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Letter from David O'Bryon, JD, Board Chair, Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH) or 'The Collaborative' (formerly known as ACCAHC)



The start of a new year offers us a moment to reflect on what has been accomplished during the previous one, and an opportunity to consider what is coming next. In 2016, we are looking forward to: continuing work on our existing projects such as PERL (Project to Enhance Research Literacy), PIHTA (Project on Integrative Health and the Triple Aim), and the Institute of Medicine's Global Forum for Innovations in Health Professional Education; strengthening our existing relations with other organizations; and building our own organizational capacity. We are excited about the new initiatives we have planned, including improving and expanding member benefits, and we encourage you to stay tuned for updates on our 2016 collaborative projects with the Samuelli Institute, the Consortium and the Academy. These will be featured in the next Collaborator.

As you can see, we have a new name-the **Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH, formerly known as ACCAHC) or 'The Collaborative'**. All of us here at ACIH are excited about our new name, and have received tremendously positive feedback about it. We realized that this new name better defines who we are, and spent considerable time deciding on it. Many in our disciplines believe that it was time to drop the terms 'alternative' or 'complementary' to describe our fields and what we do. We want to focus more attention on what we bring to the table by emphasizing the areas of 'collaborative, integrative, and health'.

We believe our new name reflects the essence of our disciplines-a focus on health and well-being, as well as the treatment of diseases and conditions. In many ways we already function as a collaborative-we represent a variety of educational organizations: councils of colleges, accreditation commissions

Why I Support ACIH



Stanley Dawson, DC, LBMT, Board Member, Alliance for Massage Therapy Education (AFMTE):

"The vision of ACIH aligns perfectly with my own passion to help complementary and integrative health care professions gain full inclusion in the national health care system and to create an integration of conventional and ACIH member health care professions. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Collaborative, and deeply appreciate the contributions it has made and continues to make to improve our national health care system."

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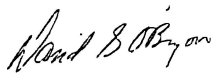
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and certification/testing agencies, emerging disciplines and traditional world medicines, and individual colleges. We also collaborate with other organizations in the integrative health sphere, and are building bridges for all our disciplines by advocating strongly for our inclusion into the health care system.

A great example of one of our ongoing collaborations is the [International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health](#) (ICIMH), which will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 17-20, 2016. The conference is convened by the **Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health** (ACIMH), in association with the Collaborative, the **International Society for Complementary Research** (ISCMR), the **Integrative Health Policy Consortium** (IHPC), and the **Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine** (AIHM), and will showcase original scientific investigation across research, policy, education, and clinical care. I hope to see you there!

Warm regards,



What's New at ACIH

New Executive Committee members

Several new executive committee members began their terms in January. Officers are **David O'Bryon, JD, CAE**, Chair; **JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH**, Vice Chair; **John Scaringe, DC, EdD**, Treasurer; and **Dale Healey, DC, PhD**, Secretary. Members at Large include

Stacy Gomes, EdD, MAEd and **Kory Ward-Cook, PhD, MT (ASCP), CAE**.

We would like to thank outgoing executive committee members and founding ACIH members **Marcia Prenguber, ND, Jan Schwartz, MA, BCTMB**, and **Pamela Snider, ND**, who was the founding executive director of the organization. We thank them for their service and are happy to note that all three will remain on the ACIH board. Dr. JoAnn Yanez has agreed to chair the ACIH Communications Task Force and Dr. Kory Ward-Cook has agreed to co-chair the new Board Governance Committee.

New Board Member

Please welcome **Courtney Everson, PhD** as the most recent addition to the ACIH board of directors. Dr. Everson is a medical anthropologist who serves as the Dean of Graduate Studies at the Midwives College of Utah, and represents direct-entry midwifery educators.

New Working Group Co-Chairs

January also saw the appointment of new Working Group co-chairs and members. **Barry C. Wiese, DC, MSHA, DIBCN** joins **Marcia Prenguber, ND** as co-chair of the Clinical Working Group. Dr. Wiese is the Director of Integrated Health Centers at ACIH member **Logan University College of Chiropractic**. In the Education Working Group, **Beth Howlett, DAOM, LAc** joins Dale Healey, DC, PhD as co-chair. Dr. Howlett is the Community Education Coordinator at member school **Oregon College of Oriental Medicine**, where she accompanies students participating in the elective clinical training program at Nanjing College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. And in the Research Working Group, **Belinda (Beau) Anderson, PhD, LAc**, joins **Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, CHES**. Dr. Anderson is the Academic Dean and



Whether you are simply curious about Evidence Informed Practice (EIP) or charged with building an EIP curriculum from the ground up; you will find resources and ideas here. The links and documents presented here provide background information and definitions of Evidence Informed Practice. Additional links direct you to EIP training programs and resources developed by multiple institutions funded through an NCCAM grant to create academic programs to enhance research literacy, and increase the use of research in clinical decision-making. Explore ways to promote a culture of research at your institution, [click here](#)

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Research Director at the New York City campus of member school **Pacific College of Oriental Medicine**, and serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University.

