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Collaborator #50: IMPriME Competencies, PAINS Policy Brief, CAHCIM Scholarships, ACHENA Opportunity, plus



Hello All - Pamela Snider, ND led some terrific work as a member of the Competencies Subcommittee of the Steering Committee for Integrative Medicine in Preventive Medicine, noted below. Another great piece of "Ambassador" work is that of Martha Menard, PhD, CMT, with the PAINS group that led to the great opportunity to create an influential policy paper. If you've ever done any media work you'll want to watch RWG co-chair Greg Cramer, DC, PhD on the hot-seat. And, a special push for one of you educators who is interested in homeopathy to consider a role as a Commissioner for their accrediting body. This is a classic example of a role those associated with our core member organizations can play for our Emerging Professions. Finally, consider submitting for the special issue on IM of the *Journal of Interprofessional Education* (under opportunities, below). - John Weeks, Executive Director

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ACCAHC Influence on Some Competencies for HRSA-Funded Integrative Health in Preventive Medicine (IMPriME)

Those attending the evening Ambassadors session of the 2013 Biennial Meeting will recall that the work of IMPriME Steering Committee members **Pamela Snider, ND**, John Weeks, and Council of Advisers member **Len Wisneski, MD** in developing a set of competencies has been a fascinating and challenging process in the "CAM" and integrative MD dynamics. The [Core Integrative Medicine \(IM\) Competencies for Incorporation into Preventive Medicine Curricula](#) have been published. Here are some areas of discussion where the trio connected to ACCAHC had significant influence on choices:

Explicit inclusion of CAM Footnote #4 says, "The term 'integrative medicine' is explicitly inclusive of, although not limited to, the modalities, systems and disciplines identified as Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)." Note that this is aligned with [ACCAHC Value #7, noted here](#).

Interprofessional Definition of IM ACCAHC promoted inclusion of the definition of IM that is specifically interprofessional (inclusive of not just "modalities" but also "health professionals and disciplines"). This is the definition used by the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine. See footnote #6. We also promoted the reference to the [Interprofessional Education Competencies \(IPEC\)](#) noted in footnote #3. Note that an [ACCAHC project that looks at IM definitions](#), led by CWG member **Anthony Lisi, DC** and **Beth Rosenthal, PhD, MBA, MPH**, and funded via investment from the **Leo Guthman Fund**, was helpful in the IMPriME decision process.

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A good deal of dialogue broke around whether the involvement with the ACCAHC disciplines (a.k.a. "CAM") should be explicit or assumed. Weeks and Wisneski will each attend the [IMPriME workshop](#) prior to the American College of Preventive Medicine conference in New Orleans this week.

Never Only Opioids: ACCAHC at PAINS Annual Meeting Creates Opportunity for Policy Brief on Non-Pharmacological Approaches to Pain

On March 6, 2014, members of the ACCAHC Task Force on Integrative Pain Care will meet via phone conference with some ACCAHC policy experts to explore dimensions of an 8-page "policy brief" on non-pharmacological approaches to pain. ACCAHC has the opportunity to develop this following the participation of **Martha Menard, PhD, CMT, Kevin Wilson, ND** and **Heather Tick, MD** in the annual meeting of the Pain Action Alliance to Implement a National Strategy (PAINS) in Washington, DC January 26-28, 2014. The working title of the project includes "Never Only Opioids." [PAINS' first three Policy Briefs are here.](#) ACCAHC is seeking roughly \$10,000-\$15,000 for this project.

Primary Care Project: Updated PDFs Posted - Collaboration Honored by Nurse Midwives, CCAOM

The new PDFs for the ACCAHC Primary Care Project white paper are [up on the ACCAHC site](#) following revisions to the chapters for acupuncture and Oriental medicine and direct-entry midwives. The **Council of Colleges for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine** wrote up their re-endorsement in [their winter newsletter](#). Eileen Beard, CNM, FNP, MS, the senior practice adviser for the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) and a colleague of the **Midwifery Education Accreditation Council** team sent a note of thanks regarding changes to that section which clarified that this chapter dealt only with "primary maternity care." Wrote Beard: "I just wanted to say a special thanks for allowing ACNM to have input on the ACCAHC document on midwifery. We especially appreciate the edits that were made to the document. Having an open dialogue and good communication is so important. It was a pleasure working with everyone and I hope we can continue to collaborate in the future. We value our relationship with our midwifery colleagues." ACCAHC is setting its promotion strategy for the new documents.

