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Primary Care Project Advances: NCMIC Foundation Sponsors ACCAHC Participation in AAMC's 10th Annual Healthcare Workforce Research Conference

We're getting in the game, people! On April 30-May 2, 2014, ACCAHC will be actively present among the nation's top gathering of 180-200 workforce researchers and policy makers, at the American Association of Medical College's 10th Annual Healthcare Workforce Research Conference: Finding the Right Fit: The Workforce Needed to Support the ACA. Notably, this is the first of these conferences that will not focus only on the MD/DO workforce. The ACCAHC white paper on Meeting the Nation's Primary Care Needs led to an invite for ACCAHC to present on a plenary panel and have an information table at the event.

Through a $5000 grant from the NCMIC Foundation, ACCAHC is doing all of the above - including making a hard copy of the white paper available to all attendees. This will also be a chance to feature the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA). We have begun working with our members to see if perhaps we might have a larger turnout from our fields to take advantage of this terrific opportunity to become part of the nation's workforce planning. Thanks again to NCMIC Foundation!

What a terrific stroke of luck to have as the principal champion for all of integrative health and medicine - and chiropractic before that - the remarkably courageous U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). Harkin happens to have also chaired the powerful US Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education that whole time. Look at our benefits: Office of Alternative Medicine (1992); NIH NCCAM (1998); White House Commission on CAM Policy (2000); our disciplines in the Affordable Care Act (2010); promotion of broad interpretation of "non-discrimination in healthcare," Section 2706 (now). Where would the integrative health and medicine movement be without him?

After his long career, Harkin is stepping down this year. To honor him, the Samueli Institute, led by ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Wayne Jonas, MD, invited John Weeks to represent ACCAHC as part of a small planning team for a September 29, 2014 event in Washington, D.C. In development is a day or half-day of interactive policy-focused activity followed by the reception to honor Senator Harkin. Make plans to attend! Plan any DC business you have during that week! Consider individually, or as a group, participating in ACCAHC’s commitment to "bundle" at least $10,000 as a sponsorship. Join us in thanking the following organizations that have already made commitments.

$1000
- National College of Natural Medicine, from David Schleich, PhD, president
- Maryland University of Integrative Health from Frank Vitale, CEO
- National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine via CEO Kory-Ward Cook, PhD, MT (ASCP), CAE
- Logan University, via Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD, president
- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine via Paul Mittman, ND, EdD, president
- Oregon College of Oriental Medicine via Michael Gaeta, PhD, president

$500
- Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from Mark McKenzie, LAc, MsOM, CEO
- American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, from Lixin Huang, president, and Carla Wilson, LAc, MA, DAOM, Dean of DAOM Program and Director of Research
- Southern California University of Health Sciences, via John Scaringe, DC, EdD, president
- New York Chiropractic College via Frank Nicchi, DC, MS, president and Karen Bobak, DC, EdD, dean of chiropractic education and individual college nominee to the ACCAHC board
- Northwestern Health Sciences University, via Keith Johnson, DC and Michael Wiles, DC, MEd

In addition, we understand via Bill Meeker, DC, MPH that Palmer College is considering a separate donation, and from Dan Church, PhD that Bastyr University is similarly. The Samueli team commended each of these institutions and organizations for taking the lead in offering their gratitude.

Reworking the ACCAHC Website - Take a Look!

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In recent weeks, ACCAHC office manager Renée Motheral Clugston has been slowly cleaning up and reshaping the ACCAHC homepage and adding to the Core Projects. Here are some changes:

-The home page has our new ADVOCATE-CONVENE-EDUCATE (ACE) brand we are also using on the Center for Optimal Integration: Creating Health site.

-Individual bullets guide readers to: Center for Optimal Integration, Desk Reference-Integrative Health Professions, Primary Care Project, Convening, Competencies for Integrated Practice, and Other Useful Resources. Convening is altogether new.

-Other Useful Resources now takes one to a page with the following choices: ACCAHC in the News, ACCAHC Newsletters 2009-Present, Interprofessional Education/Care (IPE/C) Events and Resources, Publications, Posters, and Presentations, and Recorded Dialogues and Podcasts.

We hope you share pride in these accomplishments. We provide links to 11 publications, 4 posters, and 15 presentations. We are still making changes and are open to your suggestions and potential additions. Please contact Renée at rclugston@accahc.org.

Barb Reece, BS, RN Steps Down from ACCAHC Role

In a letter to colleagues and member of the ACCAHC Board of Directors in early March, special projects lead Barb Reece, RN, BSN shared that a family health issue required her to resign from her role with ACCAHC. She apologized for her "abrupt departure" and added that working with "all of you over the past 20 months has been a growth-full and inspiring experience for me; an example of professional collegiality, opportunism, and volunteerism like I've never witnessed before. It has been an honor to learn from you, and a pleasure to serve you."

Barb, who has filled numerous significant ACCAHC roles, is working closely with ACCAHC staff in the transition. In a note to Reece, ACCAHC chair Liza Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA noted, in part: "On behalf of the entire ACCAHC community, we wish to thank you very profusely for all your tremendous contributions to ACCAHC. You have taken our strategic thinking and approaches to a new and stronger level, and we are most grateful for your work, your time and your thoughtfulness - they have offered tremendous benefit to ACCAHC and our ability to move forward with our mission and vision. We are so sorry to be losing you, yet we completely support you and your family."

Executive director John Weeks adds: "Barb and I recognized each other as from the same values family since we first met 15 years ago at one of David Eisenberg's early meetings at Harvard. She has been the most significant sort of friend, colleague and mentor. We've invited her to come back if a time is again right." Barb began working as a volunteer with ACCAHC two years ago and began to serve as retained staff in June 2012. Her strengths have drawn support for ACCAHC from the Westreich Foundation and the Leo Guthman Fund. She will be missed.

Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activities

The "Inter-Professional Education in Clinical Training of Students" survey that originated in the Clinical Working Group by Anthony Lisi, DC and Beth Rosenthal, PhD, MBA, MPH has been sent to the person responsible for overseeing clinical training at each accredited academic program, college and university for the licensed integrative health and medicine disciplines. Thank you in advance for completing the short survey as soon as you can if it comes to you or forwarding this note to the right person if you are in one of our academic institutions! ... Robb Russell, DC from President's level member Southern California University of Health Sciences
has stepped forward to assist ACCAHC with its application for a short presentation at the May 1-2 Institute of Medicine workshop on health professions education in community settings ... Deborah Hill, MS, project manager for the Project to Enhance Research Literacy (PERL) will attend the San Antonio meeting of core member Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine May 6-8 to introduce these educators to the value of work on the PERL site ...

A participant in the American Medical Student Association's integrative medicine study group, Pooja Shankar, PhD, will be an intern with ACCAHC this summer, with her work to focus on the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim. She is a former student in the Georgetown University MS in CAM program co-founded by Council of Aditi of Adi Haramatati, PhD. ACCAHC provided a massage-focused report on activities for the March 2014 meeting of the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA). Let us know if your organization would like a report ... ACCAHC teams have submitted four ideas for the Journal of Interprofessional Care special issue on integrative medicine co-edited by EWG co-chair Michael Wiles, DC, MEd ...

Following a query sent via ACCAHC to the Certification and Testing Special Interest Group (CT SPIG) members regarding a need of emerging professions member Council on Homeopathic Certification, CT SPIG Chair Kory Ward Cook, PhD, MT (ASCP), CAE, CEO of core member National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, assisted with helpful information relative to document retention. David Sale, JD, executive director of the Council of Colleges for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine also assisted. Good to see our relationships with our Emerging Professions organizations functioning! Thank you two ... Through an invite from the Samuels Foundation, John Weeks participated in the Grantmakers in Health conference in Atlanta March 5-7, 2014, where he learned a good deal and made some connections. Council of Advisers members Wayne Jonas, MD and Ben Kligler, MD, MPH each mentioned ACCAHC during presentations ... ACCAHC assisted core member organization Midwifery Education Accreditation Council with connection to a key IOM figure as a possible speaker at an upcoming midwifery conference ...

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

The president of sustaining investor Bastyr University, Daniel Church, PhD, has announced that he will retire in June 2015. Church has been very supportive of ACCAHC, making it the academic institution with the second highest level of financial investment ... Speaking of Bastyr University, its Center for Natural Health, was ranked among the leaders in primary care in patient satisfaction across the Puget Sound region according to the Washington Health Alliance's Your Voice Matters: Patient Experience with Primary Care Providers in the Puget Sound Region. The report will be useful in ACCAHC’s PIHTA initiative ...

On February 10, 2014, President's level individual college member Maryland University of Integrative Health brought together prominent thought leaders in integrative health and hosted "HEALTH CARE: Critical Questions. Integrative Answers." Clips from the event are here... Clinical Working Group (CWG) member Jennifer Johnson, ND is leaving her faculty position at University of Bridgeport to start as associate dean for clinical affairs at Bastyr University as of April 1st... President's level individual college member New York Chiropractic College was named the American Chiropractic Association's Chiropractic College of the Year for 2014. In addition, sometimes ACCAHC participant Renee M. DeVries, DC, from the Northwestern Health Sciences University received the Academic of the Year Award from the American Chiropractic Association ...

Education Working Group member Tabatha Parker, ND, formerly with Bastyr San Diego, is taking a new position of director of education at the new Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine ... Emerging professions member Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education in North America (ACHENA) announced the release of Accreditation Standards for the Doctoral Degree in Homeopathy ... Individual college member Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine received the 2014 Business Excellence Award from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce at the Breakfast for Chamber Champions on Feb. 28 ... Meg Jordan, PhD, RN, CWP of associate member California Institute for Integral Studies reports that the National Consortium for Credentialing Health & Wellness Coaches is...
engaging a Job Task Analysis for the emerging field ... Eugene London, DAOM, LAc is the new president of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. He is faculty at American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, an individual college member ...

Opportunities and Announcements

New

April 17, 2014 webinar "Creating Exceptional Interprofessional Teaching and Learning in Clinical Settings: A The University of Toronto Journey", American Interprofessional Health Collaborative, 1:30-2:30 PM CT

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 is applying to present.

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

Resource Health Care Systems and Delivery: A Team-Based Learning Module on the United States Health Care System, MEDEd Portal, American Association of Medical Colleges. Module teaches about health care systems and delivery in the United States. Learners will define medical errors, describe the challenges creating a primary care workforce, analyze different hospital systems, and examine different governmental and non-governmental health care delivery systems.

Resource A good review of the current, conflicting news on the state of interprofessional education and patient centered medical homes is in this blog from Barbara Brandt, PhD, head of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. ACCAHC Council of Advisers member John Gilbert, PhD is referenced.

Previously Noted

Homeopathy Accreditation Group ACHENA Calls for Commissioners ACCAHC Emerging Professions member, the Accreditation Commission For Homeopathic Education in North America (ACHENA) is seeking to strengthen and expand its work through an open solicitation for prospective commissioners for the organization. Details are laid out in this Call for Commissioners. ACHENA is staging its work toward US Department of Education approval. Queries can be addressed to ACHENA president Rick Cotroneo, MA, CCH (Cand) at rick@achena.org.

April 15 call for Speakers IM4US The 2014 Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US) Conference has opened its call for speakers. Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, September 5-7 at ACCAHC Individual College member National College of Natural Medicine.


Opportunities

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
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