Hello ACCAHC Leaders, Members, Participants, Advisers, Donors & Friends - Much percolating. Enjoy the skimming of this activity.  jweeks@accahc.org - John Weeks, Executive Director

Opportunities & Announcements

**Syllabus for integrative medicine class at Palmer West shared:** Greg Snow, DC, dean of clinics at Palmer West has made available the syllabus for their integrative medicine course. Contact jweeks@accahc.org for a copy.

**Communities of Learning with 12 MD Preventive Medicine/Integrative Medicine Residencies** via ACCAHC’s work in HRSA-funded National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine. See www.imprime.org. Contact jweeks@accahc.org with interest.

**IOM Notice for Submissions:** The Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) is an annual international conference focusing on policy-related health issues of global significance. The conference is hosted by the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation and others. If interested in submitting, contact jweeks@accahc.org for a PDF. The conference will be held January 27-31, 2014.

**Hotel Information for the Biennial Meeting, June 26-28, 2013, Portland, Oregon:** We have blocked rooms at the Country Inn & Suites for the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting. To book an ACCAHC room call the Country Inn & Suites (503) 255-2700 and tell them you are with ACCAHC. Do not book through the website! $79 for a double-queen or standard king room, a full breakfast is included. Contact Renée to register for the meeting or with any questions: rclugston@accahc.org

Bastyr Research Director Daniel Cherkin, PhD Chosen as ACCAHC Representative to the PCORI Back Pain Working Group

Thanks to each of you who submitted names of potential ACCAHC ambassadors to be part of the working group for the Treatment Options for Back Pain Targeted PCORI Funding Announcements (Targeted PFAs). Some excellent professionals were nominated. We selected Daniel Cherkin, PhD, director of the Bastyr University Research Institute and one of the nation’s leading back pain researchers. He has examined chiropractic, acupuncture, massage and yoga for back pain, and is also very familiar with the naturopathic medical field through various projects. Dan will meet with the Research Working Group on March 4, prior to the meeting, and will report back afterward. Cherkin is the lead investigator on one of the first 28 PCORI grants, for which he solicited ACCAHC participation on an advisory group. PCORI thanked us for naming such a quality individual. Cherkin notes that former RWG member Janet Kahn, PhD is also on the roughly 10-member group.

ACCAHC Task Force on Integrative Pain Care Adds Key
Information on Opioids and IPE to PAINS Website

Discussions in this multidisciplinary (DC, ND, MD-IM, massage, LAc) ACCAHC task force, chaired by Martha Menard, PhD, CMT, made it clear that all believe there is a place for opioids in pain treatment. The trick is appropriate use. Of importance is that patients are aware of research that chronic use of opioids is associated with increased pain. With a chance to provide input on the website for the Pain Action Alliance to Implement a National Strategy which is under development, Menard and task force member Heather Tick, MD assembled data that led to important inclusions under "Definition of Chronic Pain" and "Treatment option - opioids." In addition, recognizing another deficit, ACCAHC developed an entire section on interprofessional education and care (IPE/C) which we are charged to keep current. The website should be public within the month. Menard serves as ACCAHC’s ambassador to the PAINS steering committee.

PAINS Policy Briefing Impact of State Regulations: PDF and hard copies are available of a new PAINS briefing entitled Impact of State Policy and Regulations on Those Living with Pain. Contact jweeks@accahc.org with interest.

ACCAHC supports integrative pain/IPE work in AAPM credential:
Following a January 28, 2013 meeting between ACCAHC leadership and Lennie Duensing, executive director of the American Academy of Pain Management, Martha Menard, PhD, CMT was asked to serve as a content expert on a team-care and IPE section of a new certification program. The ACCAHC task force, ACCAHC Council of Advisers member John Gilbert, PhD and ACCAHC contact (via the IOM Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education) Leslie Bainbridge, PhD are assisting Menard's work.

Backbone of Our Work: Renewing and New Memberships

We often honor our donors yet rarely mention the base of the collaboration for integrative health values that is ACCAHC: our members. Renée Motheral Clugston, our ace project assistant whom many of you know, provided me this list of new and renewing members, to date, for 2013. Take a moment to appreciate the breadth of participation. Note that membership payments are made based on the original month of payment. We will publish updated lists. Thank you all.