New RWG members

We welcome **Anupama Kizhakkeveetil, BAMS, YTTC, MAOM** to the Research Working Group, representing AOM. She is the Program Director for Ayurvedic Medicine at member school **Southern California University of Health Sciences** and Associate Professor in the College of Science and Integrative Health. **Courtney Everson, PhD**, new ACIH Board member, is also a new RWG member, representing direct-entry midwifery.

Co-Executive Director transition

Martha Menard, PhD, LMT, ACIH Co-Executive Director stepped away from this position February 15, 2016 to focus on the next edition of her book *Making Sense of Research*. We thank Dr. Menard for her excellent service to ACIH in this capacity and are delighted that she will stay involved in ACIH as a consultant and volunteer. She will remain co-PI on the current Macy Foundation grant as an ACIH consultant. Additionally, she will continue as a volunteer to serve as a member of the Research Working Group and chair of the PAINS Task Force. **Elizabeth A. (Liza) Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA**, previous co-executive director with Dr. Menard, has become ACIH Executive Director. In addition, **Carla Wilson, PhD, DAOM**, will join ACIH as its Development/Program Consultant on March 1, 2016.

New Policy Working Group

The ACIH board of directors recently approved the creation of a Policy Working Group. More in our next Collaborator on this new and important working group. ACIH's current working groups focus on education, clinic and research.

PERL

A new webinar on 'Evidence Informed Practice in Complementary and Integrative Academic Programs, Making it Work' is now available on the Center for Optimal Integration website [here](#). The webinar features speakers **Ben Marx, MAcOM, LAc**, Interim Director of Research, **Oregon College of Oriental Medicine**, **Jeremy E. Miller, LMT (WV), BCTMB, BS**, Massage Therapist, Penny George Institute, and **Brendan D. Smith, ND**, Assistant Professor at member and ACIH sustaining investor **Bastyr University**.

ACIH People & Organizations in the News

The IOM Global Task Force on Innovation in Health Professional Education



The IOM Global Task Force on Innovation in Health Professional Education, led by **Liza Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA**, ACIH Executive Director, and **John Weeks**, ACIH past Executive Director, will take part in planning and conducting a two-day public workshop to explore global shifts in society, health, health care, and

education, and their potential impact on general principles of program accreditation across the continuum of health professional education (foundational, graduate, and continuing professional development). Task Force members include: **Karen Bobak, DC, EdD, FICC**, **Joseph Brimhall, DC**, **William Morris, PhD, DAOM, LAc**, **Michael Wiles, DC, MEd**, **JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH**, **Justine Clegg, MS, LM, CPM**, **Stan Dawson, DC, LMBT**,

Dawn Hogue, MA, CMT, Robb Russell, DC, Sharon De Joy, PhD, MPH, CPH, CPM, Nick Degroot, ND, Mary Luttamas, MSW, ACC, e-RYT, Lynn Thames, MSOM, MA, Melanie Henriksen, ND, LAc, CNM, and Tabatha Parker, ND.

The workshop will be held April 21, 2016 - April 22, 2016 at the Keck Center in Washington, DC, and will engage health professional educators, accreditors, and others to explore such topics as:

- Improving the efficiency and cost of accreditation (e.g., harmonization of competencies across professions, joint accreditation, etc.)
- Engaging new partners in accreditation (e.g., individuals, communities, and populations)
- The role of accreditation as an element in achieving quality health care delivery and quality health professions education
- Challenges and opportunities for accreditation (e.g., accrediting "non-traditional" educational models, countries with no or inadequate accreditation systems)

The committee will develop a workshop agenda, select and invite speakers and discussants, and moderate the discussions. Following the workshop, a summary of the event will be available. [Click here](#) to see more.

APHA Annual Meeting, Chicago Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2015



Many ACCAHC friends attended and/or presented at the 143rd American Public Health

Association (APHA) conference in Chicago. 14,000 members came together from around the world to network, educate and share experiences. It was rather overwhelming, with 1000+ sessions to choose from! APHA's goal: "To prevent disease and injury and create communities in which all people have the opportunity to live long, healthy lives." There is great overlap between the values of APHA and Integrative Health and Medicine (IHM), and many sections that are of interest to our IHM community. Two, in particular, are the Integrative, Complementary and Traditional Health Practices and Chiropractic Health Care.

