

ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: April 12, 2011

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 **22nd** 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. **In response to member request, these letters have ACCAHC-specific news up front followed by other resources.**

ACCAHC Biennial Meeting Update: Recent action and sign-up!

The next 3 months will see a significant focus on the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting, June 26-28, at Bastyr University. From current sign-ups, this will be ACCAHC's largest meeting thus far. We do have room for others if you know someone you wish to invite. Contact Beth at broenthal@accahc.org. Some recent developments:

- **Competencies Wine Reception/Poster Session/World Café** Plan on lively discussion on Monday evening as we utilized a sort of combined poster session-world café to roll out content under development to assist educators, students and clinicians toward “competencies for optimal practice in integrative environments.”
- **Primary Care** The ACCAHC Executive Committee had a discussion April 11 on the proposed content on ACCAHC disciplines and primary care with project co-lead **Michael Goldstein, PhD**, UCLA acting director of academic affairs.
- **Federal Policy developments** Chair of the Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium **Len Wisneski, MD** will be present to assist with the policy forum on Tuesday.
- **Interprofessional Education** John Weeks and Liza Goldblatt each have planning-related meetings with interprofessional education (IPE) keynoter **John Gilbert, PhD** on his role at the meeting.

If you haven't registered, please do. If you know additional professionals who are good collaborators and would like to attend, please contact Beth Rosenthal (broenthal@accahc.org).

- **CAHCIM outreach supports ACCAHC Biennial Meeting** The Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM) has sent an ACCAHC-prepared message about the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting to its members. In addition, ACCAHC has been invited to share information on the program for the CAHCIM Education Working Group on April 15. The ACCAHC goal is to enrich our dialogue via inclusion of additional colleagues from conventional academic institutions. CAHCIM leaders (and ACCAHC advisors) **Adam Perlman, MD, MPH**, **Mary Jo Kreitzer, RN, PhD** and **Adi Haramati, PhD** will be with us – as will adviser **Lori Knutson, RN**.

Lucy Gonda grants \$20,000 to ACCAHC: Focus on CEDR outreach and creative arts therapies

Lucy Gonda, ACCAHC's founding philanthropic partner, has granted \$20,000 to ACCAHC. The funds will be focused on two specific purposes

- ***Clinicians and Educators Desk Reference outreach (\$10,000)*** Gonda likes the book and wants to get it into more hands. The present plan is to develop a strategy to deliver it to the self-identified national leaders in interprofessional education (IPE) associated with the [American Interprofessional Health Collaborative](#) and the [Collaborating Across the Borders III, November 19-21, 2011](#) conference.
- ***Creative Arts Therapies & ACCAHC and the Center for Optimal Integration (\$10,000)*** Creative arts therapies (dance, music & art therapy) are a part of the optimal healing strategies in many hospitals and community practices. Gonda's interest has stimulated excellent dialogue in the Executive Committee and will be on the April 19 Board agenda, relative to ACCAHC's relationship to these therapies and disciplines. If you have interest, let us know.

Background on Gonda's significant contribution in co-founding ACCAHC is [posted here](#). Thank you again, Lucy Gonda!

HRSA sends "Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice" published by MD, RN, DO, MPH, DDS, RPh educators

A 6 organization initiative called the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) has published the above-noted competencies document. Work began on it in 2009. The document was sent to ACCAHC by staff at HRSA, following the March 2, 2011 meeting between HRSA administrator May Wakefield, RN, PhD and 2 of her staff and ACCAHC's David O'Bryon and John Weeks. HRSA helped sponsor the final meeting in February which led to the document. **The 11 page document has been scanned and is attached.**

Other HRSA follow-up to ACCAHC March 2 meeting

The HRSA letter accompanying the 2 copies of the competencies document noted above was sent by Kathleen Klink, MD, Director of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry, who was present for the ACCAHC presentation. She wrote, in part: "We appreciate having had the opportunity to learn more about ACCAHC and thank you again for presentation and the desk reference for complementary and alternative healthcare professions." The 3rd member of the HRSA team at the meeting was Sarah Linde-Feucht, MD, Senior Public Health Advisor.

