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## NAP Refreshed! New Focus, New Look, New Promise

After 27 years, every organization needs to look hard at its central purpose - its "brand" - its relevance, and whether it has kept up with the electronic age. With study efforts finished this year and approvals given at the March Retreat, NAP's Council has done that job, and created a newly-refreshed NAP in the process.

First, the central purpose and "brand" of the NAP. While honoring achievement and interdisciplinary care remain important, given the growing public demand for health care reform, the current central purpose and uniqueness of the NAP is to impact public policy. How? Through offering the unique and valuable expertise of the interdisciplinary perspective. The "brand statement" and promise of the NAP? "We promise to give balanced, practical advice to health care policy makers reflecting the interdisciplinary perspective of a diverse group of highly respected healthcare practitioners."

Second, the "look" of the NAP needed updating. The Council also approved a more modern "look" for the NAP, including a new logo, a new web site design, and later, the migration to much richer software for the redesigned and enhanced web site. Also, after a successful test during the winter, look for the second round of quarterly Academy Newsletters to come to you via email, customized for each Academy with member news in addition to other content!

So what does this mean for you as members? Much more emphasis on public policy. Much more opportunity for you to become involved in NAP. Much more modern technology facilitating interaction among members.

Look inside this newsletter for real news you can use, and your opportunity to participate in the refreshed and stronger NAP!



Dr. Marie DiCowden

### Regional Coalition, Led by NAP, Promotes Access Hearings

Under the leadership of Vice President for Public Policy, Dr. Marie DiCowden, the "Health Care for All-Florida and Human Services Coalition" has been formed. This multi-organization coalition, including such organizations as the AARP and countless other groups, is hoping to hold the only regional "field hearing" on access to care (hopefully in September) to keep the pressure on politicians to solve this health care problem.

Invited speakers include Congressman John Conyers, sponsor of the health care access reform legislation discussed at the 2007 Forum. NAP is working closely with Joel Segal of his office to try to make this dream a reality. Let's hear it for Marie! Are you involved in any efforts around access to care? Solving the healthcare workforce shortage? If so, let us know so we can share the good news!

# 2009 Forum Announced - Plan Now to Attend!



## March 27-28, 2009 Transforming Healthcare: Improving Care Coordination Through New Models of Interdisciplinary Care

Given the Presidential elections this fall, as well as requests from members that we hold the Forum in the spring, the Forum will be held March 27-28, 2009. Plan to attend now!

Titled "Transforming Healthcare: Improving Care Coordination Through New Models of Interdisciplinary Care," the NAP Forum will be held from 9 am-4:30 pm at the Marriott Crystal City (Arlington, VA) hotel.

The Forum has been greatly expanded. It will start on Friday afternoon and extend through a Saturday day session followed by the traditional Membership Recognition Banquet Saturday night.

On Friday afternoon, the popular Advocacy Training Session will be held for those of you interested in increasing your participation in public policy. From 5-7 pm, the Podiatry and Psychology Academies will host the first of what will become a new tradition in the NAP: an interdisciplinary discussion session exploring the relationships among the disciplines. This one will be titled "Head to Toe: Patient-Centered Care Series." After this session from 7-9 pm, there will be an Academy-group welcome to the NAP for new Academy members.

On Saturday, the day will start with another new element: NAP-member Expert Panel discussions, one focused on Rehabilitation Services for the Underserved, the second on Children with Special Healthcare Needs. (See story on Expert Panels, p. 3.)

This Forum - and ones in future years - will focus on the transformative agenda set forth by the Commonwealth Foundation in its outstanding report "A High Performance Health System for the United States: An Ambitious Agenda for the Next President." (View the report on the Commonwealth Foundation website at [www.commonwealthfund.org/publications](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications).)

This report documents key areas for needed healthcare reform. The NAP has done Forums on two of the issues: access to care, and healthcare manpower shortages. The 2009 Forum will focus on a third need, reorganization of the system to promote accountable, coordinated care. Say the authors, "the goal for the future should be to enable every patient to receive care from practices that are responsive to and respectful of patient needs, as well as accountable for delivering accessible, high-quality care and coordinating a wide range of health services." To read about the terrible shape of the health care system in this regard, see the article by Thomas Bodenheimer, MD, "Coordinating Care - A Perilous Journey through the Health Care System," (N Engl JMED 358:10, March 6, 2008 which can be downloaded from [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org)).

The morning session will feature speakers on new models of care that improve care coordination. After a keynote address by Dr. Robert Berenson of the Urban Institute on what is known and not known, NAP VP for Public Policy, Dr. Marie DiCowden will discuss her model program in Florida. Next, Dr. Tom Edes of the VA will discuss the VA's successful Home-Based Primary Care Program for home-limited elderly veterans. Finally, Dr. Michael Barr of the American College of Physicians will discuss the Medical Home Demonstration. After NAP Awards (see p. 3) and lunch with presentations by Expert Panel moderators, the traditional and well-received Interdisciplinary small group discussions will be held. A Public Policy Statement will be prepared based on this meeting. Dr. Tina Brashers and her committee are to be commended for the development of this program. Save the date now, and see future issues of the newsletter for more details!

