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### ACCAHC Newsletter #35: June 27, 2012

*Sent one or more times each month to Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care (ACCAHC) leaders and project participants*

**Hello ACCAHC Board Members, Leaders, Members, Advisers, Key Donors & Friends -- This is the 35th ACCAHC Newsletter. If you wish to communicate something with the whole group, please let us know.**

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### Explosion of Proposals for ICECIM and Submissions from ACCAHC Teams!

The run-up for the June 15, 2012 date for closing of proposals had some terrific work from ACCAHC teams in preparing submissions for this first-ever, ACCAHC co-sponsored International Congress for Educators in Complementary and Integrative Medicine in Georgetown, October 24-26, 2012. ([www.icecim.org](http://www.icecim.org)) Our CAHCIM colleagues on the ICECIM program team thanked ACCAHC for taking a lead in seeking solicitations. Thanks to so many of you for responding! Tremendous ideas! In a great rush last week, the Congress ended up receiving 91 abstract submissions and 154 presentation proposal submissions. This Congress is going to be extraordinary! The review teams have a tough job in selecting those that will make up the agenda. They will make decisions by July 15. Meantime, book your rooms! <http://www.icecim.org/accommodations-and-travel> Remember the ACCAHC Leadership Day October 23, 1:00-9:00 PM including dinner and Board meeting dinner Monday evening October 22 and 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon the 23rd.

- For those interested in sharing a hotel room with a fellow Congress attendee, please email Renée at [rclugston@accahc.org](mailto:rclugston@accahc.org). She will collect names and contact information and try to assist you.

### ICECIM Sponsorships Begin at \$1000: Is Your Institution or Agency Interested?

Many of your institutions are actively engaged in and promoting the interprofessional and integrative relationships that this historic Congress will feature. Are you interested in showing your commitment through sponsorship and attendant visibility in your own marketing and that of the Congress? ACCAHC Research Working Group's **Martha Menard, PhD, CMT** is chairing ICECIM's fundraising work and has put together a great brochure on sponsorship opportunities. Visibility and support opportunities begin at \$1000 and go to \$25,000. Contact [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org) for a copy.

### HRSA to Create "Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine" - Opportunity for ACCAHC School Partnership(s)?

The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) has sent out an RFP for \$800,000 to award a "discretionary cooperative agreement" to establish a National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine. The announcement suggests an

opportunity for partnerships while the focus is definitely on "providing technical assistance for Integrative Medicine in Residency" programs. Funding opportunity is HRSA-12-182 (CFDA 93.117) and closing date is July 16, 2012.

## Lucy Gonda Makes Additional Grant to ACCAHC: Leadership and Creative Arts Therapists are Interests

ACCAHC founding philanthropic partner **Lucy Gonda** has contributed to our work virtually every year since 2004. Gonda's pledge kicked off the organizing by the Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium ([www.ihpc.org](http://www.ihpc.org)) and ACCAHC founding executive director **Pamela Snider, ND** which created ACCAHC. Gonda recently came through with a significant 2013 grant. Gonda has been instrumental in forging ACCAHC relationships with the Creative Arts Therapists disciplines (CATs). The ACCAHC Task Force on Leadership Development has supported, in principal, integrating some creative arts components into the leadership session. Gonda participated in the meeting of the ACCAHC Task Force on Leadership Development in Portland, May 18, 2012. Gonda and ACCAHC Council of Advisers member **Ping Ho, MPH, MA**, and John Weeks have been interviewing potential CATs consultants. Thanks Lucy!

## Note from Sheila Quinn, Principal Author of the 2004 Grant that Founded ACCAHC, on Our Growth

The note below just came in from **Sheila Quinn**, a co-founder of Bastyr University who was for a decade chair of the Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium (IHPC) which founded ACCAHC. In that capacity, and fully as a volunteer, Quinn was principal author of the grant proposal to Lucy Gonda (see story immediately above) that led to ACCAHC's founding. I thought Quinn's comment, to Pamela Snider, ND and me, worth sharing:

"Having just caught up with the last couple of Integrator blogs, I had to write and congratulate both of you and all of the dedicated ACCAHC members who have worked with you, on the impact ACCAHC is having within the healthcare community. From WHO to IOM to CAHCIM, ACCAHC has clearly become a recognized player in the evolution of health care, and I believe this is due (in great part) to the founding energy and vision of Pamela and the incredible networking, organizing, and leadership that John has brought to it in recent years. I feel so proud that IHPC was able to play a key role in the establishment of ACCAHC, and I am really just awed by its current visibility and accomplishments. You have done amazing work!"

