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November 3 Forum To Address Healthcare Workforce Shortages

Join the on-line discussion; Register to Attend—Invitation included!

This year's NAP Forum will focus on the critical issue of health-care workforce shortages, one of the "hottest" of topics in healthcare circles, with huge implications for the public at large. Titled "**Healthcare Workforce Shortages: From Foresight to Action**" and planned by the Nursing and Osteopathic Medicine Academies, the Forum will feature noted speakers from the NAP, and from academic, governmental and expert NGO perspectives. The day will begin with Founder Nicholas Cummings who will challenge attendees to "think outside the box." Next, national speakers will outline what will be the areas of greatest healthcare need by 2015, and the Federal perspective on workforce shortages. An expert panel will then give particular attention to workforce issues in nursing and medicine/osteopathy generally, and primary care in particular. The afternoon will feature presentations on workforce shortage issues from each of the remaining Academies—Psychology, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Pharmacy, and Social Work. As the last segment, attendees will be asked to work in interdisciplinary roundtables to address three critical questions which will become the basis of an NAP Public Policy paper on the issue

of workforce shortages. The questions are as follows: 1) What is really needed to address workforce issues? What would it take for you to recommend to your son/daughter that they enter your profession? 2) What would you suggest we could do better to market the health professions to prospective students? What ways might we make health professions education more attractive? 3) What do the Federal government, professions, health professions training academies, licensure Boards and current practitioners need to do to assure an adequate supply in shortage areas? Use primary care as the "base case" example. **Make plans to attend now! The registration form is on page 2 of the Newsletter and on the NAP website at www.napnet.us.**

ALSO, join in the summer discussion of the questions to be addressed at the Forum as outlined above. Go to the NAP Message Board for this Forum, read the questions which will be posted in sequence, and post your reply for others to see. Go to <http://www.web-sitetoolbox.com/tool/mb/nap>. The password is the same as the one for the members-only section of the website: **napmember. You will see Healthcare Workforce Shortages. Press "reply" and post your message!**

News For and About Members

Social Work Academy member and NAP Secretary **William Meyer** has had the talk he gave at last year's Forum published in the June issue of Clinical Social Work Journal, Springer Press. The talk was called "The Moral Imperative of Universal Health Care: A Talk Presented at the Annual Forum of the National Academies of Practice."

Nursing Academy

Alice Cooper was named Triangle Health Hero, Research Triangle Park, March, 2007

Sandra Cotton has deployed to Iraq as a flight nurse for the Air Force. She hopes to be back for the induction ceremony in November.

Marcia Ellett has had two articles published in Gastroenterology Nursing, one is "Important Facts About Intestinal Feeding Tube Placement," and the second "Examination of the Effect of Dr. Brown's Natural Flow ® Baby Bottles on Infant Colic."

Suzanne Feetham has co-authored an article in the co-authored book *Individuals, Families, and the new Era of Genetics—Biopsychosocial Perspectives*, WW Norton and Company, New York called "Keeping the Individual and Family in Focus".

Joellen Hawkins was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Susan Orshan's textbook "Maternity, Newborn and Women's Health Nursing: Comprehensive Care Across the Lifespan" was published by Lippincott, William and Wilkins.

Deborah Raines received the "Community Partner Award" from Palm Health Care Foundation.

Madeline Schmitt is a participant in new funding from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation as a co-investigator on a research grant called "Nurse-Sensitive Measurement of Hospital Care Coordination", with Gerri Lamb, Emory University.

Optometry

Richard Ball is currently serving as a State Representative in the Michigan House of Representatives after re-election.

S. Barry Eiden has a publication in

Contact Lens Spectrum called "Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses and Optometric Management".

Lynn Hellerstein was Colorado OD of the Year and received the COVD President's Award.

Steve Grant has been elected chair of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section of the American Academy of Optometry.

Robert Newcomb received an Eminent Service Award from the American Academy of Optometry in December, 2006.

Richard Weisbarth was inducted as President of the American Academy of Optometry in December, 2006.

Vincent Vicci is a co-author and contributing author in the book *Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice*, Demos Medical Publications, with the article "Evaluating and Treating Visual Dysfunction" with **William Padula**.

Pharmacy

Barbara Wells received the 2006 Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Osteopathic Medicine

Victor Scali gave a keynote speech to the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly, Las Vegas, NV in October, 2006 called "Seeking Balance in Life and Career."

Leonid Skorin, was named Distinguished Clinician for 2006 at the Albert Lea Medical Center of the Mayo Health System. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the Clinical and Surgical Journal of Ophthalmology.

Psychology

Florence Denmark is the editor and author of "Violence and Exploitation Against Women and Girls," published in the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences (2006) and is also editor and author of the second edition of the Handbook of the Psychology of Women (in press).

Paula Hartman-Stein was awarded the Alfred Wellner Senior Psychologist Award recognizing excellence by the National Register of Health Service Providers in

Psychology and was selected Chairperson, Aging and Behavioral Health Committee of the National Alliance of Professional Psychology Providers.

