

IHPC Announces New Effort To Promote and Define Integrative Whole Health

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Washington D.C. - The Integrative Health Policy Consortium (IHPC) is announcing the formation of an Education Committee to help advance awareness of healthcare disciplines and professions involved in whole health. IHPC's mission is, in part, dedicated to helping increase access to the full range of safe and regulated conventional, complementary, and alternative healthcare professionals for all people.

Selected to chair the committee are Amy R. Mack, MSES/MPA, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Functional Medicine (IFM), and Michelle Simon, PhD, ND, CEO & President of the Institute for Natural Medicine (INM). Both of their organizations will play a role in educating, expanding access to and increasing awareness of providers dedicated to advancing the concepts of whole health.

The committee's renewed focus will be increasing awareness of the many disciplines of medicine represented within IHPC by coordinating with our Partners for Health (PFH) members to help define, describe, and promote the disciplines and organizations they represent. These efforts include:

- Developing a series of webinars, videos, and newsletter stories to highlight our PFH organizations.
- Encouraging our PFH organizations to develop white papers, such as this example from the Institute for Natural Medicine.
- Defining "Integrative Whole Health" and highlighting the contributions of the many disciplines represented in IHPC, both individually and as part of the collaborative

We are calling for leaders of relevant organizations to join us in this work. At IHPC, committee membership is open to interested parties from other organizations to facilitate collaboration and the success of the IHPC mission. Our current Education Committee membership includes:

- Michelle Simon, PhD, ND Co-Chair (Institute for Natural Medicine)
- Amy R. Mack, MSES/MPA, Co-Chair (Institute for Functional Medicine)
- Len Wisneski, MD, FACP, Advisor (IHPC)
- Beth Clay (International Chiropractic Association)
- Jacqueline Jacques, ND
- Bill Reddy, LAc
- Dawn Langnes Shear, (Upledger Institute)
- Kristine Weber (International Association of Yoga Therapists)
- JoAnn Yanez, ND, MPH, CAE (American Association of Naturopathic Medical Colleges)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Committee, please reach out to the primary contact above. The Committee plans to hold its first meeting in late June and will meet regularly every 4 to 6 weeks.

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