Just need to underscore that the platform for positive change that is ACCAHC is each of you who lead your organizations to join, to re-commit, who volunteer, write, shape, donate, present, create and represent! It is pleasing to see the change Sheila captures here and had the vision to imagine in 2003! So, a moment to celebrate ... now back at it! Thanks Sheila!

## Other ACCAHC News

### Tai Sophia Institute joins ACCAHC as Individual College Member

Maryland-based Tai Sophia Institute has joined ACCAHC at the Academic Dean's Level (\$500). The Institute has multiple programs and is tracking toward university status. Welcome!

**CWG forms Hospital Based Massage Therapy (HBMT) team** The ACCAHC Clinical Care Working Group has formed a HBMT team including **MK Brennan, RN, CMT**, a past president of the American Massage Therapy Association, **Dale Healey, DC**, head of the massage program at Northwestern Health Sciences University and **Carolyn Tague, CMT** with the Institute for Health and Healing, part of California Pacific medical Center. Contact Beth Rosenthal with interest: [brosenthal@accahc.org](mailto:brosenthal@accahc.org)

### Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) endorses ACCAHC Competencies

In a note from **Richard Harris, LAc, PhD**, SAR co-chair, he

writes that SAR is particularly interested in Competency #5: "Evidence based healthcare and evidence-informed practice." Thank you Richard, and SAR and to executive committee member **Kory Ward-Cook, PhD, CAE** for reaching out to SAR.

**Stacy Gomes, EdD participates in CAHCIM team focusing on Personalized Medicine/IM intersection** Education Working Group member **Stacy Gomes, EdD**, reports that she participated in the first meeting of a group from the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM) being organized by **Carol Greco, PhD** on Personalized Medicine. The group is working on defining PM in the context of integrative medicine and health.

## News from ACCAHC Organizations & Leaders

**NYCC part of inter-institutional team awarded NIH pain grant** Individual member New York Chiropractic College (NYCC) is part of a group led by the University of Rochester that was awarded one of the NIH pain center grants.

**Associate Member AMTA Issues Call for Speakers** Colleen Leeders from ACCAHC Associate Member American Massage Therapy Association invites ACCAHC participants to make proposals for AMTA forums including their convention (September 25-28), schools summit (February 2013) and online courses. A shared application form is here: [www.amtamassage.org/education/2012-National-Convention-Call-for-Speakers.html](http://www.amtamassage.org/education/2012-National-Convention-Call-for-Speakers.html)

**Opportunity to provide input on integrative pain competencies for family medicine** Integrative pain specialist Heather Tick, MD, at the University of Washington is working on competencies for integrative pain in family practice. Input is welcome: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJGQMM9>

**NCCAOM has a new fact-sheet on meeting National Standards** The National Certification Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine has a new fact sheet for its stakeholders on the NCCAOM examination system, certification process and standards for regulation of AOM in the U.S.: <http://www.nccaom.org/about/nccaom-national-standards>

## News from the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM)

These news items are typically from the CAHCIM newsletter but are sometimes sent directly to ACCAHC. ACCAHC and CAHCIM routinely share newsletters.

**CAHCIM Key funder, the Bravewell Collaborative, to "sunset" operations in 2013** Bravewell has sent news that it will terminate its work as a collaborative in late 2013. The organization provided core support for CAHCIM, at nearly \$150,000 a year for the first 5 years, plus project support, and then ongoing support for over a decade. The Bravewell announcement is [here](#).

**U Wisconsin integrative medicine issues low-back pain module** The module was developed through a grant from the Weil Foundation and is available here: <http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/integrative/modules/low-back-pain>

## Events and Conferences

**ACCAHC Board of Directors Face-to-Face:** Georgetown University, Monday, October 22 (dinner) and Tuesday, October 23, 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon.

**ACCAHC leadership training session - From Discipline Leadership to Healthcare Leadership:** October 23, 2012, Georgetown University, 1:00-6:00, plus dinner for attendees

**(First) International Congress for Educators in Complementary and**

**Integrative Medicine:** sponsored by CAHCIM, ACCAHC and Georgetown University: October 24-26, 2012.

**International Congress for Complementary Medicine Research:** sponsored by ISCMR and CAHCIM, April 11-13, 2013. London, England. ACCAHC is a supporting sponsor. <http://www.iccmr2013.org/>

**International Massage Therapy Research Conference:** April 25-27, 2013, Boston, Massachusetts. Sponsored by ACCAHC Center for Optimal Integration donor Massage Therapy Foundation.  
<http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/massage-research/research-conference/>

**Collaborating Across Borders IV:** Vancouver, B.C. June 2013. Hosted by Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative.

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

Best regards,

John Weeks  
Executive Director  
Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care

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