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## ACCAHC Collaborator #37



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Hello ACCAHC Leaders, Members, Participants, Advisers, Donors & Friends - The lull between issues of the ACCAHC Collaborator is no sign of slack in ACCAHC activity. This year we'll send newsletters more frequently, but shorter and with a focus on skim-ability and links. This issue is a little longer, to catch up. For your news, or queries regarding specifics or announcements: [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org) - John Weeks, Executive Director

## Opportunities

**ACCAHC Task Force on Integrative Pain Care** is seeking a chiropractor to join a team with a PhD, CMT, LAc, DAOM, ND and an MD.

**NIH interagency task force on pain:** Individuals with strong policy experience, optimally coupled with research, may be eligible for submission via ACCAHC for a new NIH interagency task force on pain charged with developing a strategy on integrated pain care. Opportunity via ACCAHC's work with the Pain Action Alliance to Implement a National Strategy.

**Integrative health in PCMHs, and Accountable Care Organizations:** A new ACCAHC initiative related to Competency #6, Institutional Healthcare Culture and Practice, could use members of ACCAHC disciplines with experience in, or passion regarding models for integrative healthcare in **Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs), and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)**.

## ACCAHC Seeks Educators, Clinicians and Researchers for 12 Communities of Learning for the National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine

*Are you interested in the intersection of integrative medicine and preventive medicine? How about via the interprofessional and practical process of developing integrative medicine content for academic programs serving MD students who have chosen to specialize in Preventive Medicine? You or your colleagues have an opportunity to do so through ACCAHC's role as a partner organization in the HRSA-funded [National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine](#). We are seeking clinicians, educators and researchers (and better yet, institutions - U of Bridgeport is already involved) from our disciplines to participate in Communities of Learning for each of these 12 preventive medicine programs.*

Boston Medical Center-Boston, MA  
Griffin Hospital-Derby, CT  
Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD  
Loma Linda University -Loma Linda, CA

Meharry Medical College -Nashville, TN  
 University of California-San Diego, CA  
 University of Maryland-Baltimore, MD  
 U of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ-Newark, NJ  
 University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI  
 University of New Mexico -Albuquerque, NM  
 U of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, NC  
 University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

If you are not in one of these communities but are passionate about this project, there may also be a role for you. The NccIM, managed by the [American College of Preventive Medicine](#), has a Steering Committee that includes John Weeks, Pamela Snider, ND, the ACCAHC founding executive director and Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project executive editor, and Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium chair Len Wisneski, MD, an ACCAHC Council of Advisers member. If you are interested in learning more, contact [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org) and/or directly contact Andrea Lowe with ACPM: [alowe@acpm.org](mailto:alowe@acpm.org). For more information: [www.imprime.org](http://www.imprime.org). Let us know if you connect with Andrea or want us to introduce you.

## Institute of Medicine (IOM) Global Forum Considering ACCAHC Recommendations for 2013 Workshops

When members of the [IOM Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education](#), for which ACCAHC is a sponsor, voted on the content for 2013 workshops, they chose "**Promoting New Professionalism**." Among the subthemes under consideration are two prioritized by the ACCAHC Board when it made the decision to be a co-sponsor of the Forum in early 2012:

- Health promotion and disease prevention (versus disease treatment)
- Whole person, person-centered, egalitarian, team-based care focused on wellness and self-care

The potential topics were presented by ACCAHC chair Elizabeth (Liza) Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA at a November 28, 2012 IOM Global Forum planning meeting at the IOM's Keck Pavilion in Washington, DC. Goldblatt is ACCAHC's member. She is supported by ACCAHC'S alternate member, John Weeks. A planning committee is being created to develop the two workshops, for May and October 2013. Great to see this language on this agenda!

## New ACCAHC Ambassadors/External Affairs Designations and Activity

The ACCAHC chair in consultation with the Executive Committee has named the following new ACCAHC Ambassadors. Exciting to be involved and influencing these projects! If you are interested in connecting to these initiatives, let us know.

**National Quality Forum:** Lead will be [Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH](#), Bastyr University researcher and Research Working Group (RWG) member. Supporting are Cynthia Price, PhD, LMT (U Washington, RWG) and JoAnn Myers-Ciecko, MPH (Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, Board). ACCAHC was accepted as an NQF member in January 2013.

