

ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: November 9, 2010

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 **14th** 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.**

REMINDER: IPE Leader John Gilbert, PhD Tele-Dialogue/Webinar Thursday, November 10, 10 AM PT

- **John Gilbert, PhD, top inter-professional education (IPE) leader in ACCAHC tele-dialogue November 11** We sent notice of the November 11, 10:00 AM PT event in October. [Gilbert](#) will also be keynoting the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting, June 26-28, 2011. **If you haven't indicated your plan to participate and would like to participate, please contact jweeks@accahc.org for the webinar and call-in instructions.**

Positive News on ACCAHC Nominee to IOM Pain Study

- **ACCAHC RWG+ supports effort** We learned late last week that an ACCAHC nominee to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) project on [Advancing Pain Research, Care and Education](#) is likely to be appointed. Over 250 professionals are under consideration for the 15 person panel. ACCAHC has advocated strongly for at least one person from our "CAM" fields, given the wide use of our graduates for pain conditions. Meantime, the potential appointee was asked for a few relevant CAM-pain studies that might be part of the study portfolio for the group. Following a query to an ACCAHC Research Working Group+ (RWG) set of experts, many citations were quickly gathered. The nominee sent in an excellent list of 12 studies today. Thanks to the following for their suggestions: Richard Hammerschlag, PhD, Iris Bell, MD, Diana Thompsen, LMP, Janet Kahn, PhD, Carlo Calabrese, ND, MPH, Martha Menard, PhD and Greg Cramer, DC, PhD, Ather Ali, ND, MPH, Lixing Lao, LAc, MPH, Rosa Schnyer, LAc, PhD and John Balleto, LMP for their quick responses. This is exciting. More news soon!

ACCAHC Outreach to NCCAM on "Disciplines Research" and Capacity Building

- ACCAHC's ongoing dialogue with NCCAM over the 2011-2015 NCCAM strategic plan led to an opportunity to engage the agency more deeply on the importance of both: 1) examining the real world issues of whole practices and 2) of researching the impact of "disciplines" on health of a population. The RWG, with particularly significant inputs from Greg Cramer, DC, PhD, and Carlo Calabrese, ND, MPH, saw the opportunity as a chance to help define terms like "disciplines research" and "whole practice research." (See the attached.) In addition, they recognized an opportunity to educate NCCAM about some of the specific issues and opportunities in maturing research capacity in ACCAHC discipline schools. Following review from the ACCAHC Board, the letter was sent October 29 and was followed up by a positive call between NCCAM deputy director Jack Killen, MD and ACCAHC executive director John Weeks on November 8. Next step may be an ACCAHC delegation to Bethesda. More soon.

ACCAHC Consulted on new IAF Study on Primary Care Funded by Kresge Foundation

- The Kresge Foundation has granted the [Institute for Alternative Futures](#) a significant grant to explore “the likely and preferable futures for primary care.” IAF chair Clem Bezold, PhD interviewed ACCAHC executive director John Weeks on the project. Weeks shared the guidelines the section authors are using in the ACCAHC primary care project engaged with Michael Goldstein, PhD, at the UCLA Center for Health Policy. The Kresge Foundation “will use the IAF scenarios to explore the implications of changes in primary care for its own funding strategies.” IAF is a long-time friend of ACCAHC and has served as a fiscal partner to ACCAHC’s parent organization, the [Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium](#).

ACCAHC Asked to Provide Team of 3 to Help Guide 2012 Education Conference at Georgetown

- Georgetown University plans to host an October 2012 international CAM/IM education conference. ACCAHC Council of Advisors member Adi Haramati, PhD has shared with ACCAHC plans to use a 12 person planning team, 3 members of which will be from ACCAHC leadership. Discussions are underway to identify the team. Haramati heads up the IM program at Georgetown.

Put it on Your Calendar: ACCAHC Annual Meeting on December 1, 1:00 PM Pacific

- ACCAHC’s annual membership meeting will be held via phone and webinar Wednesday, December 1, at 1 PM Pacific Time. The meeting includes a review of the year, a look at the year ahead, and any topics ACCAHC participants wish to see covered. The meeting is open to anyone on this list ACCAHC. Phone in: 218-486-1611. Contact John Weeks if you plan to attend. jweeks@accahc.org. More information to follow.

Internal ACCAHC

- **ASHA School of Massage in Orders 45 CEDR: Thanks Stan Dawson, DC** The [Academy of Somatic Healing Arts](#) (ASHA School of Massage) is the latest program to make a significant purchase (45) of the ACCAHC *Clinicians’ and Educators’ Desk Reference* (CEDR). ASHA, led by long time integrative health pioneer Stan Dawson, DC, is an ACCAHC individual college member.
- **Membership: Welcome Florida School of massage as Individual School** The [Florida School of Massage](#) has joined ACCAHC as an individual school at the Department Head level (\$150). Pete Whitridge, LMT, director of education at FSM is also the president of the [Association of Massage Therapy Educators](#), an ACCAHC Associate Member.
- **ACCAHC begins using webinar for meetings** Thanks to support and prep from Education Working Group member and author-educator Whitney Lowe, LMT, ACCAHC has moved to a webinar base for its internet based meetings. Beth Rosenthal is setting up the meetings. If you are using the system for the first time, please come in 5 minutes early to work out any kinks.

- **Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (PCOM) to begin IPE award** Education Working Group member Stacy Gomes, EdD has notified ACCAHC that PCOM, an ACCAHC individual college member, has a new, ACCAHC-stimulated alumni award on inter-professional education. Gomes writes:

“We have initiated a new PCOM alumni award to recognize alumni that demonstrate skills and leadership with Inter-professional Education. This is a great opportunity to capitalize on the work of ACCAHC to increase dialogue amongst the professions and show our alumni that we value this skill.”

- **CEDR at APHA, thanks to EWG’s Adam Burke, MPH, LAc, PhD** EWG member Adam Burke helped give the ACCAHC CEDR visibility at the recent meeting of the American Public Health Association, via making fliers available. He reports a good deal of interest.

CAHCIM & Conventional Academic Medicine News

- **PedCAM solicits input on research agenda** The Pediatric CAM group is entering the 4th phase of its study entitle ‘Setting a research agenda for pediatric CAM: A consensus approach.” The team seeks feedback from as many people as possible from various backgrounds in pediatric CAM **until November 30**. Information about the survey is [here](#). To participate in the study [click here](#).
- **Free Subscription to AAMC e-News** A free, useful monthly newsletter of the Association of Academic Medical Colleges (AAMC). The weekly-e-news AAMC STAT (Short, Topic and Timely) is a good quick skimmer on what’s important in the MD medical school world. To subscribe, go to <http://www.aamc.org/aamcstat>
- **IPE: AMA president speak on importance of collaboration** American Medical News recently included a piece on collaboration from AMA chair Ardis Dee Hoven, MD entitled [“Quality care follows when professionals collaborate”](#).

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **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 Tuscon, 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.