Hello All - The 2014 year closes with much excitement. Now, more than ever, our envisioned collaboration between our organizations and new philanthropic investors is coming to pass. Attendees of the ACCAHC Membership Meeting (see below) saw what we are beginning to shape with the substantial investments of The Westreich Foundation, The Leo S. Guthman Fund, and The Lia Fund this past year. This month we have seen significant renewed, substantial commitments, from Westreich and Guthman plus an altogether new source, The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation. We hope you share our excitement - and sense of responsibility - for what we will be able to accomplish in the year ahead! Best to each of you during the holidays and into the new year.

- John Weeks, Executive Director

Note: Opportunities and Announcements are at the bottom of this report.

Exciting Advances for the ACCAHC-Membership/Philanthropic Partnership Business Model!

From the outset, ACCAHC has reflected an unusual partnership. The base membership: 17 Core Member national organizations, now 21 Individual College Members, plus 14 Associate Members drawn to our work. The work was always seen as advancing the health of the public and requiring philanthropic partnerships to realize the values of a whole person, health-focused, team-based system of health creation ACCAHC is promoting. We were pleased to announce at the December 4, 2013 ACCAHC Membership Meeting some exciting advances in this partnership as we enter 2014. Join us in celebrating these commitments of our investors in the work you have prioritized.

Westreich Foundation Closes 2011-2013 Commitment with $50,000 and Commits to $100,000 over Three Years for 2014-2016!

The relationship between Ruth Westreich and The Westreich Foundation and ACCAHC began in earnest when she attended the 2011 Biennial Meeting at Bastyr University. She experienced the energy, good will, enthusiasm and mission of our leaders firsthand. She closed that year with a decision to grant us $100,000 over three years. This allowed us to expand staff from one FTE (via 2 part-time) to roughly two (spread among 4 people). Systematic thinking about our future, efforts to create leadership training, and the Center for Optimal Integration began in earnest. The quality guidance of Barb Reece, RN, BS in these areas drew increased interest. The Westreich Foundation upped the earlier contribution by a total of $38,000 in 2013 and 2014 to allow more support for the Center. Then, during a visit on December 11, 2013, Ruth announced a decision to commit to another $100,000 for 2014-2016 - and presented the first third! Our work is empowered. Now to fulfill!
Leo S. Guthman Fund Grants $50,000 for Center Projects Including the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA)

ACCAHC long-time Sustaining Donor, the Leo S. Guthman Fund, surprised us with a tremendous commitment of $50,000 in November. The Fund had learned of our efforts to continue to retain Center for Optimal Integration Resource Development/Outreach lead Deborah Hill, MS through 2014. Additional funds will go toward a Center enhancement that is under consideration. Hill's work focuses first on developing the resource base for the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA), and then convening the communities of interest we are targeting with that project. The Guthman Fund has been a critically important investor in the ACCAHC mission, coming on in 2009 with a $10,000 a year commitment which it has continued through this year. In addition, the Guthman Fund is supporting a special Clinical Working Group project co-led by Anthony Lisi, DC looking into interprofessional clinical experiences of members of the ACCAHC core disciplines. Dialogue with the funder is stimulating intriguing future ideas. More on that in 2014!

Additional Note: Visual Outcomes has contributed part two ($5000) of its March 2013 founding commitment of $10,000 that allowed us to begin creating PIHTA.

The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Grants $30,000 for Convening Phase of the Project to Enhance Research Literacy (PERL)

In what may be a historic first for support by any blue chip, national foundation to a project led by an organization or institution guided by members of the ACCAHC disciplines, The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation has granted ACCAHC $30,000. Macy is the only national foundation dedicated solely to advancing health professional education. It is the national leader in promoting interprofessional practice and education (IPE), including the IOM Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education of which ACCAHC is a member. The Foundation frequently partners with The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Health Resources Services Administration, and others. The grant grew out of relationships developed through ACCAHC's multiple commitments to participation in the national and international IPE movement since 2011. The funds will support the community convening Phase II of the Project to Enhance Research Literacy (PERL). A Macy representative shared that they are pleased to be ACCAHC's "collaborators" on this project.

The Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation Completes $30,000 Commitment to IOM Global Forum

When the ACCAHC Board of directors decided in early 2012 to commit to participation in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education, it did so knowing that the organization would need to come up with $10,000 per year in membership fees to the IOM, plus another $10,000 a year in support - a huge organizational commitment at that time. The good news is that the Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation stepped up with a $30,000 commitment for the dues payments. The payment for 2014 participation has just come in. Besides the outcomes of our work, another fine benefit of this generosity was to provide us the opportunity to develop relationships with Macy personnel that led to the Macy grant, above.