**National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education:** Point person will be [Mike Wiles, DC, MEd, MS](#), vice president and provost, and interim president, Northwestern Health Sciences University. Contact has been made with Center director Barbara Brandt, PhD, who knows Wiles, Goldblatt and Weeks via the IOM Global Forum and other ACCAHC interprofessional activity.

**Integrative Medicine for the Underserved.** Co-leaders [Carla Wilson, LAc, DAOM](#) director of the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program at American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and former ACAOM president, and [Greg Snow, DC](#), dean of clinics for Palmer West.

**International Congress for Clinicians in Complementary and Integrative Medicine:** The director of integrative care for University of Indiana-Goshen Healthcare and ACCAHC Clinical Working Group (CWG) co-chair [Marcia Prenguber, ND, FABNO](#) is on

the program committee. Prenguber is also a member of the ACCAHC Board and Executive Committee.

[WHO/Island Group Whole Systems Research Meeting](#): ACCAHC sent Georgetown University adjunct faculty and incoming Research Working Group co-chair Martha Menard, PhD, CMP as delegate to this small, international gathering of global whole systems research leaders. Pamela Snider, ND (Board, Executive) is supporting this work.

## ACCAHC Work Elevates Interprofessional Views in Other Organizations

Some ACCAHC work is a stone dropped in a lake, with far reaching, quiet repercussions. One such area of influence is urging other organizations to shift their organizational language from a "therapies" to an interprofessional perspective relative to other disciplines. The change is often fostered through ACCAHC Ambassadors who urge a vision of integration that is not only about "therapies" or "modalities" but, perhaps more importantly, integrative "practitioners" or "health professionals" and "disciplines." Three recent areas of influence:

-In the definition of integrated pain treatment on the not yet revealed website of the [Pain Action Alliance to Initiate a National Strategy](#).

-Language promoting the [International Congress for Clinicians on Complementary and Integrative Medicine](#).

-A survey document and other materials used for the [National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine](#).

*Note: Those with long ACCAHC memories will know that in 2005 we engaged this subject with our colleagues in the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine who readily responded with an amendment toward inter-professionalism in their [definition](#). Check the language of your own institutional and organizational documents. Do these speak inter-professionally, of working with other practitioners and professions, or only other therapies or modalities?*

## ACCAHC Board and Key Leadership Changes: Calabrese, Khalsa, Pimentel, Louise, Menard, and Katz

**Carlo Calabrese, ND, MPH** has been instrumental in guiding the Research Working Group since its founding in 2007, and as co-chair over the last 2 years. He has chosen to step down due to a shift in his career. Calabrese conceptualized key aspects of the [ACCAHC-NCCAM correspondence](#) and emerging "disciplines research" thinking. Thank you Carlo! **Martha Menard, PhD, CMT** is the new co-chair, with Greg Cramer, DC, PhD.

**Guru Sandesh Khalsa, ND** has left the ACCAHC Board of Directors with the end of his term. Thank you Dr. Khalsa! The newly elected nominee from the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) is dean of naturopathic medicine at University of Bridgeport, **Beth Pimentel, ND, LM**.

**Christa Louise, PhD**, has been elected as the nominee from the National Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE). Louise, the NABNE executive director, served previously on the ACCAHC Board. Pimentel was the previous NABNE board nominee.

**David Katz, MD, MPH** has joined the [ACCAHC Council of Advisers](#). Katz is the integrative medicine leader at Yale University. He is the founding director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center. Katz is also the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Childhood Obesity*, president-elect of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. He chairs the Steering Committee of the National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine (NccIM).

## Inside ACCAHC: News from the Working Groups

-The recorded RWG dialogue with **Joe Selby, MD, MPH, CEO** of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is [here on the ACCAHC website](#).

-A very useful document on [Definitions of Integration/Integrative Medicine](#) developed by ACCAHC assistant director **Beth Rosenthal, PhD, MBA, MPH**, and **Anthony Lisi, DC**, via a CWG project funded through the **Leo S. Guthman Fund** is available on the ACCAHC website. Click the link above. (The always useful [ACCAHCronyms](#) are also posted.)

