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NAP And Congress On Access To Care: Patient Stories Needed

An article by Steven Pearlstein in January 17, 2007's Washington Post business section is good news. According to Pearlstein, there is a new consensus on universal health care. At the National Press Club, leaders from business representing the country's largest corporations, the president of AARP, labor union leaders and others are sending out a message to Congress: "we are ready to give you the political cover you need for a centrist, bipartisan fix for a broken health care system. Or, if you refuse, we stand ready to embarrass you and run you out of office." The article goes on to describe the outlines of the consensus proposal, but also to point out that it is unclear whether either Democrats or Republicans will take this up before the 2008 election.

What is needed now? According to Joel Segal, Esq., NAP Forum speaker and Legislative Assistant to Congressman John Conyers, PRESSURE. Pressure in the form of a grass roots nationwide demand that action be taken.

And this is where NAP can fill a need no one else can. How? By providing patient stories to help build the

case and the pressure for action. What is needed is patient stories (particularly ones with pictures) showing the effects of having reduced or eliminated care as a result of lack of health insurance. These can be posted on website, and read into the Congressional record. Ideally, there would be enough stories to be read into the record once a month. So, using the form on page 2 of this Newsletter, type up at least one patient story and send it to the NAP ASAP!

Second, consider getting involved in the nationwide grassroots movement aimed at pressuring for Congressional hearings. Go to <http://www.healthcare-now.org> for a list of the many planned hearings nationwide at which citizens will tell their stories about the effects of lack of health insurance. Health care providers are both welcome and needed, so scan the list of planned hearings under Events to see if one is in your area. Plans are also in the works for an April Congressional teach-in on this topic. We will let you know details as they develop.



PATIENT STORIES FROM THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF PRACTICE:

Please type using 10 or 12 point type. Please return by MARCH 1, 2007 to the NAP by mail at P. O. Box 1037, Edgewood, Maryland 21040 or by fax at 410-676-7980. If you have more than one story, please copy this form, complete and return.

Congressional District: _____

Name of Reporter: _____ First Name of Patient: _____

Gender of Patient: _____ Age of Patient: _____

Home Address (street, state, zip) _____

Your telephone number: _____ Your email address: _____

Academy _____

PROBLEM BECAUSE PATIENT HAD INADEQUATE OR NO HEALTH COVERAGE:

POSSIBLE OUTCOME HAD PATIENT HAD ADEQUATE HEALTH COVERAGE:

Contact information for patient to request picture (optional) (email preferred): _____



NAP One-minute Member Survey: Your Input Needed!

The NAP Council will be having an important Strategic Planning retreat in March in which the future direction of NAP will be debated.

As background information, we need to know what MEMBERS think should be the strategic direction of the NAP. Please take the time to complete the survey NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.

The survey should take only a minute (perhaps two) to complete. To get to the survey, please type the link below onto your web browser:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=497893066186>

All Together, Better Health III Conference Report

Madeline H. Schmitt, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP

The All Together, Better Health III [ATBH-III] Conference, organized by Informa Events, was held April 10-12, 2006 at Imperial College London, UK. Madeline Schmitt, a member of the Nursing Academy, was a Co-Chair and was NAPs official representative at the conference.

ATBH-III was the third in a series of international conferences devoted to international dialogue about challenges in interprofessional education and practice among researchers, educators, practitioners, policy makers, and government. Dialogue with patients and care givers, who participated in several of the scheduled sessions, was an important aspect of the agenda.

The sessions and other events were attended by an oversubscribed number of 400 participants from 16 countries. Attendees included a strong contingent of students from Canada enthusiastically promoting the development of an international association of interprofessional students.

The Conference was preceded by opportunities for “visits of observation” to key interprofessional education and practice venues around London. The Conference opened with a panel of global interviewees

who shared their personal interprofessional stories. The core program included outstanding keynote addresses from international experts and a plethora of workshops, paper and poster sessions [over 200] to choose from on a wide range of interprofessional health care topics. The first day ended with a Conference dinner, entertainment, and a talk by Dr. Gerard Majoor, Chairman of the Network: Toward Unity for Health, at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel.

The second day brought an opportunity for all to participate in an appreciative inquiry exercise focused on personal interprofessional experiences as patients or care givers. Following a full and varied roster of sessions, the day ended with The Second Annual (Dr.) John Horder Lecture, established in honor of a key founder of the interprofessional movement in the UK and long-time leader of The Center for Advancement of Interprofessional Education (CAIPE). It was given by Dr. Linda Headrick of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and was entitled “Getting it Right: Educating Professionals to Work Together in Improving Health and Health Care.” A thoughtful reaction panel and, then, a reception attended by Dr. Horder and his wife followed the lecture.

The third, and final, day of sessions was punctuated by the first general meeting of the new International Association for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (InterEd), which is devoted to developing the scholarship underpinning interprofessional education and practice in health and social care. More information about this organization can be found at <http://www.health-disciplines.ubc.ca/intered/index.php> The Conference was “stitched together” by a poet in residence, Lesley Saunders, who read from her preliminary efforts to capture the Conference experience in the closing session. The poetry inspired by the Conference can be found online at

<http://www.health-disciplines.ubc.ca/intered/media/index.php>

The Conference was crowded, hectic, exciting, innovative, stimulating, compelling, rich with global networking opportunities, and efficiently orchestrated. For me personally, the most novel and important part of the Conference was the opportunity to listen to and learn from patients and care givers as equal participants. Their presence and messages were invaluable. The next opportunity for this kind of global linking and exchange will occur at in Stockholm, Sweden in 2008.

Member News

Dental Academy

Dr. Carlton Horbelt was elected President of the American board of Special Care Dentistry.

Nursing Academy

Dr. Sheldon Fields received the 2006 President’s Award from the Association of Nurses in AIDS care.

Dr. Joyce Pulcini received the Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

Dr. Patricia Tabloski received HRSA funding for a Palliative Care Program for advanced practice nurses.

Optometry

Dr. Linda Casser received the 2006 Foley House Award for a distinguished alumnus from the Indiana University School of Optometry.

Dr. John Robinson, in 2006, was inducted into the “National Optometry Hall of Fame.”

In memoriam: **Lester Janoff**, OD and **Rene Desaulniers**, OD.

Osteopathic Medicine

Dr. Robert Suter served as 2006 President of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine, speaking at conferences in Peru, Greece, Italy and India. He joined the faculty of University of Texas, Southwestern, in 2007.

Pharmacy

Dr. Jeannette Wick has a new book, “Pharmacy Practice in an Aging Society.”

Podiatry

Dr. Harold Glickman is the Immediate Past President of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

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Refer New Members

The newly-established NAP Membership Committee is actively seeking distinguished practitioners, scholars, and interdisciplinary and public policy fellows. If you have good ideas, please let us know!

Name of Nominee _____ Academy _____

Name/Title/Degrees of Nominee _____

Academy _____

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Telephone _____ Email Address (if known) _____

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