Additional Note: ACCAHC has not adequately thanked our Core Member the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM) for its support of the travel and hotels costs associated with the participation of ACCAHC chair and Global Forum member Elizabeth Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA in 2012-2013. Goldblatt was CCAOM past-president in that term, and CCAOM graciously picked up roughly $4,000 in associated costs over that time.

ACCAHC Annual Membership Meeting Draws Roughly 50
The ACCAHC Annual Membership Meeting webinar on December 4, 2013 convened 48 members of our Board, Working Groups, Council of Advisors, leaders of Core organizations, investment partners and staff, plus an uncertain number of other call-ins. (See list.) Featured were presentations from Barb Reece, RN, BS and Deborah Hill, MS in unveiling work to date on the Center for Optimal Integration: Creating Health. After the meeting, Alyssa Wostrel, MPH, executive director of the Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium sent a note: "The Center site is amazing; can’t wait to play on it once it’s launched. The demo was exciting and the scope is audacious!" Integrative health and medicine writer/consultant Taylor Walsh wrote, in part: "Fantastic work and congratulations on the Center and amazing progress across the board.” A copy of the slides used in the meeting is available via this link. Thanks for your attendance - or the in case of two, attempted attendance!

Alexa Zaledonis  Chuck Simpson  John Scaringe
Alyssa Wostrel  David O’Bryon  Mark McKenzie
Ann McKay  Pamela Snider  Melissa Kimura
Barb Reece  Bill Meeker  Michell Hays
Adi Haramati  Elisa Cotroneo  Mike Wiles
Liza Goldblatt  Greg Cramer  Nicole Reding
Renée Clugston  Hazel Philp  Pete Whitridge
John Weeks  Heidi Schor  Peter Bunting
Beth Rosenthal  Horace Elliot  Randy Swenson
Deb Hill  Jacki Fox  Robb Russell
Beth Howlett  Jade Wood  Stacey Gomes
Brian McCauley  Jan Schwartz  Stephanie Beck
Carla Wilson  Janet Kahn  Sue Tebb
Carolyn Tague  Jennifer Brett  Taylor Walsh
Cheryl Hawk  Jennifer Olejownik  Meg Jordan
Chris Studebaker  Jennifer Rioux
Christy Lee-Engel  Joanne Myers-Ciecko


The slides from a presentation to the Education Working Group (EWG) by EWG member Carolyn Tague, CMT, on Integrative Medicine as Team Services, are available by clicking here. Tague’s work is based on years of service in one of the nation’s longest standing integrative centers, the Institute for Health and Healing ...

Beth Rosenthal, PhD, MBA, MPH has announced that the Clinical Working Group’s (CWG) "Preparing Grads to Work in Integrative Settings” project has openings for interested educators. Contact brosenthal@accahc.org ... Welcome two massage therapists from the Mayo Clinic, Lisa Dion MT, CIMT, NCTMB and Nancy Rodgers, CMT to a shared position on the ACCAHC CWG. The two were attracted to ACCAHC by the Hospital Based Massage Competencies Survey project...

Whitney Lowe, CMT of the Education Working Group has developed a draft for an evolving strategy to offer a more interactive version of the ACCAHC Clinicians' and Educators' Desk Reference on the Licensed Complementary and Alternative Healthcare Professions ... Education Working Group member Ezra Cohen, DC of National University of Health Sciences is partnering with Rosenthal and others on a project called "Visual Pieces" which is expected to be gracing the ACCAHC website before long ...

Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activities

Pleasing to learn that Core Member Midwifery Education Accreditation Council has chosen to feature its ACCAHC affiliation and logo on its site. Member organizations: consider it for your own! Renée has copies of the logo ... The recent edition of the newsletter of ACCAHC core member National Certification
Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine includes this review by Lori Howell, CAOM, Dipl AOM, LAc, of the 2013 edition of the ACCAHC Clinicians' and Educators' Desk Reference on the Licensed Complementary and Alternative Healthcare Professions. Howell is a member of the faculty at Individual College Member Pacific College of Oriental Medicine/Chicago. Other reviewers wanted! Meantime, the CEDR is now available here as an eBook thanks to the work of Renée Clugston, ACCAHC office manager...

