Indigenous Communities across the globe as well as populations that are medically underserved. He currently has contracts with the Pascua Yaqui Nation, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Southern Arizona's Veterans Health Care System. Contact: info@drmichaelaustin.com

Job Opening: AIHM hiring director of certification The American Board of Integrative Holistic Medicine (ABIHM) is transforming into the Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine (AIHM) and is seeking a Director of Certification, a half-time position that can be managed virtually. If interested, check this Linked-in posting.

Opportunity: Australian Research Centre in Complementary and Integrative Medicine (ARCCIM) seeks applications for "the world-first international complementary medicine research leadership scheme to be run over a number of years. "The Program will provide essential mentoring/career development and research capacity building around complementary medicine (CM)." Information here.

Previously Noted


May 1-2, 2014 IOM Community-Based HPE Workshop: The Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education will be webcasting its next workshop on Scaling up Best Practices in Community-based Health Professional Education on May 1-2, 2014. Click here to view the agenda. A special 2-hour session targeting web viewers will take place on May 2 beginning at 8:45 AM ET to highlight examples of community-based educational activities. Click here to register to watch the webcast. Please share this information with colleagues and others who may be interested in the event. ACCAHC has a presentation and a poster, via SCUHS's Robb Russell, DC.

April 30-May 2 American Association of Medical Colleges' 10th Annual Healthcare Workforce Research Conference - Finding the Right Fit: The Workforce Needed to Support the ACA, Washington, D.C. ACCAHC is exhibiting, has a poster, and is part of a plenary panel.


June 6-8, 2014 All Together Better Health. Major interprofessional education and practice conference, Pittsburgh. ACCAHC has two presentations and one poster.

Opportunities previously posted

Job Opening - Research Director at Oregon College of Oriental Medicine OCOM research director and former RWG member Deborah Ackerman, PhD is retiring. She sends information on the position that is available here.

Job Openings - LAc, DC, massage therapist in Aurora Health Care Clinical Working Group member Nancy Conway, MS, shares job opportunities in integrative health group she works for. She has job opportunities for acupuncture therapists here, for massage therapists is here, and for chiropractors here and chiropractic assistants is here. She is sending these opportunities to ACCAHC president Rick Cotroneo, MA, CCH (Cand) at rick@achena.org.

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