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## ACCAHC Collaborator #60- ACCAHC/NCCIH Advisers, IOM/Task Force & Goldblatt Presentation, NCCAOM Grant/Credentialing, Association of Midwifery Educators, ACCAHC/Integrative Pediatricians, plus, for March-April 2015

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**ACCAHC Urges NCCIH Director Briggs to Name More Licensed Members of ACCAHC Professions to Its Council of Advisors**



In a March 30, 2015 letter to the National Institutes of Health, ACCAHC submitted 15 excellent CVs of scientists licensed in one or more of the ACCAHC professions as nominees to the National Advisory Council on Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH). The move began in discussions in the

ACCAHC Research Working Group, when co-chairs **Martha Menard, PhD, LMT** and **Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD** learned that just 2 out of 18 members are from these fields. (Congress mandated "at least one half.") They began recruiting candidates and CVs. Following review from the ACCAHC Board and membership organization leaders, ACCAHC chair **Elizabeth A. Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** and vice-chair **David O'Bryon, JD** sent a letter to NCCIH director Josie Briggs, MD with CVs of the individuals, below.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Belinda Anderson, PhD, LAC | Mitchell Haas, DC, MA    | Arya Nielsen, PhD, LAC     |
| Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH      | Janet Kahn, PhD, LMT     | Cynthia Price, LMT, PhD    |
| Roni Evans, DC, PhD        | Iman Majd, MD, LAC       | Michael Schneider, DC, PhD |
| Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD  | Martha Menard, PhD, LMT  | Lynne Shinto, ND, MPH      |
| Patricia Herman, ND, PhD   | Laurie Mischley, ND, MPH | James Whedon, DC, MS       |

The letter stated, in part: "We earnestly believe that in fulfilling Congress' wish you will not only align the work of NCCIH with Congressional intent, but that by including more researchers from the licensed CAM professions in NCCIH deliberations, the Center will best advance the health of the public." Goldblatt and O'Bryon reminded Briggs that the NCCIH strategic plan states that "CAM practitioners are the key holders of knowledge related to the potential application of CAM interventions and disciplines." The two met with Briggs at the **Association of Chiropractic Colleges** March 2015 conference where Goldblatt and Briggs were each part of an opening panel. (See photo.) More news as it develops.



2015 ACC-RAC Conference

**Side-note:** The **Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges** (AANMC) and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians have each written

letters to Briggs on the matter. Thanks to AANMC executive director **JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH** for her work on that letter.

## **Do You Have Useful Information? NCCAOM \$10,000 Grant to Help Create Repository on Credentialing and Privileging on the Center Site**



*Public Protection Through  
Quality Credentials*

A key step for optimal integration in patient care is getting members of ACCAHC disciplines through the doors of delivery institutions. Administrators and medical directors are often stymied on how exactly to credential or privilege acupuncturists, chiropractors and others. Meantime, a major step for the economic well-being of ACCAHC professions is access to new jobs. A \$10,000 grant from the **National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine** (NCCAOM) will drive development of a repository of tools and strategies that will be useful for all such

stakeholders. The resources will be housed at the Center for Optimal Integration: *Creating Health*. Thanks to **Kory-Ward-Cook, PhD, MT (ASCP), CAE**, NCCAOM CEO and **Iman Majd, MD, LAc**, commissioner, for their leadership in approving this grant. If you or someone you know has been through hospital or health system credentialing or privileging, we are interested in the experience. Contact Renée Motheral Clugston at [rclugston@accahc.org](mailto:rclugston@accahc.org).

## **ACCAHC Creates IOM Global Forum Advisory and Dissemination Task Force to Deepen Value to Members**

In ACCAHC's second 3-year term (2015-2017) as a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education, the work will be advised by a terrific, broad-based group of representatives from ACCAHC's Councils of Colleges and Individual College members. The ACCAHC-IOM Advisory and Dissemination Task Force has two goals, as reflected in the name. The first is to give guidance to ACCAHC's team at the forum, **Elizabeth A Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** (Member) and **John Weeks** (Alternate). The second is to help spread the word to academics in the ACCAHC disciplines on the leading edge themes and concerns of this gathering of top academics across all health professions. Here is the team:



