

## ***Report on Interprofessional Education and Practice Initiatives March 2018***

This report addresses the activities and progress of AACN's work with the Interprofessional Education and Practice Initiatives since October 2017. Highlights include: 1) 2018 IPEC Institutional Members; 2) Winter 2018 IPEC Council Meeting; 3) IPEC Webinar Series; 4) USPHS IPEC Award; 5) IPEC Interprofessional Leadership Program; 6) IPEC Interprofessional Academic Champions Program (IACP); and 7) Interprofessional Professionalism Collaborative (IPC) activities.

### **2018 IPEC Institutional Members**

On October 16, 2017, IPEC issued an open call for membership. However, no new applications were received. All 16 IPEC institutional members renewed their membership keeping IPEC representation at 20 member associations. IPEC will issue another open membership call in October 2018.

### **Winter 2018 IPEC Council Meeting**

On January 24, IPEC held its Winter 2018 Council Meeting at the AAMC Learning Center in Washington, DC. All 20 associations were invited and sent representatives. The Council Meeting focused on the topic of strategic planning. The following topics were discussed: proposed bylaws revision regarding membership categories and board governance; the design of future Council Meetings; new leadership programs; and IPE program assessment. The Summer 2018 IPEC Council Meeting is scheduled for June 26 at the AAMC Learning Center.

### **IPEC Webinar Series**

IPEC will continue its Webinar Series aimed at highlighting trends and activities in interprofessional education. AACN will once again co-host this free, dynamic series, which is open to all AACN members, IPEC members, and non-members. IPEC will increase the frequency of offerings to two webinars per quarter. The first webinar was held on February 15 and featured panelists from the Interprofessional Professionalism Collaborative (IPC). Drs. Tegzes, Grus, and Nishimoto shared resources for curriculum development and evaluation for interprofessional professionalism (IPP), including a newly validated measure of IPP. The next IPEC webinar is scheduled for March 13. Drs. Alan Dow and Frank Ascione will share inventive strategies on designing opportunities to promote collaborative educational learning and advancing quality evidence-based practice. On April 26, AACN Director of Student Engagement Marta Okoniewski will moderate a webinar on student-led IPE programs and activities. The additional 2018 webinars will focus on topics such as wellness and resiliency, the opioid epidemic, clinical partnerships, and health technology.

### **USPHS IPEC Award**

In its second year, the 2017-2018 Public Health Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award presents an opportunity to showcase multidisciplinary efforts to impact

community health. The award cycle opened on November 3, 2017 and closed on February 2, 2018. A total of 19 applications were submitted. Applicants will receive a notification of their status by March 15. One overall National Awardee will be selected and presented their award in person at the June 26 IPEC Council Meeting in Washington, DC. A webinar series or continuing education publication will be developed from selected project/topic areas. Similar to last year, Honorable Mentions will also be awarded to one applicant in each of five categories: (1) Health Communications & Health Technology, (2) Behavioral Health, (3) Public Health Infrastructure, (4) Community Empowerment and Education, and (5) Injury and Violence Prevention/Physical Safety.

### **IPEC Interprofessional Deans Leadership Program (IDLP)**

On November 29-December 1, 2017, IPEC held its inaugural Interprofessional Deans Leadership Program (IDLP) at the AAMC learning center in Washington, DC. The IPEC IDLP engaged 42 senior academic leaders across 15 IPEC member associations' schools. These leaders included 20 deans (48%), 14 assistant or associate deans (33%), and eight other administrators (19%). The Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL), an Atlanta-based consulting group specializing in higher and health professions education, managed the curriculum development, instructors, and delivery of the IPEC IDLP. AAL based the curriculum on its competency-model for executive leadership in health professions education. The vision of the IPEC IDLP is to develop senior leaders in an interprofessional environment for the purposes of improving IPE and collaborative care and establishing an interprofessional network of colleagues. Leadership in an interprofessional environment was a major distinguishing feature of the program. The IPEC IDLP format included extensive participant interaction in small groups through peer groups comprised of six members from various professions. The program is designed to foster engagement throughout the year. Participants set two major leadership goals, including one focused on fostering interprofessional education and collaborative care, as a follow-up to the program. AAL transcribed written goal sheets and distributed these by peer group in December 2017. Twice in 2018, AAL will schedule video conference calls with each of the seven peer groups to discuss progress and foster peer coaching toward the achievement of goals—a total of 14 follow-up conferences. AAL will also provide resources to the participants each month to develop further ideas and applications from the IPEC IDLP curriculum.

### **IPEC Interprofessional Academic Champions Program (IACP)**

After the successful launch of the Fall 2017 IPEC IDLP, the IPEC Board of Directors considered the need to conduct a second leadership program for administrative leaders who have campus-wide responsibility for IPE. On January 22, AAL submitted a proposal to develop the IPEC Interprofessional Academic Champions Program (IACP). At the January 24 Council Meeting, IPEC Council Members expressed interest in conducting an IPEC IACP. Therefore, the IPEC Board decided to pursue the needs assessment portion of AAL's proposal. On January 29, IPEC executed an agreement to have AAL conduct a series of interviews to determine the need for the IACP, and, if a need exists, the content and structure of such a program. AAL determined a list of interviewees through consultation with the IPEC President and staff. Eight nationally recognized leaders in IPE were contacted for interviews and seven responded. On February 27, AAL distributed a report on the assessment interviews to the IPEC Board. The Board will consider the recommendations and will make a decision by the end of March 2018.

## IPC Activities

The Interprofessional Professionalism Collaborative (IPC) meets on monthly conference calls. A face-to-face meeting will take place June 4-5, 2018 at the National Board of Medical Examiners in Philadelphia. A variety of projects are ongoing:

- The [IPP Tool Kit](#) is now live on the [IPC website](#) and features:
  - Interprofessional Professionalism Construct
  - Interprofessional Professionalism Assessment (IPA)
  - Case scenarios (written narrative, video, role play); these case studies were created by the IPC Group at their annual meeting last summer
  - Instructional guidance for faculty and practitioner use in education and practice
  - References
- Psychometric article status – The article manuscript was submitted to the *Journal of Interprofessional Care* on October 20, 2017. Jody Frost is the corresponding author.
  - The review came back with comments to revise and resubmit. A call was set up for the research group on February 26 to address the comments. The group will resubmit the article by the end of March.