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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

D. Calvert Brand, Regional Director

I am finally back on Eastern Daylight Time following the Regional Directors' Convocation in San Diego. We covered a wide ranging agenda and spent way too many hours in our meeting room while the sun was shining. Regardless, it was time well spent both for the opportunity to engage ACPE concerns at the national and regional level, and for the good fellowship with the other Regional Directors. We were sorry to meet without Jap Keith (Southeast Region) who was keeping company with Betty as she underwent medical procedures. And we missed Jo Clare Wilson and Nancy Anderson from the Eastern Region. And it was great to have Sally Schwab with us for the first time as our ACPE President Elect (right - group dinner photo). I kept being aware that this was my last visit to Humphrey's Halfmoon Inn (below) and this gathering as Regional Director for our region.



A primary concern coming out of the meeting centered on the work just beginning by the *Self-Study of Organizational Structure* Task Force led by Sally Schwab. This group includes two supervisors from the East Central Region: Ted Hodge and Yoke Lye Lim Kwong. Sally presented a brief summary of our current status focused on the following converging factors:



- Increase in expenditures for national office staff and volunteers serving on committees and commissions of ACPE
- Increase in cost of memberships and fees for ACPE Supervisors and Centers on both the national and regional level
- Decrease in the number of certified ACPE Supervisors to offer education and accredit new centers
- Less support from local institutions and entities for CPE Supervisors to volunteer time to serve as officers of ACPE and or ACPE commissions and committees
- Inadequate space at the ACPE office in Decatur Georgia

These factors reflect trends presented to ACPE members by Paula Teague in our recent annual conference in Orlando [right]. We will be exploring some alternative responses to this information at our fall regional meeting in Louisville.

Other items on the agenda included 2010 Standards and Manuals revision, new ACPE website, Student Unit process, Distinguished Service Award Nomination process, shift to spring

2000-2009 Trends reflect

- an increase in expenses (30%) and a decrease in revenues
- a 10% decrease in ACPE Supervisors and Associate Supervisors
- a 35% decrease in Retired-Active ACPE Supervisors
- a 24% decrease in Student members
- a 35% decrease in Clinical Members

Annual Conference schedule, Medicare Pass-through audits, Data Collection, Accreditation (satellites), Certification (endorsement, impaired supervisors, Supervisory Education Students at vacant centers), International and Multicultural Learning (visa changes and New Generation Projects), Organizational Relationships (SCC, COMISS, Seminaries), Fund Raising and Development, and Regional Policies. As always, it was interesting to hear reflections from the different regions – how we are alike and how we differ in the ways we do business.



Of course, it wasn't all conferencing. We enjoyed several meals together. Here are some of us enjoying our closing dinner at The Fish Market. [My spouse, Donna, on the far left, then me and Teresa Snorton, our Executive Director.



ACPE President Bill Scrivener and Susan Pace, his spouse (right); and Deryck Durston, CPE Associate Director and Jill Ulrici, his spouse (left).



Donna and I slipped away one afternoon for a lovely walk along Coronado Beach. And on Sunday we went out on a Whale Watch sail. We saw many dolphins, but no whales. But since we both love to sail, we were only a little disappointed. We knew when we went out that it was late in the season. And we did get a good soaking as we returned to the marina. It was wet and windy the rest of the day – just right for a long nap and packing. We came home thankful for enriching and productive time with colleagues, safe travel, and a couple of adventures.

Some of you are aware that **David Hurst** had to return home immediately on arriving at Hueston Woods last month. I am happy to report that Susan, his spouse, is doing well following quadruple by-pass surgery. You may not know that **Frank Ciampa** is currently undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer. He believes they caught it early and hopes for a full recovery. We have another retirement coming as **Gerry Niklas** concludes lengthy service with Tri Health in Cincinnati. **Frank Nation**, ACPE Candidate, has been hired to replace him as he continues his training.

Donna and I have spent way too much time working on taxes and watching the news of our economic woes unfold. Our region, home to a lot of automotive related industry, is feeling the pain. But the spring flowers are blooming nonetheless and we have hope!

Peace, Cal ☺



PASTORAL CONCERNS/CELEBRATIONS

- On March 16, **David Hurst** reported: "Susan [his spouse] continues to do remarkably well, at this point. She tires easily and still experiences a fair amount of pain. But she goes up and down the four steps in our split-level house. Also, she walked outdoors for about 200' on Saturday with her son, Mark, beside her. Thanks for your prayers and good wishes." You may reach David at: dhurst@beaumont Hospitals.com (Ph: 248-551-1338).
- Congratulations and our best wishes to **Connie Bonner** as she begins to prepare for her move to Florida. She ends her service as Accreditation Chairperson effective May 1. Connie will be missed by the region.

STANDARDS NEWS & REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

Joe Viti, Chairperson

There is a new Standards Study Document on the ACPE website (ACPE.edu), Standard 303.1. It is Titled Standards Committee and dated March 19, 2009. It deals with the supervisor-to-student ratio, e.g., one supervisor for every 13 CPE students. **Please read it over and respond by April 20, 2009.** Your feedback is very important. We need your perspective to make the process work. I am available if you have questions or would like more information about this Standard.

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ACCREDITATION NEWS, NOTES AND – DEADLINES FOR 10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.

Accreditation Deadlines: For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) contact Connie Bonner for deadline information.