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- Karen Bobak, DC, EdD, Dean of Chiropractic, NYCC; ACCAHC Board
- Joe Brimhall, DC, President, UWS; Past ACCAHC Board/Exec
- Justine Clegg, MS, LM, CPM, President, Association for Midwifery Educators
- Stan Dawson, DC, CNMT, Board Member, AFMTE; ACCAHC Board
- Nick DeGroot, ND, Dean of Naturopathic Medicine, CCNM
- Sharon DeJoy, PhD, MPH, CPH, CPM, Association of Midwifery Educators
- Elizabeth Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA, ACCAHC Chair (Co-Chair)
- Stacy Gomes, EdD, VP, PCOM; Board, CCAOM; ACCAHC Board
- Melanie Henriksen, ND, LAc, CNM, Dean of Naturopathic Medicine, NCNM

- Dawn Hogue, MA, CMT, Chair, COMTA; ACCAHC EWG
- Mary Luttamas, MSW, ACC, e-RYT500, MUIH, ACCAHC Board
- Will Morris, PhD, LAc, DAOM, President, AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine
- Robb Russell, DC, Centers of Excellence, Southern California University
- Lynne Thames, MSOM, MA, Past Dean, Florida College of Integrative Medicine
- John Weeks, ACCAHC Exec (Co-Chair)
- Mike Wiles, DC, MEd, Dean of Clinics, TCC; ACCAHC AIHM Education Team
- JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH, Executive Director, AANMC; ACCAHC Board

## IOM Invites Goldblatt to Make Pitch for Workshop on Self-Care, Wellness Health and Resiliency

In the initial April 6 call of the new ACCAHC-IOM Task Force (above), an almost unanimous turnout provided the ACCAHC team with direction for an April 22 planning meeting, and the April 23-24 Global Forum event, [Workshop on Envisioning the Future of Health Professional Education](#).

A top focus: ACCAHC's member of the Forum, **Elizabeth A. Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** was invited by Global Forum staff to make a 5-minute pitch to her fellow Forum members on why they should consider a workshop on the ACCAHC theme of "self-care, wellness, health and resiliency." This is one of five themes under consideration for a 2016 or 2017 workshop. Elevating the theme of health in health professional education is the core charge from the ACCAHC Board to Goldblatt and ACCAHC alternate member **John Weeks** in their work at the IOM. Goldblatt previously pitched the idea in the spring 2014 meeting. The ACCAHC team received some good suggestions from the Task Force and are collaborating on the message.



## Association of Midwifery Educators Joins ACCAHC - Brings to 14 Core Members



The activism of ACCAHC board member **Nichole Reding, MA, CPM**'s inside her profession for more participation in ACCAHC is paying off! The presence of the direct-entry midwifery field in ACCAHC's work is growing. First, **Justine Clegg, MS, LM, CPM**, president of the **Association for Midwifery Educators (AME)** joined the IOM task force, above, as did **Sharon DeJoy, PhD, MPH, CPH, CPM**. Then ACCAHC received the great news that AME would join ACCAHC. Excellent! This brings to 14 of the 15 potential core members. (The one remaining is the North American Registry of Midwives.) A big welcome to AME! The ACCAHC Council of Colleges membership is now a full house of 5 core organizations.

## Integrative Pediatrics MDs Group Taking Structured Input from ACCAHC Interprofessional Team

In mid-June 2015, a set of the nation's leading integrative pediatricians, led by **Larry Rosen, MD** and **Kathy Kemper, MD** will be part of a grant-funded Integrative Pediatrics Summit to set a course for their field. Though the gathering is MD-only, Rosen and Kemper welcomed an ACCAHC strategy to broaden input into the planning. ACCAHC Individual colleges' nominee to the Board, **Karen Bobak, DC, PhD** asked ACCAHC Individual College Members for interested parties. The ACCAHC Council of Colleges directors also recruited. Each of the following 18 professionals have filled out a pre-summit survey and will take part in a mid-May 2015, pre-Summit 2015 conference call and then a post-Summit call in July. Potentially post-Summit, the integrative MDs' activities might become interprofessional. Thanks to those participants who stepped forward:

- *Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine*: Maria Broderick, Douglas C. McDaniel, Kathy Taromina, Rebecca Sobin, Melanie Katin, David Miller, Lucy Hu, Danling Zhang
- *Massage Therapy*: Karen Boulanger, Tina Allen
- *Naturopathic Medicine*: Matthew Baral, Sheila Kingsbury, Jared Skowren
- *Chiropractic*: Elise Hewitt, Jinpu Lu (also an LAc), Jeanna Voorhies
- *Traditional World Medicines*: Veronica Zador
- *Health coach*: Meg Jordan

### Public Comment until May 20 to Influence the HHS National Pain Strategy: *Consider a Response from Your School or Organization!*

ACCAHC's member of the steering committee of the Pain Action Alliance to Implement a National Strategy (PAINS), **Martha Menard, PhD, LMT**, has forwarded a PAINS message urging public comment on [the draft National Pain Strategy](#). The strategy was recently published through the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) Office of Pain Policy. NINDS [published a notice](#) soliciting public comment to the document prepared by the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC). The document follows-up the 2011 Pain Blueprint from the Institute of Medicine, on the committee for which ACCAHC placed **Rick Marinelli, ND, MAOM**. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on May 20, 2015. ACCAHC is planning to submit through the Task Force on Integrative Pain Care, led by Menard, which produced the [Never Only Opioids policy brief](#) for PAINS. Let's get multiple voices calling for conservative care and supporting early use of non-pharmacologic approaches and practitioners.