ACCAHC at the ACC-RAC: Leaders on practical integration strategies, plus ACC presidents and NBCE dinner

ACCAHC leaders **Mike Wiles, DC, MEd, Greg Cramer, DC, PhD** and **Vince DeBono, DC** were 3 of the 4 breakout session leaders at a lively, well-attended, interactive session on practical integration strategies at the [Association of Chiropractic Colleges -Research Agenda conference on March 18](#). (The 4th was Deborah Kopansky-Giles, DC.) ACCAHC's John Weeks worked with National University of Health Sciences' Claire Johnson, DC to develop the session. Weeks also made a presentation to the presidents

of ACCAHC member ACC on March 16th, arranged by Board member **Frank Nicchi, DC, MS**. ACCAHC Board member **Horace Elliott**, executive VP of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and NBCE president Theodore Scott, DC hosted Weeks to a dinner with other NBCE members and members of the Board of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards. ACCAHC participation at ACC-RAC was part of ACCAHC's commitment to reaching out to organizational members. (Note: A column that grew out of the session on [8 trends supporting integration is here.](#))

Gomes: ACCAHC competencies used in Samueli Center conference planning and Scripps Center for IM hiring

Stacy Gomes, EdD, EWG member and vice president for academic affairs for Pacific College of Oriental Medicine shares that in her capacity as an advisor to the UC Irvine Samueli Center for Integrative Medicine, she has been asked to prepare a workshop on the skills needed for LAc's to work in "integrated" settings. She and her co-leader plan to use the ACCAHC competencies as a base. She also notes that "Robert Bonakdar, MD at Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine asked me this week if he could use those competencies since Scripps wants to hire more LAc's." Good to see the Competencies being used!

Competencies presentation at AAAOM and Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, May 13-15

ACCAHC leaders **Jason Wright, LAc** (lead organizer), **Jennifer Brett, ND, LAc**, **Stacy Gomes, EdD**, **Kathy Taromina, LAc**, and **Liza Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA** will present on the ACCAHC Competencies for Optimal Practice in Integrative Environments and on inter-professional education/care at the conference of the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine on May 15. (The IM program at University of Maryland led by Brian Berman, MD and with which RWG member **Lixing Lao, LAc, PhD** is involved is co-sponsoring.) In addition, John Weeks will provide an update to the members of the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine on May 13. Thanks to **David Sale, JD**, for his work in setting up the latter.

De Bono to take lead in representing ACCAHC with the national PAINS strategy

EWG member **Vince DeBono, DC, VP** for academic affairs at National University of Health Sciences will serve ACCAHC as point person on the national [PAINS effort \(Pain Action Initiative: A National Strategy\)](#) developed by the Center for Practical Bioethics. De Bono will be part of a small planning meeting in Austin May 18 and then a national conference on July 11-12 for a proposed national conference. If you are interested in being involved, let us know.

ACCAHC notes: Haramati, McCarty, Marinelli, Meeker, Goldblatt

- **Message from ACCAHC Council of Advisors member Adi Haramati, PhD** Dr. Haramati, who suffered a severe heart attack in early March, sent us this note:

"Dear Friends at ACCAHC,

"My family and I are overwhelmed by the outpouring of emails, cards and thoughtful

gifts expressing your best wishes for my speedy recovery. Please know that the effect has been extremely healing for me. The good news is that I am gaining strength each day (although getting over the side effects of the meds is a challenge), and hope to fully resume my activities in late April. In the meantime, I am taking it easy and deeply appreciate your expressions of support, friendship and love.

