



Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium Annual Progress Report 2012

IHPC has had a busy year bringing on board a group of new Partners For Health, and our new Executive Director, Alyssa Wostrel; finalizing, publishing and disseminating the *Affordable Care and Beyond: A Stakeholder Conference on Integrated Health Care* Report, <http://ihpc.org/resources/ihpc-2010-stakeholder-conference-report.pdf>, holding a series of well attended Congressional Briefings, and continuing our work on advancing the IHPC policy agenda, including developing a new Legislative Action Plan for 2012-2014, and developing a Scope of Practice Summit strategy. We look forward to increasing momentum in 2012-2013, and working with our Partner organizations to achieve the important policy and legislative objectives during the next two years. The Samueli Institute will host the **Annual IHPC Board of Directors Retreat** on November 16-17th, 2012, in Alexandria, Virginia. A summary of IHPC's accomplishments this year and our goals/objectives looking ahead to 2013 include the following:

Congressional Briefings

IHPC held three Congressional Briefings on the following topics in the past 10 months (see attached for details and organizations represented by speakers):

“Where Health Care is Headed, Patient-Centered Medical Homes and Integrated Healthcare” (June 8, 2012) Panel members included Janet Kahn PhD, LMT; Craig Jones, MD; Thomas Trompeter, MPA; Elizabeth Sommers, Lac, MPH, PhD.

“Improving American Health Care by Leveling an Uneven Playing Field: Ending Discrimination against Integrated Health Care” (February 2, 2012) Panel members included Janet Kahn, PhD, LMT, Jane Gultinan, ND, and Deborah Senn, JD.

“Integrated Health Care and Pain Management” (November 10, 2011) Panel members included Janet Kahn PhD, LMT, Benjamin Kliger, MD, MPH, and Robert Twillman, PhD.

Attendance has steadily grown at the IHPC Briefings (both Senate and House) due to a comprehensive promotional strategy pre-briefing. **To date we have reached approximately 200 legislative aides and staffers.** IHPC will hold three more briefings on the Hill in 2013-2014 on topics essential to advancing access to our health care disciplines, health promotion and wellness, integrative health care and integrative medicine. One topic under consideration by the IHPC Federal Policy Committee is *“Integrated Health Care and Veterans: Post Traumatic Syndrome and Traumatic Brain Injury.”*

Legislative Action Plan

IHPC's *Legislative Action Plan* is strategically focused on the re-launching of the 2010 Stakeholder's Conference Working Groups, specifically related to action on implementing provisions of the ACA and related initiatives agreed on at the Conference. 1) Access and Nondiscrimination -Section 2706 of the Affordable Care Act; 2) Integration In Practice, Lessons

for Implementation of the ACA 3) The Healthcare Workforce 4) Prevention and Wellness and 5) CPT Task Force and 6) Comparative Effectiveness Research and PCORI.

All Working Groups are being reconstituted with the objective of advancing each committee's charge as outlined in the 2010 Stakeholder's Conference -- with the focus on implementing the integrative health care aspects of the ACA since the June 28th Supreme Court decision.

Scope of Practice Summit

Discussion and planning is underway for an IHPC (and co-hosts) **Scope of Practice Summit** (November 2012 IHPC BOD Retreat, Washington DC) - bringing representatives (both national and state leaders) of the licensed CAM disciplines together to explore the potential for a stronger state legislative alliance/strategy. The opportunity exists to offset AMA's SOPP and Resolution 814 activities, which are in full swing. The SOPP /Resolution 814 agenda is to restrict scope expansion, restrict federal non-discrimination implementation and restrict any new legislation for other health care professions. The proposed IHPC Summit may include discussion of PEW Workforce recommendations on regulating the health care workforce, ACCAHC discussion on tension points (and opportunities/strategies to alleviate these) between the disciplines, and would invite health professions workforce leaders from national workforce centers to participate in aspects of the discussion. IHPC views this issue as critical to explore in terms of resource expenditure by our allied health professions. *Can we achieve greater outcomes for all of the disciplines we represent, by forging agreements and establishing clarity at the state level-and therefore gain more federal ground by using our human and other resources to accelerate focus and intensity on federal advances?*

Strategic Alliance with the American Sustainable Business Council

IHPC's Nancy Gahles, DC (Board Member and Partner for Health, representing the National Center for Homeopathy; Interim Chair of IHPC's Federal Policy Committee) chaired a discussion with Mr. Michael Hash, the chief architect of the ACA about integrated health care at a recent White House Summit sponsored by ASBC. **The ASBC represents over 150,000 businesses.** IHPC co-chairs the ASBC Health Care Working Group, educating its members about integrated healthcare and the ACA with a focus on meeting the 2014 mandate to create workplace wellness programs that create healthy outcomes.

IHPC Welcomes New Partners for Health

IHPC is delighted to welcome an exciting group of new Partners for Health representing the new generation, the chiropractic profession, homeopathic medicine and biomedicine including the *International Chiropractors Association (ICA)*, represented by Stephen Welsh, DC and the *American Medical Student Association*. Discussions are also underway with the *American Student Chiropractic Association*. We also warmly welcome *Life University* represented by Gerry Clum, DC; and the *American Institute of Homeopathy* represented by Irene Sebastian MD, PhD, to the Board of Directors. In 2011, the American Academy of Pain Management, represented by Robert Twillman, PhD, became a Partner for Health.

Expansion of IHPC's reach with launch of the Policy Council

IHPC's Policy Council includes foundations, corporations, integrative clinics, and emerging profession associations, providing a platform for these groups to have a voice about national policy issues affecting their constituents. The Policy Council meets quarterly in facilitated meetings with a feedback loop to the Federal Policy Committee to assess and determine action steps. The Chanda Foundation www.thechandaplanfoundation.org is IHPC's inaugural Policy

Council member (welcome Chanda!). We are in discussion with several other organizations expressing serious interest in joining the Council in the near future.

Bring the Honorable Deborah Senn, JD (former State of Washington Insurance Commissioner) to Washington DC!

Event planning is underway in support of bringing together many of Deborah Senn's long time supporters to send Deborah to Washington DC; bringing her incredible expertise and skill to the Hill, to work with IHPC in advancing the regulatory implementation of key integrative health care provisions of the ACA.