### ACCAHC in the Media

[Global Advances in Health and Medicine Journal](#)

has again elevated ACCAHC's visibility through a brief on the Project to Enhance Research Literacy written by **Deb Hill, MS**, project manager. The same issue includes a significant look at the data from the survey of the Project for Integrative Health and the Triple Aim (PIHTA) in a column by John Weeks entitled "Perverse Incentives" and the Triple aim: Overcoming the Troubled Path to Economic Integration for Integrative Medicine and Health." A copy of Weeks' column is available through contacting [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org).

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## Brief Notes on ACCAHC Activities



Stacy Gomes

ACCAHC has completed the first phase of its collaboration with the [Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine \(AIHM\)](#). **Stacy Gomes, EdD** led a team that also included **Jan Schwartz, MS, BCTMB** and **Mike Wiles, DC, MEd** as consultants on the project ... ACCAHC Research Working Group co-chair **Martha Menard, PhD, LMT** used ACCAHC networks to link member **Greg Cramer, DC, PhD** into a scholarship for the Chicago meeting of the American Educational Research Association ... Office manager **Renée Clugston** responded to a query from **David Brady, DC, ND**, from individual college member **University of Bridgeport** and provided a PDF of the naturopathic chapter of the *Clinicians' and Educators' Desk Reference* for their use in state legislative activity ...

ACCAHC sent materials for attendees of the UCSF Integrative Medicine Network conference on April 11, 2015 at which ACCAHC Associate Member **Daniel Lappin** is keynoting. Lappin went to great lengths to wire ACCAHC and AIHM and the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health (formerly CAHCIM) into the meeting. Thanks for the work, Daniel ... Via the work of ACCAHC chair **Elizabeth Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** and **Nichole Reding, MA, CPM**, midwives will be represented on a team working on the midwifery portion of the grant to the University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine on integrative primary care featured in the January *Collaborator*. **Suzy Myers, CPM, MPH**, the director of the midwifery program at ACCAHC Sustaining Investor **Bastyr University**, has stepped up for the role....

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

A candid, recorded interview with **Dan Church, PhD** who retires June 30, 2015 after 10 years as president of ACCAHC Sustaining Investor **Bastyr University** is full of intriguing and perhaps controversial reflections. One comment: "You get a couple thousand people together who are all convinced that they are changing the world and it is at once exhilarating and horrifying. The herding cats metaphor doesn't begin to touch it." ... ACCAHC individual college member **American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM)** is merging into **California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS)**, an ACCAHC Associate member. CIIS will then have 4 distinct schools ...



Dan Church

President's level member **Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM)** received two significant research grants. One, for \$418,000, explores integrative naturopathic care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes and involves ACCAHC Research Working Group member **Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH**. The other, for \$3-million, is an integrative naturopathic oncology trial at seven separate locations, in partnership with ACCAHC Sustaining Investor **Bastyr University** ... **Justine Clegg, CPM**,

president of incoming core member **Association for Midwifery Education**, shares that she, **Sharon DeJoy, PhD, MPH, CPM** and **Wendy Gordon, CPM, MPH** are "part of the US MERA Direct Assessment Task Force, we are made up of educators, accreditors and national leaders from the US nurse-midwifery and direct-entry midwifery communities." The Task Force will create "a direct assessment education process for midwife students that will be competency based, and can be used by a variety of educational programs" ...



President's level individual institution member **National College of Natural Medicine (NCNM)** has announced that it is starting [two new Bachelor of Science programs](#) to add to its Masters and Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine offerings ... ACCAHC Council of Advisers member **Adi Haramati, PhD** will be the graduation speaker at ACCAHC President's Level individual college member, **Maryland University of Integrative Health** ... Speaking of commencement, and of

NCNM: ACCAHC outgoing executive director **John Weeks** has been asked to speak at that college's 2015 ceremony. NCNM will also confer on Weeks an Honorary Doctorate (D.Litt.) for his service to the advance of the naturopathic profession and of integrative health ...