ACCAHC Board member **John Scaringe, DC, EdD** and former ACCAHC Executive Director **John Weeks** were invited speakers. ACCAHC Assistant Director **Beth Rosenthal, PhD, MBA, MPH** spoke in the same session as Dr. Scaringe about a research project she is engaged in with **Anthony Lisi, DC**.

ACCAHC Research Working Group members **Jerrilyn Cambron, LMT, DC, MPH, PhD**, and **Mitch Haas, DC, MA** presented in several APHA sessions.

View the online program [here](#). RWG member

Jim Whedon, DC, MS was also in attendance, and found time to meander the amazing exhibit hall with Beth, collecting give-away goodies and talking with people at the [booths](#).

Elizabeth Sommers, PhD, MPH, Lac, ACCAHC Ambassador to the Integrative, Complementary and Traditional Health Practices Section, became Past Chair of the ICTHP section as Anne Doherty-Gilman became the current chair. **Prasad Vinjamury**, from ACCAHC member school **Southern California University of Health Sciences**, became the new Chair-Elect of the ICTHP section. APHA provides a great deal of information in regular emails, and

occasionally there is some humor to be found. If you want some laughs, visit this link for the top ["Public Health Hits" with Jon Stewart](#).

Jennifer Rioux named to Executive Committee of Council for Ayurvedic Research



Research Working Group member **Jennifer Rioux, PhD, CAP, RYT**, has been named to the Executive Committee of the Council for Ayurvedic Research (CAR), an organization functioning publicly since October 2014, focused on advancing research on Ayurvedic medicine, as well as US-based and international collaborative research efforts. Dr. Rioux is the Chair of the Clinical

Trials Committee (CTC) with Raja Shivamani of University of California - Davis. The CTC is taking on the foundational work of developing standardized assessment and outcome instruments to be used in upcoming research initiatives so that future research outcomes will be comparable across studies. Dr. Rioux and the Clinical Trials subcommittee are also developing a reformulated case studies framework, based on the CARE guidelines. The CTC will debut these guidelines at the 2016 National Ayurvedic Medical Association Conference in April 2016 and they will be highlighted in a professional workshop run by NAMA Board members. Dr. Rioux also serves on the NAMA Board and will be supporting this endeavor. The CAR Clinical Trials Committee is soliciting case studies for submission and offering support for authors who would like their studies housed in the repository. We welcome opportunities to dialogue and collaborate across disciplines. Please visit the CAR website at AyurvedaResearchUSA.org.

Students at ACIH Institutions Receive ICIMH Registrations

Thanks to the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health, ten students from ACIH-affiliated institutions received complimentary registrations to attend the 2016



Congress in Las Vegas, noted below. Award recipients were selected through a competitive process and include: **Sunny Kim Barden, Oregon College of Oriental Medicine; Sukriti Bhardwaj, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine; Matt Carson, University of Western States; Max Crispo, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine; Cheryl DePetro, Maryland University of Integrative Health; Sai Jurawanichkul, Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (NY); Catherine Kanda, University of Western States; Sherry Purves, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine; Melissa Smith, Maryland University of Integrative Health; and Sarah Tivoli, Maryland University of Integrative Health.**

ICIMH Presenters

Education Working Group co-chair **Dale Healey, DC, PhD** will present a poster on "Hospital Based Massage Therapy: Competencies and Standards of Practice" at the 2016 International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health. In addition to Dale, the ACIH Hospital Based Massage Therapy Task Force is comprised of Education Working Group member **Carolyn Tague** and Clinical Working Group member **MK Brennan**.

Also presenting at this conference are: **Stacy Gomes, EdD**, ACIH Board member, **Belinda Anderson, PhD**, ACIH RWG, **Elizabeth A. (Liza) Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA**, ACIH Executive Director, and **Ben Kligler, MD, MPA/HA**, ACIH

Council of Advisor member will present a panel discussion on the "Application of ACCAHC Competencies for Optimal Practice in Integrated Environments: Lessons". Ben Kligler and Elizabeth A. Goldblatt will also be part of a pre-Congress Workshop of nine presenters on the University of Arizona's National Center for Integrative Primary Healthcare - "Enhancing Interprofessional Integrative Health Education."

Opportunities, Announcements & Resources

Conferences

ACIMH - the Consortium The International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health (ICIMH) will take place at the Green Valley Ranch Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 17-20, 2016. The Congress is convened by the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health, in association with the International Society for Complementary Research, the Integrative Health Policy Consortium, the Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health, and the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine.