CAHCIM Grants Research Congress Scholarships, via ACCAHC, to 10 Students from ACCAHC Disciplines

Ten students will have free passes to the [International Research Congress in Integrative Medicine and Health](#) thanks to a gift from the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM) to students in ACCAHC disciplines. Over 30 students have applied. The winners will be determined by a team consisting of Research Working Group members **Bill Meeker, DC, MPH, Jennifer Rioux, PhD** and **Jeannette Painovich, LAc, MPH** and John Weeks. Winners to be announced in the next *Collaborator*. Big thanks to the three RWG members for volunteering to review the over 120 pages of CVs and application statements! Thanks also to Council of Advisers member **Adi Haramati, PhD** and the CAHCIM/IRCIMH team for the scholarships.

Working Group News: New Members and RWG Co-Chair Cramer on a PBS Hot Seat

The Clinical Working Group (CWG) welcomes two new acupuncture and Oriental medicine members: **Yihyun Kwon, PhD, DC, LAc**, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor, Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Program, National University of Health Sciences and **Stephen Cina, LAc, MAOM, ATC, NASM CES**, Department Chair, Orthopedic Acupuncture, New England School of Acupuncture. The CWG also has two new massage therapy members who are sharing one CWG Massage Therapy position: **Liza Dion, MT, CIMT, NCTMB**, and **Nancy Rodgers, MT, NCTMB**, Department of Internal Medicine/Integrative Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

RWG co-chair **Greg Cramer, DC, PhD** was on the hot seat in a [Chicago public TV segment on neck adjustment and stroke](#). His affiliation with ACCAHC was mentioned in his introduction. Watch it for a great example of keeping cool under fire. Sharing the link with RWG members led to numerous salutary comments, among them one from **Mitch Haas, DC, MA** who wrote insightfully: "Greg you are a star! Fabulous job! I think the interview highlights what science in general is up against. Most obvious is the seductive nature of the anecdote. An MD/faculty member of a major university asserted causality despite her training. The causality question by the host underscores societal belief in the anecdote as proof. The host was no dummy in bringing a reporter with a family experience to the table." Then: "The other facet of human nature we have all faced in combat is the within-groups tolerance and between-groups skepticism of evidence. Greg's point about the risks of medical care was dismissed or at best met with the proverbial shoulder shrug. For the other three at the table, the benefits of chiropractic could never justify any risk (were there), but a lesser benefit of medicine could justify the same risk." He concluded: "Had only evolution done a better job."

Working Group Presentations Now Available via recorded webinar: CCNM's In-Hospital Clinic, Integrative Medicine as Team Services

Inter-Institutional Collaboration: Palmer College of Chiropractic and local Massage institution ([webinar here](#)) Ron Boesch, DC, DACNB (CWG member) presented in the CWG meeting on December 11, 2013. 25 minutes

Inter-Institutional Collaboration: Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and local Massage institution ([webinar here](#)) Presentation and discussion led by CCNM's dean of naturopathic medicine Nick De Groot, ND and associate dean Mitchell Zeifman, BSc, ND, a member of the ACCAHC Clinical Working Group (CWG). Developed via the CWG and presented January 8, 2014. 43 minutes

Integrative Medicine as Team Services ([webinar here](#)) A presentation by Education Working Group (EWG) member Carolyn Tague, MA CMT. Presently of Tague Consulting, Carolyn was a long-time clinician, administrator and educator at California Pacific Medical Center's pioneering integrative health center. Developed via the CWG and presented November 7, 2013. 35 minutes

Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activities

ACCAHC has been asked by Council of Advisers member **Wayne Jonas, MD**, to be part of a planning team for a big thank-you event to honor US Senator Tom Harkin, who is retiring this year. The event will be on May 5, 2014 in Washington, D.C. More information to come ... Speaking of invites via our Council of Advisers, member **Lori Knutson, RN, BC-HN**, has connected us to a major HRSA-funded project associated with the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education that is exploring integrative health and mental health. More soon ... Thanks to **Joe Brimhall, DC/University of Western States** and **John Scaringe, DC, EdD/SCUHS** for assisting us with some research needs for the Center for Optimal Integration ...