Core
Alliance for Massage Therapy Education (AFMTE)
Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM)
Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)
Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC)
National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)
National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)
Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA)

Individual Colleges/Institutions
ASHA School of Massage
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine*
Five Branches University
Logan College of Chiropractic*
National College of Natural Medicine
Northwestern Health Sciences University*
Palmer Chiropractic College*
Southern California University of Health Sciences*
University of Bridgeport*

Associate Members
Jill's List (Jill Shah) ($500)
Daniel Lappin, CMT ($250)
Alan Dumoff, LCSW, JD ($250)*

(*) New member
Welcome New Leadership and Membership

Clinical Care Working Group: Ron Boesch, DC, DACNB, the dean of clinics/faculty member for the Integrative Health Clinic at Palmer College in Iowa, has joined the CWG. Jaquel Patterson, ND, MBA, the director of operations at Norwalk Community Health Center is a new CWG member. Patterson has held numerous public health leadership positions.

Education Working Group: Carolyn Tague, MA, CMT, a clinical supervisor with the Institute for Health and Healing of the California Pacific Medical Center has joined the EWG as a massage member.

Membership: The AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine is a new individual college member of ACCAHC. AOMA President Will Morris, PhD, LAc, DAOM served on the ACCAHC primary care project and the 2008 "Hotspots and Cooling Point" meeting. The American Holistic Veterinary Medicine Foundation led by Richard Palmquist, DVM, is a new ACCAHC Associate Member. Thanks to Council of Advisors member Ping Ho, MA, MPH for the contact. International Association for Yoga Therapists accreditation committee member Susan Tebb, PhD, LSW has joined the Accreditation Agency Special Interest Group.

Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activity

EWG co-chair Mike Wiles, DC, MEd, has formally been proposed to the leadership of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education as a member of the National Advisory Committee. An advance copy of the white paper from the ACCAHC Primary Care Project was made available to the California Association of Naturopathic Doctors for their work to determine states in which NDs are listed as PCPs. Education Working Group members Whitney Lowe, LMT, and Ezra Cohen, DC, are leads in a project to put some quality short introductory videos on the ACCAHC website. Judi Broida, PhD, VP and provost for ACCAHC member institution Maryland University of Integrative Health (formerly Tai Sophia Institute) has indicated her institution's plans to participate in the IMPriME Community of learning with U Maryland and Johns Hopkins.

ACCAHC Council of Advisers member and Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium chair Len Wisneski, MD, made a significant in-kind donation that saved ACCAHC $600 in room charges at a recent American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) conference. The slides from the presentation by John Weeks and Pamela Snider, ND as ACCAHC ambassadors to the meeting of the ACPM's IMPriME/National coordinating center for Integrative Medicine are available via jweeks@accahc.org. ACCAHC responded to a query from a prominent New England rehab medicine managed care firm for more information about yoga therapy by putting them in touch with John Kepner, MBA, executive director of IAYT.

Notes on Activities of ACCAHC Activists and Member Organizations

The new book by RWG member Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, with Primary Care Project chiropractic section co-author Will Evans, DC, PhD, CHES, is Health Promotion and Wellness: An Evidence-Based Guide to Clinical Preventive Services. Congratulations! Task Force on Leadership Development member Erica Oberg, ND, MPH has been chosen to direct the clinic at Bastyr University Campus in San Diego. Council of Advisors and Task Force on Leadership Development member Lori Knutson, RN, BC-HN, is the lead author in a recently published article entitled "Development of a Hospital-Based Integrative Healthcare Program." Knutson, who will co-lead the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting leadership content, formerly directed the largest inpatient-outpatient integrative health program in the U.S. For a copy, contact jweeks@accahc.org.

Council of Advisors member Adi Haramati, PhD has notified ACCAHC that the conference report from the 2012 International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health (IRCIMH) has been posted here. It includes an opening reflection from Integrator editor John Weeks. The 2014 edition of the IRCIMH has RWG member Mitch Haas, DC, MA from member institution University of Western States and former RWG co-chair Heather Zwickey, PhD of member institution National...
College of Natural Medicine serving on the program committee.

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