ICIMH's mission is to foster the development of new collaborations and to strengthen existing partnerships within the field of integrative medicine and health. The upcoming ICIMH will have four content areas: research, policy, education, and clinical care. This Congress will showcase original scientific research through keynote and plenary sessions, oral and poster presentations, and innovative sessions. For more information or to register, please see <http://www.icimh.org/>.

Save the Date: National Center Summit on the Future of IPE, August 21-23, 2016, Hilton Minneapolis. The National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education will convene the Inaugural Learning Together at the Nexus: National Center Summit on the Future of IPE, co-hosted by the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative (AIHC). The summit will foster a learning environment for participants to gain knowledge and skills for advancing the field of interprofessional practice and education (IPE), and provide participants the opportunity to learn in skills-based workshops while co-creating a roadmap to the ideal future of IPE during structured conversations. The National Center invites those who are dedicated to learning and advancing the field of IPE including practitioners, educators, scholars, funders and accreditors to attend. CE credit is available. For more information, please see: <https://nexusipe.org/informing/about-national-center/news/save-date-inaugural-learning-together-nexus-national-center>

All Together Better Health VIII: Values-Based Interprofessional Education and Practice The 2016 All Together Better Health VIII conference will be held September 9-16, 2016 in Oxford, UK. All Together Better Health VIII 2016 will build on the content of previous ATBH conferences, reflecting the contemporary focus on improving health care for the population. The overarching theme will be Values- Based Practice which, with evidence-based practice, underpins balanced decision-making by health and social care teams and service users. At the very heart of values-based practice is interprofessional partnership, whereby people work effectively together contributing not only through their skills and experience but also through insights and values-based perspectives.

The conference will be jointly hosted by CAIPE, Oxford Brookes University

and Oxford University and will take place from Tuesday 6/9/16 until Friday 9/9/16. The plenary session will be held in The Sheldonian Theatre, an exquisite Grade I listed building designed by Sir Christopher Wren. This is situated in Oxford's city centre and is the official ceremonial hall of the University of Oxford. Whilst the parallel and poster sessions will take place in the historic University of Oxford Examination Schools which stand on the site of the Angel Inn, which is reputed to have been the finest inn in England. There will be a pre-conference research workshop on 6/9/16 facilitated by **Scott Reeves, PhD**, who is a renowned expert in IPE/CP has worked with **Dr. Elizabeth Goldblatt**, ACIH's Executive Director, on Duke's Leadership Program in Integrative Health. She will be attending this meeting representing ACIH.

Details of the conference academic program will be available shortly. A welcome reception will be held on 6/9/16 at the Oxford Union and there will be a conference dinner at Balliol College on 8/9/16.

Registration is now open and the closing date for submission of abstracts has now been extended to 1 March 2016. For more information please go to the conference website: <http://www.hls.brookes.ac.uk/atbh8>.

Career opportunities

Provost, Maryland University of Integrative Health: Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH), a model university for the future of healthcare, develops and delivers graduate academic, clinical, research and policy programs in the rapidly expanding field of natural medicine. The University is in a tremendous period of entrepreneurial growth through which it is emerging as a national leader in its field. Success is rooted in a strong focus on student outcomes and the seamless integration and close collaboration between academic and administrative departments. The University fosters interprofessionalism and multidisciplinary engagement, and its sound strategic business model to higher education is a hallmark and differentiator for its future.

MUIH is seeking an experienced academic executive to serve as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The chosen candidate will be an elected officer and, partnering with other executive team members, will play a vital role in determining and implementing the strategic direction of the University. MUIH's academic programs, underlying teaching philosophies and community outreach and partnerships significantly enhance opportunities for students and graduates to impact the health of individuals and communities. To see the complete position description and apply online, please visit: <http://muih.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2xes7587ai1>.

Associate Dean of Clinical Education, University Of Bridgeport: The University of Bridgeport College Of Naturopathic Medicine invites applications and nominations for the position of Associate Dean of Clinical Education. The Associate Dean reports to the Dean of the College of Naturopathic Medicine and is responsible for the delivery of naturopathic medical services, clinical education, and the assessment of students in clinical training. The Associate Dean serves as the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the College's naturopathic clinics, including the on-campus clinic located within UB Clinics, an integrative and complimentary clinic facility, and UB-associated clinics in the

surrounding community. This position oversees all aspects of patient care including supervision of all clinic physicians, residents and clinic students while ensuring the delivery of premier naturopathic health care through these teaching clinics. For more information:

<http://www.bridgeport.edu/about/employment-and-job-opportunities/admin-positions/associate-dean-of-clinical-education-college-of-naturopathic-medicine/>

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