ACCAHC's Institute of Medicine connections provided support for the Certified Professional Midwives associated with ACCAHC core member **Midwifery Education Accreditation Council**. They were looking for the right D.C. area educators for a conference ... ACCAHC chair **Elizabeth (Liza) Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** will be part of the educator team for an IRCIMH [Exploring the Timbre of Leadership for Integrative Health Care](#) pre-conference workshop led by Council of Advisers member **Anne Nedrow, MD, MBA** on the Duke Leadership in Integrative Healthcare program ...

Brief Notes on Activities of ACCAHC Participants and Member Organizations

Each of ACCAHC's message-related member organizations are part of a group endorsing the new [Entry Level Analysis Project](#) (ELAP) for message education ...The **Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium**, which birthed ACCAHC, has

[endorsed a consumer's petition to Obama to push compliance with Section 2706](#) of the Affordable Care Act, Non-Discrimination in Health Care ... ACCAHC founding executive director and current executive committee member **Pamela Snider, ND** has accepted an invitation to join the board of the emerging [Academy for Integrative Health and Medicine](#) ... A research team led by Research Working Group member and RAND scientist **Patricia Herman, ND, PhD** has published [A naturopathic approach to the prevention of cardiovascular disease: cost-effectiveness analysis of a pragmatic multi-worksite randomized clinical trial](#) in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* ... Individual college member **National College of Natural Medicine** will host the 2014 Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US) conference in Portland, Oregon, September 5-7, 2014 ...

Research Working Group member **Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH**, former Task Force on Leadership Development member **Erica Oberg, ND, MPH**, and 2013 Biennial Meeting presenter **Moira Fitzpatrick, PhD, ND** are all on the staff of Pacific Pearl in La Jolla, California, the new integrative center founded by integrative cardiologist Mimi Guarneri, MD ... Pacific Pearl is also using the practice management and electronic records tool developed by **Visual Outcomes**, a founding sponsor of the ACCAHC Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim ... The **Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine** has published [Developing and Implementing Core Competencies for Integrative Medicine Fellowships](#) ... The [Traditional Chinese Medicine World Federation](#) granted the **Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM)** its 2013 Building Bridges for Integration award ... Traditional World Member organization member the **International Association of Yoga Therapists** has opened a [new more searchable website](#) ...

Opportunities and Announcements

New

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 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**.

Previously Noted

Assessment tools for interprofessional education The National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education, with which many ACCAHC individual and institutions are involved as [community members](#), has created a new Resource Exchange [collection of 26 assessment tools](#) for IPE, complete with validation information and, in most cases, access to view, download or learn how to request a copy of an instrument.

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.

May 13-16, 2014 [International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health](#), sponsored by CAHCIM. Miami, Florida. www.ircimh.org ACCAHC is a supporting organization.

June 6-8, 2014 [All Together Better Health](#). Major interprofessional education and practice conference, Pittsburgh. ACCAHC has 2 presentations and one poster.

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](#).

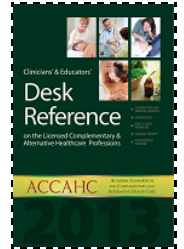
Job Openings - LAc, DC, massage therapist in Aurora Health Care Clinical Working Group member **Nancy Conway, MS**, shares job opportunities in integrative health offered by her employer, Aurora Health Care. The description for acupuncturists is [here](#), for massage therapists is [here](#), and for chiropractors [here](#) and chiropractic assistants is [here](#). The system has one of the most integrated programs in the country ...

Job Openings for the new Academic of Integrative Health and Medicine is looking for a part-time director of education and director of certification. Information is [available here](#). ACCAHC has a representative in an informal advisory team for this initiative.

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The second edition of the ACCAHC Clinicians' and Educators' Desk Reference is now on sale! For more information, just click the image to the right!

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