ACCAHC will be a minor sponsor of a UCLA Student Conference in Integrative Medicine on March 1, 2014. Among keynoters is Michael Goldstein, PhD, co-lead of the ACCAHC Primary Care Project. ACCAHC’s leaders who chose to become members of the Communities of Learning of the Health Resources Services Administration-funded Integrative Medicine in Preventive Medicine (IMPriME) program have been invited to a series of seven webinars in integrative medicine topics. ACCAHC is an IMPriME partner organization on which John Weeks and ACCAHC co-founder Pamela Snider, ND and Council of Advisers member Len Wisneski, MD serve on the Steering Committee. Contact jweeks@accahc.org with interest. Those interested in the integrative health and medicine inclusion by large employers and insurers may be interested in listening to the ACCAHC December 2, 2013 recorded dialogue and discussion with Cigna consultant Wei Peng, MEM, entitled Research and Evidence to Support Integrative Services for Cigna Employees, available for download here. Roughly 15 Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim advisers, Working Group members and staff participated...

Brief Notes on Activities of ACCAHC Participants and Member Organizations

Education Working Group chair Mike Wiles, DC, MEd is a guest co-editor of a special issue of The Journal of Interprofessional Care on Synergies among interprofessional education, interprofessional practice, and integrative medicine. See Opportunities and Announcements, below. A press release from Individual College Member American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine featured the award-winning research of ACCAHC Integrative Medicine for the Underserved Ambassador Carla Wilson, LAc. Sustaining Donor Bastyr University’s integrative oncology program merited coverage in Medscape. Patients of the individualized integrative approach led by Leanna Standish, PhD, ND, LAc are doing significantly better than comparable patients locally and nationally. Bastyr also announced that it started a Masters of Science in Nutrition for Wellness program at its San Diego campus. On January 8, 2014, Individual College Member Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine will official unveil its 47,000 square foot expansion of its campus, documented here. The methodology used by RWG member Mitchell Haas, DC, MA, of University of Western States was the feature of this column from the NIH NCCAM director Josephine Briggs, MD...

Core Member Organization Council on Chiropractic Education was given a 3-year recognition by the U.S. Department of Education. Individual College Member New York Chiropractic College has announced that it has affiliations with two of five VA facilities selected for the new residencies. ACCAHC Traditional World Medicine member International Association of Yoga Therapists has published a FAQ on its grandfathering guidelines. Individual College Member National College of Natural Medicine has announced that it will offer a Masters of Science in Nutrition (MScN) program starting in 2014. The Institute for Alternative Futures, co-founded and led by ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Clement Bezold has announced a new vision statement, which seems a fitting, general sentiment for this reflective time of year:

"[We] open eyes, hearts and minds to alternative futures showing that aspiration is powerful and enduring. We partner with individuals, communities and organizations worldwide to look over the horizon so that their decisions today are accountable to tomorrow. [We] help to create equitable, sustainable futures shaped by kindness, wisdom, and foresight. Our work and our lives embody this hope for preferred futures."

Opportunities and Announcements

New
Online: PAINS Policy Briefing The second issue of the PAINS policy brief series, *Prescription Monitoring Programs: Considerations for Policymakers* is available for review. The briefs are a collaborative effort between the Center for Practical Bioethics, the American Academy of Pain Management and the Pain and Policy Studies Group. ACCAHC's Martha Menard, PhD, CMT serves on the PAINS Steering Committee but was not involved in the developing of the briefing paper. PAINS founder Myra Christopher states that their "hope is that this document will not only be of benefit to the alliance but also to your organization and many others."

January 10, 2014: Student Posters, All Together Better Health All Together Better Health is inviting student poster presentations for its conference June 6-8, 2014. The opportunity is available to students, graduate students, residents and new practitioners. Abstracts are due January 10, 2014. Click here for information on this and the student programming planned for the conference, log onto www.atbh7.pitt.edu.


January 22, 2014, 12-1 PST IPE Webinar: Clinically - Relevant IPE Simulations and Objective Assessment Tools will be presented as part of the Leadership Webinar Series of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative.

March 1, 2014 The Journal of Interprofessional Care will devote a special issue to *Synergies among interprofessional education, interprofessional practice, and integrative medicine*, Editors include ACCAHC’s EWG chair Michael Wiles, DC, MEd, and Council of Advisers member Adi Haramati, PhD. Expressions of interest should be made no later than 1 March 2014, by contacting Shelley Adler, PhD (adlersh@ocim.ucsf.edu). All manuscripts must be submitted by 1 July 2014.


Previously Noted

February 21-23, 2014 Via ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Wayne Jonas, MD: Samueli Institute Systematic Review Workshop to be held in San Diego at UCSD. Click here for information.


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