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ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: April 27, 2010

Sent 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month to ACCAHC leaders and project participants

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

This is the 3rd of these Tuesday Letters. They'll arrive comes 2X per month (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) 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.

ACCAHC TELE-DIALOGUE WITH RICHARD COOPER, MD TOMORROW – APRIL 28, 11:00 PT

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INTERNAL ACCAHC DEVELOPMENTS

- **Excellent EWG and CWG work on Competencies document** ACCAHC's CWG and EWG met April 13th and 14th, respectively, to closely examine and edit ACCAHC's Competencies for Optimal Practice in Integrated Environments. Fine improvements. Consensus is we are 98% of the way to an excellent document. Thanks particularly to Bill Meeker, DC ((CWG), Beau Anderson, PhD, LAC (EWG) and Tom Souza, DC (EWG) for follow-up help. Next steps are: 1) Use the document to assist the May 20-22 retreat team which will be shaping the June 25-27, 2011 ACCAHC Conference for Educators (ACE); and 2) decide a strategy for publication and dissemination. Let me know if you want to see the latest.
- **Members Only Section of the Website in Development** Some of you may have been surprised by an email giving you set-up information for a member-only section of the website. Beth sent out a clarifying email last week. The goal is to simplify your relationship with ACCAHC by posting key documents, contacts information, minutes, etc. there. We are deciding what types of documents to make available. If any of you want to change your password, click on the “Reset Password” link that appears on the left navigation bar after you have logged in. ACCAHC staff assistant Linda Tate set up your usernames and passwords. If you have questions, or haven't received information and want it, contact Linda at: ltate@accahc.org

- **Welcome Council on Homeopathic Education (CHE) as ACCAHC's first Emerging Profession member** The ACCAHC Board voted unanimously to accept CHE's application to become the first Emerging Profession member organization in ACCAHC. The vote followed a significant process (Policies, Bylaws and Membership Committee, Executive Committee, direct interviews, meeting with J. Weeks) including an interview with CHE president Heidi Schor, CCH, during the Board meeting April 20th. Schor wrote this note on hearing of the vote and a reference to HHS Secretary Sebelius allusion to homeopathy recently:

“Thank you for your vote of confidence. We look forward to a fruitful partnership and exchange. Yes, 2 weeks ago we were at the National Center for Homeopathy Conference when we heard (HHS Secretary) Kathleen Sebelius issue her favorably odd remarks. We were ecstatic that the word homeopathy was chosen (although perhaps unintentionally). Homeopathy is at least on the tip of her tongue, if not yet quite integrated in her knowledge. That is a good thing. I look forward to being wired in, as you say John, to ACCAHC. Warm regards, Heidi.”

CHE will participate as part of the Traditional World Medicine (TWM) group for which Felicia Tomasko, RN serves on the ACCAHC board. The CHE website is <http://www.chedu.org/>.

- **Join 242 People on ACCAHC Facebook Fan Page** Jan Schwartz, MA, co-chair of the EWG has developed and is managing an ACCAHC Fan Page on Facebook. Jan writes: “If you are on Facebook please become a fan and help us get the word out about ACCAHC's work and related topics. Here is the link if you are on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Academic-Consortium-for-Complementary-and-Alternative-Health-Care-ACCAHC/90665263611?ref=ts>. Just click on join. You do need to have a personal page on Facebook in order to become a fan of ACCAHC. As of last Friday we have 242 friends! If you have trouble with the link, do a search for Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care and support us in getting the message out.” Thanks, Jan!
- **Council of Advisers page is up on ACCAHC website** Under Leadership on the ACCAHC site is a new button: “Council of Advisers.” Click in and you will see our first 6 – with clicks through there to the bios of this remarkable group. I attach to this document the acceptance letter from an adviser who has been very close to our work from the beginning, Adi Haramati, PhD - who. He recalls the moment of ACCAHC's conception, in November 2003. http://accahc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=59&Itemid=31

CEDR CAMPAIGN: UPDATE

- **Georgetown University ordered 50 copies of the *Clinicians and Educators Desk References (CEDR)*** The copies will be given this year as gifts to students who are completing an integrative program. The order followed a reading of the book by Adi Haramati, PhD, who runs the IM program at Georgetown (and also serves on ACCAHC's Council of Advisers). Happily, the order will net over \$750 to the ACCAHC treasury, which needs it. Nice when mission and money are aligned!