## NAP to Take a Stand on Legislation

### *Additional policy statements to be developed*

Approved at the Council retreat were criteria for legislation that the NAP will support. There is a huge amount likely to happen in the upcoming Congress, and a large amount going on now with the SCHIP battle. Watch your Newsletters (paper and electronic) for more details. In the following year, look for news on these issues of importance to NAP: Access to Care, the Healthcare Workforce, and Coordination of Care. If you have legislation you believe the NAP should endorse, please forward information about the bill to the Central Office at [naphdq@comcast.net](mailto:naphdq@comcast.net).

Separately, Jeanette Wick, Chair, Pharmacy Academy has volunteered to lead an NAP group interested in developing a policy paper on alcohol/drug abuse treatment alternatives. If you are interested in working with Jeanette on this policy paper, please let us know at [naphdq@comcast.net](mailto:naphdq@comcast.net)

Join in!

# NAP and Interdisciplinary Care

Expert Panels forming - get involved!



William Padula, OD



Jane Ball, RN, PhD

In an attempt to mine the interest and expertise of members, the NAP is forming Expert Panels from our membership. The first two, created this year, will be:

1. **Rehabilitation Services for the Underserved**, moderated by William Padula, OD, Chair of the Optometry Academy
2. **Children with Special Healthcare Needs**, moderated by Jane Ball, RN, PhD.

Through online message boards, the Expert Panel will identify NAP members with interests in these two areas, as well as the roles they serve in caring for these populations. Participants will be encouraged to share stories of how they collaborate with other disciplines. The goals include:

- Promoting a greater understanding of interdisciplinary care for these populations
- Developing publications describing interdisciplinary care of these groups
- Identifying individuals and groups deserving of NAP's interdisciplinary awards
- Developing recommendations for NAP Policy Statements.

If you are interested in participating, please let the NAP office know by emailing us at [naphdq@comcast.net](mailto:naphdq@comcast.net).

## NAP New Member Recommendations

Please give your recommendations for new Distinguished Practitioners, Scholars or Public Policy Fellows for any NAP Academy.

Nominee is being recommended for the following NAP Academy:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine             | <input type="checkbox"/> Podiatric Medicine  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optometry            | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osteopathic Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine |

Name/Title/Degrees of Nominee

Address of Nominee

Nominee Phone

Nominee Email

Your Name

Your Academy

Please copy and fax this form to 410-676-7980, or send to NAP at PO Box 1037, Edgewood, MD 21040

## NAP News

### News from the NAP Council Retreat

At the March Strategic Planning Retreat of the Council, new Council members were welcomed, including new co-Chairs Dr. Harold Glickman, Podiatric Medicine Academy, and Allen Du Mont, MSW, Co-Chair of the Social Work Academy.

The meeting was kicked off by Dr. David Rodgers whose rousing talk "NAP: Why We Are, What We Are, and Where We Are Going" called for NAP to be the "Guild of Guilds" that the country needs. A summary of his inspiring talk can be found on the NAP website at [www.napnet.us](http://www.napnet.us).

Copies of the Public Policy strategic plan and the recommendations regarding NAP and Interdisciplinary Care are also on the website at [www.napnet.us](http://www.napnet.us).

### NAP's Membership Drive Needs Your Help!

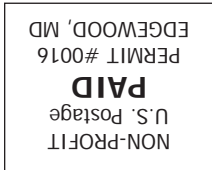
All NAP Academies are engaged in trying to identify worthy practitioners and scholars. Given the NAP emphasis in public policy, the Academies are also searching for nominees deserving election as Public Policy Fellows.

Please fill out the form at left with persons you believe should be considered **WHETHER THEY ARE IN YOUR ACADEMY OR NOT**. We will take it from there!

### NAP Award Nominations Due September 1 - Be Thinking!

With the extra time we have this year before the Forum, we are hoping that **MANY OF YOU** will identify persons or groups for the NAP Awards. The Awards and their criteria are posted on the back page and on the website at [www.napnet.us](http://www.napnet.us). Please get your nominations to us by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**.

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## Call for NAP Award Nominations - Due September 1

### 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:

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

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

### Senator Daniel K. Inouye 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:

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

This award is made periodically.

### Interdisciplinary Creativity in Practice & 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:

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

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

### 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:

1. Demonstrated impact on care and fostering of interdisciplinary principles consistent with the NAP mission and goals.
2. Show evidence of having established, promoted or participated in partnerships across settings with teamwork across disciplines.
3. Developed, established, or participated in a creative and innovative model of interdisciplinary practice and education.
4. Documentation exists which provides evidence of the effectiveness of the interdisciplinary work or developed program or model.
5. 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. It should not exceed 10 single pages or five 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:

NAP, P. O. Box 1037, Edgewood, Maryland 21040

*2009 applications must be received by September 1, 2008.*

The Member Relations Committee of the NAP will recommend awardees for the 2009 awards to the NAP Council, and notice will be provided to winners in advance of the award ceremony during the 2009 NAP Forum and Banquet.