

ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: March 8, 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 & Friends:

This is the **21th** 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.

Brief Report: ACCAHC Delegation Meets with NCCAM Team, February 28

A team of 6 ACCAHC leaders met with NCCAM Director Josie Briggs, MD, Deputy Director Jack Killen, MD, and 6 of their staff for 2 hours on February 28. The team shared presentation and discussion of a series of slides in which we made a case for a special relationship for NCCAM with our disciplines, even as cardiologists may have a special relationship to heart research! We made a series of specific recommendations on how investment could best advance the public health mission of NCCAM, based on Board/Member approved letters. Discussion was good and rich. (As evidence of the depth, when we spoke of strategies to bridge the challenges facing our relatively new and underfunded researchers and research institutions, an NCCAM staffer sat back thoughtfully and said: "This sounds like some of the discussion that comes up with minority issues.")

We were thanked more than once by Dr. Briggs for recommendations were useful. Our team met after and ranked it about an 8.0 where 10 was the most they could have expected. *A more thorough report sent to the Board, and a copy of the slides are available if you are interested.* Thanks to the team of Greg Cramer, Beau Anderson, David O'Bryon, Carlo Calabrese and Martha Menard for all the time and energy (and in many cases personal or institutional funds) spent to participate. The Research Working Group already commenced on March 7 is working on follow-up, with another sub-committee meeting scheduled for Friday March 11.

Brief Report: ACCAHC Leaders Meet with HRSA Administrator Wakefield on IPE

ACCAHC vice-chair David O'Bryon, executive director of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (and an old hand in the Beltway) and John Weeks, ACCAHC executive director, met with Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) administrator Mary Wakefield, RN, PhD and 2 of her top members of her team on March 2. Our goal was to put ACCAHC on the map there, and to work on advancing health care by moving our disciplines into the national IPE discussion which Wakefield has championed. We presented slides on ACCAHC and the Center for Optimal Integration, stressing our core foci: competencies for optimal practice in integrated environments and enhancing evidence-informed education. Wakefield's first comment was on our evidence efforts: "You're going to where the needle is." She also liked ACCAHC as consortium: "Whenever we see a consortium we can engage, we like it." And, regarding the IPE discussion: "We want to be as inclusive as possible." We have some follow-up regarding IPE competencies in development by the MD-RN-MPH-DDS-DO fields and, generally, a plan to get on some of their list serves. David, who knows the Beltway better than I, thought the meeting a good one and the slides useful.

ACCAHC Input on Kresge-funded IAF Future of Primary Care Project

Futurist Clement Bezold, PhD, president of the Institute for Alternative Futures, is heading a significant, Kresge Foundation-funded project that is forecasting the future of primary care in 2025. ACCAHC input was sought through a March 1, 2011 meeting in Alexandria between Bezold and John Weeks. Bezold was briefed on the ACCAHC primary care project with UCLA's Michael Goldstein, PhD. ACCAHC will be following up on some requests for additional information. We anticipate inclusion in a face-to-face forecasting meeting yet to be scheduled. **If any of you would like to participate in input in this process, please let me know.**

ACCAHC Invited to Contribute Fact Sheet to Founding Grantmakers in Health CAM Networking Meeting

Thanks to the Samueli Foundation, a lead organizer of the Grantmakers in Health (GiH) founding meeting of a CAM Funders Network in early March, ACCAHC was invited to provide a 2 flier on basic information that was sent electronically to attendees. ACCAHC's submission was a primer on the CAM/IM environment, with more focused information on ACCAHC and the COI. Thanks to ACCAHC Council of Advisers' member Wayne Jonas, MD for helping create the relationships that led to this opportunity to be seen by this group. Roughly 60 foundations attended. Contact John Weeks for the 2-page sheet.

Call for Abstracts & General Information on Major North American IPE Conference, November 19-21, 2011

A colleague of ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Mary Jo Kreitzer, RN, PhD, FAAN, national leader of the IPE movement who is on the leadership team of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative, sends notice of details of the Collaboration Across the Borders IPE conference scheduled for November 19-21, 2011 in Tucson. Information including submission information is available at <http://www.cabarizona2011.org/> The focus: *Interprofessional Collaboration: From Concept to Preparation to Practice*. This is the 3rd such biennial conference.