Former Research Working Group member **Dan Cherkin, PhD**, who has included ACCAHC as an adviser in his PCORI grant, has chosen to retire this summer. Cherkin has created a legacy as a major contributor to research on the ACCAHC disciplines ... Research Working Group member **James Whedon, DC, MS** is leaving Dartmouth to become the director of health services research at ACCAHC President's Level individual college member **Southern California University** ... ACCAHC Council of Advisers member **Len Wisneski, MD**, chair of the **Integrative Health Policy Consortium (IHPC)**, shares that the IHPC Board chose to remove the "care" from "healthcare" that was formerly the second word of the organization's name ...

## Opportunities, Announcements & Resources

### *First Time Posting*

**Full-time Faculty Position** A March notice from **American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine** announced that they are seeking a full-time faculty member to focus on its DAOM program.

**April 15, 2015** The American Medical Student Association is accepting students from other disciplines into LEAPS, their weeklong intensive integrative medicine training program.

May 1, 2015 Application Deadline Opportunity for Researchers ["Building Research across Inter-Disciplinary Gaps \(BRIDG\) T90/R90 Clinical Research Training Program in Complementary and Integrative Health"](#) via the **National College of Natural Medicine** and the University of Washington.

**May 8, 2015** Webinar "Developing Interprofessional Champions in the Clinical Environment: Opportunities for Preceptors" is the name of a webinar from the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative

### *Previously Posted*

**April 23-24, 2015** Webinar or onsite Institute of Medicine Global Forum [Workshop on Envisioning the Future of Health Professional Education](#). ACCAHC is a member of the Global Forum.

**April 29-May 1, 2015** and **October 7-9, 2015** The [Interprofessional Education Collaborative \(IPEC\)](#) Institute invites all interested health professions' faculty to consider organizing teams to attend the upcoming 2015 faculty development institutes. The spring session focusing on a new theme of population health in interprofessional education. The fall session focuses on building a framework for IPE. ACCAHC is a Supporting Member of IPEC. Southern California University has participated in a past institute. See [Southern California University of Health Sciences experience at the Interprofessional Education Collaborative](#) (October 2014)

**May 22, 2015** Call for submissions deadline for the [2015 International Conference to Promote Resilience, Empathy and Well-Being in the Health Professions: An Interprofessional Forum](#). Hosted by the Center for Innovation and Leadership in Education (CENTILE) directed by ACCAHC Council of Advisers member **Adi Haramati, PhD**. The conference is co-sponsored by **Maryland University of Integrative Health**. Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC, USA, October 18-21, 2015.

**June 15-19, 2015** A Certificate Course for Health Professionals, Educators & Leaders, sponsored by the [Centre for Interprofessional Education](#) at the University of Toronto. "Course will enhance your natural leadership abilities to teach excellence in Interprofessional Education (IPE), helping to build an IPE community of leaders in healthcare."

**June 24-25, 2015** ACCAHC Board of Directors, **Maryland University of Integrative Health**, Columbia, Maryland.

**July 3, 2015 Call for papers deadline:** The Evidence Based CAM journal has issued a call for papers for a special issue guest edited by Research Working Group co-chair **Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD**, entitled ["The Role of CAM in Public Health, Disease Prevention, and Health Promotion."](#)

**July 9-11, 2015** [Process of Integrating Evidence \(PIE\) for CAM Educators](#) Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Speakers and facilitators include some of the brightest minds in CAM EIP." ACCAHC is directly involved via **Deb Hill, MS** and the PERL project.

**July 21-28, 2015** with exhibitors July 25-28 **Alliance for Massage Therapy Education** and **Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation** are co-sponsoring with involvement of seven of organizations, including ACCAHC, in Minneapolis. [Information here](#).

**September 1, 2015** Submission deadline for a special issue on chiropractic for the *Journal of Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*. Research Working Group co-chair **Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD** is the co-editor of the special issue.

**October 18-21, 2015** [2015 International Conference to Promote Resilience, Empathy and Well-Being in the Health Professions: An Interprofessional Forum](#), Washington, D.C.

**October 24-29, 2015** ACCAHC Associate Member and education program collaborator **Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine (AIHM)** is offering its annual conference in San Diego, [People, Planet, Purpose: Global Practitioners United in Health and Well-Being](#).





**May 18-20, 2016 [International Congress for Integrative Medicine and Health](#)**, Las Vegas; sponsored the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health (formerly CAHCIM). IHPC, AIHM and ACCAHC are track partners.

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