RESOURCE SHARING

- **Association of Chiropractic Colleges shares key strategic initiatives for chiropractic college presidents** A press release sent to me under my *Integrator* hat ticks off key strategic initiatives the ACC presidents group considered at their meeting at the March 17-20, 2010 ACC-RAC (Association of Chiropractic Colleges Education Conference-Research Agenda Conference). These priorities might be of interest to the rest of the ACCAHC community:
 - ✓ achieve consensus on how the chiropractic academic community may contribute to integration within the existing and emerging health care systems;
 - ✓ promote collaboration in research efforts among member institutions;
 - ✓ increase the quantity, quality and diversity of applicants pursuing chiropractic education;
 - ✓ review the [ACC Paradigm](#) from an educational perspective;
 - ✓ develop relationships with other chiropractic and allied health institutions globally that complement ACC's mission, vision and values and to look at the possibility of developing clinical residencies as part of the doctor of chiropractic program training.

The conference drew 439 participants, their most ever, and also had a record number of scientific paper submissions. The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners presented outstanding scholarship paper awards at the conference. The full ACC release is attached.

- **IOM report promotes inter-professional continuing education (IPE), especially multidisciplinary gatherings** In December, the IOM released a report [Redesigning Continuing Education in the Health Professions](#). It strongly supports IPE and specifically recommends creating settings that are themselves multidisciplinary. A column that referenced the report which pulls out sections relevant to our work is here: http://theintegratorblog.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=651&Itemid=189
- **HHS Secretary Sebelius on Acupuncture, Meditation, Homeopathy and Alternative Health Care** Sebelius recent comments are reported here, together with some from former Democratic National Committee chair Howard Dean, MD. http://theintegratorblog.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=653&Itemid=189

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

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- **SECOND NOTICE: Weeks-Thompson host ACCAHC+ gathering, Friday evening, May 14, Seattle, with NCCAM director Josie Briggs, MD** If you leave near or around Seattle or will be in Seattle for the Massage Therapy Foundation research conference (May 13-15) chaired by CWG member

Diana Thompson, LMP, plan to come to a small party Friday evening, 7:30-10:30 or so at my home. If there is someone at your institution coming who might like to attend, let me know. Dr. Briggs has indicated she plans to join us. We're in the Alki area, 10 minutes from downtown Seattle. Let me know if you or someone from your institution will want to attend.

- **International Association of Medical Sciences Educators (www.iamse.org) July 10-13, 2010, Tulane** ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Adi Haramati, PhD is has earned about every honor a teacher of medical sciences can earn. He is a past board member of this organization and remains in its leadership and recommends it as a great forum for upping the teaching skills and creating community for science educators. The conference is at <http://iamse.org/conf/conf14/index.htm>
- **Hospital-based Integrative Healthcare Conference, July 27-29, 2010** ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Lori Knutson, RN, BSN, BC-HN, is the principal organizer of this practical conference to be held in Minnesota. Knutson's ACCAHC tele-dialogue in on the ACCAHC Resources page. She runs the nation's most significant inpatient-outpatient integrative care program in the nation. For information: [http://www.allina.com/ahs/anw.nsf/page/10-4414_PGI_HBIHCC_Email.pdf/\\$FILE/10-4414_PGI_HBIHCC_Email.pdf](http://www.allina.com/ahs/anw.nsf/page/10-4414_PGI_HBIHCC_Email.pdf/$FILE/10-4414_PGI_HBIHCC_Email.pdf)
- **PERPETUAL NOTICE: ACCAHC Conference June 25-27, 2011** Many of you are now or will soon be planning your budgets for 2011. Get the ACCAHC Conference for Educators in your planners and in your budgets!

Here's hoping you find this efficient and useful. Let me know if you have ideas how this might better serve you.

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