Comment: While this conference looks a great place to be (and we are making plans to have ACCAHC people there, and I personally recommend it), unfortunately, ACCAHC efforts to be included as part of the planning committee for this conference were not successful. It remains fascinating how a "patient-centered care" movement (and IPE is supposedly all about better teams for the patient), even one that has known supporters of our disciplines in leadership, still maintains a boundary that does not reflect actual patient centeredness. ACCAHC will continue our education and advocacy on behalf of the whole of patient choice.

European IPE conference ACCAHC also received notice that the 3rd European IPE conference will be held September 14-16, 2011 in Ghent, Belgium: http://www.eipen.eu/onderzoek_4.html

Three Allina-Knutson 2011 Training(s) for Inpatient Practice: Focused AOM, Massage, plus Hospital Integration Conference

ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Lori Knutson, RN, BC-HN, runs the nation's most significant inpatient integrative care program via the Penny George Institute and Allina Hospitals and Clinics. She writes: "We are offering 3 provider trainings for those who have a desire to practice in the hospital

setting. The attachment is a "save the date" postcard. Both the Massage Therapist and Acupuncturists trainings are limited to 24 people as there is a great deal of hands on training. Accredited CEU's from the respective specialties will be provided. The 3rd one which is a conference versus a training is the one we did last summer. However this time we will hold it for 3 1/2 days with the half day specifically focused on the business aspects of developing a hospital based program." See attached flier and dates below.

Haramati: Faculty Training Program in Mind-Body Medicine

ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Adi Haramati, PhD sends information for "those interested in the Faculty Training Program in Mind-Body Medicine that the next training led by Adi and Nancy Harazduk entitled, ***Educating for Enhanced Self-Awareness and Self-Care: An Experiential Faculty Training in Mind-Body Medicine***, will take place April 7-10, 2011 at the Aspen Wye River Institute, which is a beautiful Marriott Conference Center, located 1 hour from BWI airport on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This program is aimed at training faculty who wish to implement the mind-body program at their health professions school. There are currently only 4 slots left, so if you are planning on participating please submit your application as soon as possible. Adi would appreciate an email letting him know that you are interested in attending. Information and application materials can be downloaded from <http://tjih.org/training-program-details>. For questions contact Adi: Haramati@georgetown.edu

External ACCAHC Organization News

- **Knutson joins board of Northwestern Health Sciences University** ACCAHC adviser Lori Knutson (see notice above) has joined the Board of Northwestern Health Sciences University.
- **SCUHS honors ACCAHC founding donor Lucy Gonda** An event in late February at Southern California University of Health Sciences honored Lucy Gonda for her past role in assisting SCUHS to place chiropractic interns in area community clinics.

CAHCIM & Conventional Academic Medicine News

These notes, unless otherwise stated, are from the CAHCIM E-News which is shared with ACCAHC. For further information, please feel free to contact jweeks@accahc.org.

- **CAHCIM EWG and Student Representatives working on getting CAM in key database** "FREIDA is an online searchable database which sends questionnaires to residency programs asking questions about their programs, but they do not include questions about CAM. The student representatives have decided to propose that FREIDA include CAM/IM-related questions." The EWG and student group are organizing a campaign to get these questions into FREIDA. (Note: FREIDA online is a database with over 8,700 graduate medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, as well as over 200 combined specialty programs.)
- **Electronic Health Records for Integrative Care** Gillian Ehrlich, University of Washington ARNP, is seeking feedback on Electronic Health Records for integrative care. Have you found a particularly excellent EHR for your integrative practice? Or have you used an EHR that really doesn't work well for offering integrative care?

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](#).
- **Joint Homeopathic Conference** is being held in Alexandria VA - April 8 - 10, 2011. <http://www.nationalcenterforhomeopathy.org/conference/home>.
- **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!
- **Hospital Based Integrative Health Care Conference: Transforming Health Care Practice Aug. 3 – 5** Organized by Lori Knutson-Abbott Northwestern-Allina Hospitals. Also, “The Hospital Setting: Integrative Health Practitioner Training for Massage Therapists” June 27– July 1; and “The Hospital Setting: Integrative Health Practitioner Training for Oriental Medicine Professionals” Aug. 15 – 19. Information will be available online by April 1st at http://www.allina.com/ahs/anw.nsf/page/ihh_home
- **[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 Tuscon, AZ.
- **International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health (formerly NARCCIM): [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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