“With gratitude to all,”

Adi

- **Rachelle McCarty, ND, MPH** who was involved with the R-25 dissemination effort has chosen a new direction following a sabbatical and will be stepping down from her ACCAHC role. Good luck in your new efforts Rachelle!
- **Rick Marinelli, ND, LAc** who was nominated by ACCAHC and selected for the IOM Committee on Advancing Pain Research, Education and Care was unfortunately diagnosed with throat cancer shortly after his first meeting and has been largely unable to participate. He has just completed treatment. Send your good energy to Portland, Oregon. Contact jweeks@accahc.org if you want contact information.
- **Bill Meeker, DC, MPH** was inadvertently left off the list of key contributors to the ACCAHC-NCCAM meeting on February 28, 2011 in the March Tuesday Letter. Meeker has been a significant contributor throughout the process. Apologies.
- **Report: ACCAHC Chair Liza Goldblatt spent December 2010 in India, receives honor from HH Dalai Lama.** Since many ACCAHC members were curious, I thought would share a brief report. She was there for two reasons. First is that she was asked to present a paper on "Inter-Professional Education in Health Care in the USA" in Gangtok, Sikkim at a conference sponsored by the government of Sikkim. And second, Dr. Goldblatt sits on the Tibetan Nuns Project (TNP) Board of Directors which builds colleges/universities for Tibetan nuns who have escaped from Tibet and come to the Dharamsala, India area, which is where HH Dalai Lama is in residence. Liza: “The nuns come there completely illiterate and often have been in prison and/or tortured in Tibet. This one photo was taken at the opening of Shugsep Nunnery which is very near Dharamsala, India. This nunnery includes a college, meditation hall, access to health care and living quarters for the nuns in exile.” The photo shows Liza just after she received a statue from HH Dalai Lama who presided over the opening ceremony at Shugsep. The red scarf around her neck is an offering scarf also from the HH Dalai Lama. Liza: “HH Dalai Lama was so kind as to recognize the TNP Board members and their work for the Tibetan community.”

Jill's List joins ACCAHC as Associate Member

Jill's List, a social network for patients and practitioners involved in integrative health care has become an Associate Member of ACCAHC. According to Jill Shah, the web-based firm (www.jillsl.com) “was created to help patients find the right practitioner and to connect the communities of over 25 different disciplines within CAM and integrative medicine. Jill's list requires standards of all listed practitioners and is thus interested in the ACCAHC community of practitioners. The initiative has the involvement of a couple of well-known philanthropists in integrative medicine. Shah has provided ACCAHC useful strategic advice. Jill's List, which offers practitioners some free marketing services, seeks, says Shah, to

become “the trusted source for comprehensive medicine.” Questions: chris@jillslist.com or (617) 502-7776

Five Branches University (\$1000) and ACTCM (\$500) re-up as Individual College Members

Five Branches University, led by Board member Ron Zaidman, MTCM, MBA has renewed its individual colleges membership at \$1000. American College for Traditional Chinese Medicine, led by Lixin Huang, MS has renewed at \$500. Thank you each for this additional commitment!

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.

- **Integrative Medicine Fellowship Committee** A new committee will be co-chaired by Rob Saper (Boston Univ.) and Melinda Ring (Northwestern). The Committee goals include: Develop a set of competencies that a graduate from an integrative medicine fellowship should demonstrate; Define necessary components and characteristics of a fellowship curriculum to train fellows to meet these competencies; Determine and recommend to the Executive Committee different options available for integrative medicine fellowship accreditation.
- **Duke and Ohio IM programs seek executive directors for integrative medicine** Information is available from the March 18 CAHCIM news. Contact jweeks@accahc.org for more information.

Other News & Resources

- **SPARC Conference from Portland interprofessional collaboration** Heather Zwickey, PhD reports that The annual SPARC research conference (Symposium for Portland Area Research on CAM) is April 15th at OHSU. SPARC is a collaboration between NCNM, OCOM, UWS, OHSU, PSU, UP, Kaiser Center for Health Research, and Legacy/Good Samaritan hospital. The keynote speaker this year is Margaret Chesney, and the overall theme is Mind-Body medicine. SPARC will be preceded this year by a free conference on Active Teaching Styles. Participants and presenters in SPARC and pre-SPARC are coming from all over the country. Information [is here](#).

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine, University of Maryland Medical School** “Whole Medicine: Teaming Up for Our Patients”, May 13-15, 2011, Baltimore Sheraton.
- **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 – sponsored by CAHCIM): [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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