- **Reminder:** Satellite Materials (see pages 32-34 in the Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least 30 days before beginning a program at the Satellite center and that a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Until May 1st you may direct questions regarding Accreditation Issues to: The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor, Pastoral Care Department, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo OH 43608. (Phone: 419-251-8609); (Fax: 419-251-0890); E-mail: connie_bonner@mhsnr.org

Beginning May 1st – You may contact the new Accreditation Chairperson: Rabbi Ruth Alpers, Jay Stein Director of Human Relations, Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. 45220-2475. ralpers@huc.edu

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the fall Regional meeting in Louisville, KY. 2009 ECR fall conference, Louisville, KY.

- Application to meet a committee, along with the Certification fee must be **postmarked by Tuesday, July 28, 2009** to: Frank S. Impicciche, ACPE Supervisor, Coordinator CPE Clarian Health, 550 University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Ph: 317-274-7415; Fax 317-274-7440)
- Materials to committee members must be **postmarked by Friday, August 21, 2009.**

Questions regarding regional Certification to: Frank Impicciche, fimpicci@clarian.org (Office 317-274-7415) (Fax 317-274-7440)

Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-217-3192; bwatson@clarian.org;

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- The **East Central Region** is seeking a **Regional Director**; deadline for resume and letter of interest is May 31, 2009. [See attached for more information].
- St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital has **6 openings** in its **ACPE residency program**. Direct questions and/or applications to: The Rev Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie, St. Vincent Hospital, 2001 86th St., PO Box 40970, Indianapolis, IN. 46240-0970 (Ph: 317-338-3168); ragillig@stvincent.org
- Lexington VA Medical Center currently has openings for **3 ACPE residency positions** beginning September 2, 2009 through August 13, 2010. Benefits include stipend of \$26,330, free parking, annual and sick leave. No application fee or tuition. Prior ACPE unit required. The Lexington VA is currently a satellite center of Norton Healthcare, Louisville. Interested applicants, please contact Rev. Don Chase, CPE Coordinator at (859) 281-3910 or email: Donald.chase@va.gov.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 30. Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-426-5099

Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter

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John J. Gleason, Editor

Validating Spiritual Care Best Practices

The Ideal Intervention Project's overall design was presented at our Summit '09 workshop, M1.6. A participant then asked, "Is letting the patient decide what helps a good idea? Patients fear that giving negative evaluations could impact their care." Response: This legitimate fear will be minimized when the follow-up brief questionnaire is presented by a person other than the chaplain with the assurance, "The treatment team will not see your evaluation." How else to determine whether the intervention was effective? By asking the chaplain? Too subjective. By length of stay? Too many variables.

One spiritual assessment schema identifies four unique spiritual needs variables. *Passive being-with* most often meets the need of a trusting World A citizen. Doubt-suppressing World B folk need and expect *active doing-for*. World C people who are open with their doubts and fears need *peerish give-and-take*. *Passive being-with* is also advised for the rare World D quester. With such diversity of need, only the recipient of the care can say with authority, "Don't let that chaplain come back!" or "Please thank that chaplain!" For more on the Four Worlds schema, see "Spiritual Assessment and Pastoral Response," *Journal of Pastoral Care*, 44, Spring 1990, pp. 66-73; and "The Four Worlds of Spiritual Assessment and Care," *Journal of Religion and Health*, 38, Winter 1999, pp. 305-317.

Defining Best Practices

Another workshop participant observed, "You don't define best practices." Response: Best practices are evidence-based procedures "that integrate the best research evidence with clinical experiences, with the most current and clinically relevant... theory, and with patient values." (Thomas Sexton, quoted in Sylvia A. Marotta and Richard E. Watts, "An Introduction to the Best Practices Section in the Journal of Counseling & Development," *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 85, Fall 2007, 491-503.)

Defining Spiritual Care Practices

Spiritual care practices can and should comprise a specific, consciously applied discipline for holistic healing and educative attention to that aspect of human experience recognized as spiritual and/or religious, cultural and emotional... grounded in certain universal human needs pertaining to meaning in life, a sense of self apart from and in relation to a group, and maintenance of a sense of union with that which may be seen as transcending self. (Adapted from Greg Stoddard and Jean Burns-Haley, "Developing An Integrated Approach to Spiritual Assessment," *The Care Giver Journal*, 7:1 1990, p. 65.)

Defining Evidence-Based Spiritual Care

In his T1.9 Orlando workshop presentation Thomas O'Connor defined evidence-based spiritual care as "the judicious use of scientific evidence on spirituality and religion in the spiritual care and therapy of patients and clients." (Thomas O'Connor, PowerPoint presentation, Slide 2, Summit '09.)

...And Now for the Perpetual Reminder...

CPE Supervisors, please be sure to have your students forward their *Ideal Intervention Papers* or completed *Ideal Intervention Forms* as Word document attachments to Fr. Henry G. Heffernan SJ at hheffernan@gonzaga.org for processing into the growing IIP knowledge base after review in individual supervision. Have students give you a copy of the cover e-mail message to HH as documentation.

Chaplains, pastoral counselors and other spiritual care practitioners, please forward your completed *Ideal Intervention Forms (Practitioners)* in like manner. Obtain forms from the e-mail address below.

Contact the Editor at mariejohn50@att.net with your requests, questions and comments.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **09/11-12/09**-East Central Region Conference, The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY
- **11/3-8/09**-ACPE Board, Committees & Commissions, Atlanta, GA.
- **02/04-06/10**-REM Invitational, San Antonio, TX
- **02/19-20/10**-East Central Region Spring Conference, Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, OH

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