



ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: January 11, 2011

Below and attached. Sent one or more Tuesdays of each month to ACCAHC leaders and project participants

Hello ACCAHC Board Members, WG Members, Organizational Leaders, Advisers, Key Donors:

This is the **17th** Tuesday Letter sent with brief updates, events and hopefully useful information to you. We are sending bcc to limit your email. **If you wish to communicate something with the whole group, please let us know.** This letter is also attached.

“5 Major Goals” Shaping Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM) Strategic Plan

CCAOM’s Winter 2010 newsletter notes the following 5 strategic goals:

1. Promote AOM as a viable profession and healthcare option
2. Enhance graduate financial and professional success
3. Provide leadership on issues that impact member institutions
4. Promote the effective use of technology
5. Enhance faculty development and student learning

The newsletter for the 55 member school organization (see attached) also notes action items” attached to each goal. Pages 10-11 include an update on ACCAHC’s 2010 activity. CCAOM is a founding ACCAHC member organization.

Standard Process Grants Additional \$5000 to Support ACCAHC RWG

Since 2007, Standard Process has made an annual contribution to support the work of the ACCAHC Research Working Group. This December, Standard Process came through again, bringing its total support to over \$35,000. The funding will, among other things, support costs associated the ACCAHC delegation that will meet with NIH NCCAM leadership on February 28, 2011. Many thanks!

IOM Appointee Rick Marinelli, ND, LAc in Audio Interview for *Natural Medicine Journal*

Rick Marinelli, ND, LAc, ACCAHC’S nominee to the IOM Committee on Advancing Pain Research, Care and Education is featured in an audio interview at the *Natural Medicine Journal*. Executive committee member Jan Schwartz contacted me and noted that ACCAHC (and ACCAHC exec Weeks) were mentioned by the interviewer. (Rick, as is appropriate, stated that he does not “represent” anyone but

himself on the Committee.) Marinelli attended the 2nd onsite meeting of the Committee on January 4-5. Here is the link: http://www.naturalmedicinejournal.com/hcp_jan11.shtml

Side note: Marinelli's appointment was twittered by American Association of Naturopathic Physicians executive director Karen Howard [here](#).

Federal Resource from HRSA on Interprofessional Education (IPE)

A "Federal Perspective on Interprofessional Education" is the name of [this PDF slide show](#) presented via the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA has shown significant interest in the IPE as awareness of the importance of teams in quality care, and cost control, has grown, and with the parallel emergence of medical homes and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). The document is from January 2010.

Naturopathic Medicine Featured in *Advisor*, the Magazine of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions

The 68-page 4th Quarter issue of *Advisor*, the magazine for advisors for the health professions is devoted to a "special theme" on the naturopathic medical profession. The issue includes various articles. Individual copies can be purchased. I am currently seeking information. Let me know if you are interested. jweeks@accahc.org

January 13 Last Day to Respond Re: "Integrative Health Care" in DRAFT National Prevention (and Health Promotion) Strategy

Via CAM/IM supporters Harkin, Mikulsi and others, "integrative health care" is repeated highlighted in the Obama healthcare reform law through which a new National Prevention Strategy is being created. However, there is but one meager reference to such practices in the DRAFT Strategy, the comment period for which ends January 13, 2011. Click [here to respond and to see the 8 page draft](#). Those interested in some discussion of integrative-practice-related issues and sample responses from the Samueli Institute and the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, [click here](#).

Internal ACCAHC & Member News

- **Ron Zaidman, Christa Louise and David Wickes re-elected to new ACCAHC Board terms** The Board of Directors of ACCAHC has re-elected the following individuals for additional 3-year terms. Ron Zaidman, MBA, MTCM (originally nominated by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine), Christa Louise, PhD (originally nominated through the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners) and (David Wickes, MS, DC (originally through the Council on Chiropractic Education). We thank them all for continuing service!
- **Member Orgs: Interested in ACCAHC Update for Your Newsletter?** ACCAHC is happy to provide an update on what ACCAHC has been doing with your member dues for your member publications. An example is on pages 10-11 of the attached CCAOM newsletter. Contact jweeks@accahc.org.

CAHCIM & Conventional Academic Medicine News

These notes, unless otherwise stated, are from the CAHCIM E-News which is shared with ACCAHC.

- **American Association of Medical Colleges in statement in favor of not overturning healthcare reform** A recent issue of the AAMC weekly news notes that the association of medical colleges has released a statement urging Congress not to overturn the healthcare law. The [statement is here](#).
- **"LEAPS into IM" program for MD/DO students benefits from additional Weil Foundation grant** The [Leadership and Education Program for Students in Integrative Medicine](#) (LEAPs into IM) will be allowed to add 10 students thanks to an \$18,000 grant support from the [Weil Foundation](#), according to a recent notice from the [Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine](#). A total of 320 students will participate in the 2011 week-long experiential, introductory program.
- **CAHCIM Fellowship Competency Task Force Co-Chairs** The CAHCIM Bulletin notes that Rob Saper (representing Family Medicine and the Executive Committee) and Melinda Ring (representing Internal Medicine and the membership at large) will serve as co-chairs of this task force. The Task Force charge is to explore the development of a standard set of competency guidelines for accrediting or certifying programs that offer IM fellowships.

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **International Integrative Care**, Amsterdam, March 11-12, 2011 ACCAHC Council of Advisers members Richard "Buz" Cooper and Adi Haramati are involved. For details and registration [click here](#).
- **ACCAHC Biennial Meeting June 26-28, 2011** Many of you are now or will soon be planning your budgets for 2011. Get the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting in your planners and in your budgets!
- **Collaborating Across the Borders III, November 19-21, 2011.** The Center for Interprofessional Education and the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative are pleased to announce Collaborating Across Borders III. This major conference on interprofessional education will take place on November 19-21, 2011 in Tucson, AZ.
- **North American Research Conference on Complementary and Integrative Medicine: [May 15-18, 2012](#)**

Here's hoping you find this efficient and useful. Let me know if you have information to report or ideas for how the Tuesday Letter might better serve you.

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