- Via leadership of EWG member and Board member Beth Pimentel, ND, LM, the **Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges** has endorsed the [ACCAHC Competencies](#). The AANMC joins educator colleagues from massage education (AFTME) and acupuncture and Oriental medicine (CCAOM) in endorsement. ACCAHC reported these endorsements to the [Interprofessional Education Collaborative](#) (IPEC- medicine, nursing, public health, dentistry, osteopathy and pharmacy) whose own competencies are incorporated in ACCAHC's.

-The CWG's Task Force on Hospital-Based Massage Therapy will administer a pilot survey of hospitals with active massage programs toward development of competencies in this area. Contact Beth Rosenthal ([brosenthal@accahc.org](mailto:brosenthal@accahc.org)).

- **Rob Scott, DC, PhD, MEd**, vice president for academic affairs at Life University and **Ezra Cohen, DC**, professor at National University of Health Sciences are new to the Education Working Group. In addition, **Daniel Redwood, DC**, has moved from the CWG to the EWG.

- Founding CWG co-chair **Kathy Taromina, LAc** and CWG member **Kristina Connor, ND** have chosen to step down from the CWG. Thanks to each for their commitments in the Competencies and Adopt a Competency task projects. Both plan to be available for certain ongoing projects.

## New Individual College Members

We have begun a first push for individual college membership. Click [Individual College Member list](#) to see the whole group. Here are the new members from whom we've received dues or pledges. Thanks to each.

**\$1000 President's Level:** Southern California University of Health Sciences, Northwestern Health Sciences University, Logan College of Chiropractic

**\$250 Dean's Level:** Palmer College

**\$150 Department Chair's Level:** University of Bridgeport, Boucher Institute, National College of Natural Medicine

Thanks to each. If your school is not a member, please do what you can to create this direct link to ACCAHC. If you wish to help with outreach to other schools, let us know. We have support materials. Board members **Beth Pimentel, ND, LM** and **Joe Brimhall, DC** have taken the lead in stepping up and committing to contacting a specific set of schools. Might you call 1, 2 or 5?

## Short Notes on ACCAHC and ACCAHC Member Activity

**Erica Oberg, ND, MPH**, clinical director at Bastyr University-San Diego and the director of the Bastyr Center for Policy and Leadership has joined the ACCAHC Task Force on Leadership Development ... Member [Tai Sophia Institute's newsletter](#) featured an interview with ACCAHC executive director John Weeks in January 2013 ... **Mark McKenzie, LAc, DAOM** is the new executive director and ACCAHC Board nominee of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) ... EWG member **Hong Jin, LAc** plans to submit a proposal to present on ACCAHC's Competencies at a coming conference in China ... EWG co-chair **Mike Wiles, DC, MEd** will deliver a webinar on the ACCAHC *Competencies* to the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) at the end of January ... **JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH** is the first, dedicated executive director of ACCAHC member, the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) ... [Massage Today](#) noted the work of the ACCAHC Task Force on Hospital-Based Massage Therapy in a useful article on resources in that arena ... We welcome new [Associate Members](#) **International**

**Somatic Movement Education and Therapy Association (ISMETA)** and the **California College of Ayurveda** ... The ACCAHC Task Force on Integrative Pain has been enhanced by the addition of **Heather Tick, MD**. Tick holds an endowed professorship in integrative pain at the University of Washington ...

ACCAHC submitted a report for the annual newsletter of the **Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**. Such reports can be developed for other member organizations. Let us know ... **Tom Benberg, EdD** is the new president of ACCAHC member Council on Chiropractic Education ... ACCAHC was asked by the **Integrative Healthcare Policy Consortium** to participate in an early dialogue on potentially shifting the name of the NIH NCCAM to the NIH National Center for Integrative Healthcare. The RWG, Executive Committee and Board have provided input. More on this to follow ... A **PCORI grant to Dan Cherkin, PhD** for which ACCAHC sent a support letter was funded. Entitled "Evaluation of a Patient-Centered Risk Stratification Method for Improving Primary Care for Back Pain," John Weeks serves on an advisory group for the grant. He anticipates leaning heavily on the RWG ... Council of Advisers member **Ping Ho, MA, MPH** took the lead in developing useful content on the creative arts therapies for the PAINS website ... CWG member **Melanie Henriksen, ND, LAc, CNM**, has been named the dean of naturopathic medicine at individual college member National College of Natural Medicine ... ACCAHC received a \$200 end-of-year donation from **Alan Dumoff, MSW, JD**, an attorney with expertise in integrative medicine and an integrative center consultant.

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