Barbara Wainrib has a new book *Healing Crisis: Trauma with Mind Body and Spirit* (Springer). She also gave a presentation at Clark University where her granddaughter is a Psychology Doctoral candidate.

Social Work

Robert Adams opened the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, a Transitional Living Unit in Wheaton, IL.

Jeffrey Applegate co-authored the book *Neurobiology for Clinical Social Work: Theory and Practice*, 2005 Norton Professional Books.

Lisa Gwyther is President-Elect of the Gerontological Society of America.

Judy Ann Kaplan is co-editor of *Freud at 150: 21st Century Essays on a Man of Genius* to be published in winter, 2007.

Helen Krackow has become the President of the International Conference for the Advanced Professional Practice of Clinical Social Work.

Joseph Palombo authored a book in 2006 called *Nonverbal Learning Disabilities: A Clinical Perspective* published by the Rush Neurobehavioral Center.

Cathy Siebold authored an article: "Everytime We Say Goodbye: Revisiting Forced Termination, A commentary" in CSWJ, 2007. She also gave a presentation on Vacations, Holidays and Other Spaces at the New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis.

Audrey Thayer Walker presented a paper "Can Psychoanalysis Help to Understand Modern Conflicts" and other presentations and also has a paper to be included in the above-mentioned *Freud at 150* publication.

Veterinary Medicine

Charles Hendrix was elected Vice President of the American Veterinary Medical Association in 2006.

Alice Villalobos has had a book published on canine and feline oncology and honoring the human animal bond.

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NAP Awards Nominations Sought

The exciting time has come for nominations for the four current awards given to worthy recipients at the November 3, 2007 Forum and Banquet event. As you know, three of the four award winners receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement. Through the generosity of the donors, the Nicholas Andrew Cummings Award offers a monetary prize to a deserving NAP member that this year will be \$1,000.

Please submit your nominations **NO LATER THAN JULY 13, 2007.**

Criteria and instructions for submitting nominations are listed below.

1. THE NICHOLAS ANDREW CUMMINGS AWARD. This award is for a member of an NAP Academy who has demonstrated outstanding or extraordinary contributions to interprofessional health care. At least three of the following criteria must be evident. Specifically, the nominee must have:

- Published, presented, and consulted on interdisciplinary topics.
- Exerted national or global influence on interdisciplinary program/project development beyond their projects.
- Participated in interdisciplinary activities over a period greater than five years
- Work cited in more than one interdisciplinary journal.
- Provided leadership in the development of partnerships with disciplines in agencies, foundations and/or communities promoting interdisciplinary practice, education and research.

Created to honor Founder Nicholas A. Cummings, the award is funded through the generosity of two donors.

2. THE SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE AWARD. This award is for legislators and executives of governmental units to recognize them for making significant and enduring contributions to health in the public interest. There must be evidence that nominee meets the following criteria:

- Significant and enduring contributions to state, national and/or international health care policies.
- Demonstration of consistent attention to public health care concerns over a period greater than five years.
- Health care positions are congruent with NAP mission and goals.

This award is made periodically.

3. THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CREATIVITY IN PRACTICE AND EDUCATION AWARD. This award is given annually to non-NAP individuals who have made enduring contributions to interdisciplinary practice and education. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Publications and presentations on interdisciplinary health care themes.
- Experience in interdisciplinary health care activities.
- Leadership qualities exhibited through interdisciplinary activities.

- National and/or international influence of the nominee on interdisciplinary practice, education or research on public health care concerns.

4. THE INTERDISCIPLINARY GROUP RECOGNITION AWARD. This award is for NAP or non-NAP groups. To qualify, the group must involve at least four of the disciplines represented in the NAP and meet at least three of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated impact on care and fostering of interdisciplinary principles consistent with the NAP mission and goals.
- Show evidence of having established, promoted or participated in partnerships across settings with teamwork across disciplines.
- Developed, established, or participated in a creative and innovative model of interdisciplinary practice and education.
- Documentation exists which provides evidence of the effectiveness of the interdisciplinary work or developed program or model.
- Evidence exists of improved patient or community care resulting from the application of interdisciplinary activities.

This award was established by the NAP Council to recognize and encourage interdisciplinary team programs/projects/models which focus on the improvement of health care. This award is given periodically.

Application Process

Nominations for all awards should include a letter of nomination stating the reasons for submission, plus pertinent documentation in the form of a brief CV or resume which emphasizes interdisciplinary health care not to exceed ten (10) single page or five (5) back to back pages, including relevant publications. Letters of support may also be included.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Applications should be sent to the NAP central office at P. O. Box 1037, Edgewood, Maryland 21040, and must be received by July 13, 2007. The Member Relations Committee of the NAP will recommend awardees for the year 2007 awards to the NAP Council, and notice will be provided to winners in advance of the award ceremony during the annual NAP meetings and Banquet.