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Annual Report to the Board and Membership of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago-2007

Introduction: Two thousand and seven was a very active and productive year for the Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC). All of the new and continuing projects support our mission: “to promote the study and advancement of medicine and health sciences and their application to human needs”. In 1926, the IOMC was described as “the conscience of medicine for Chicago”*. The IOMC aspires to continue to live up to that designation.

IOMC Organizational, Administrative and Leadership Activities:

Governance: The IOMC continues to be a Board-driven organization and the Board and their elected officers have been active in reviewing and directing the various programs, as well as the day to day initiatives and duties of the staff. This has made certain that IOMC activities remain focused on our mission. The Officers and Board are:

Kathleen Gainor Andreoli, D.N.S.C., R.N.; David A. Ansell, M.D., M.P.H.; David N. Carvalho, J.D, vice-president ; Manuel Claudio, M.D.; Mr. Barry Eisenberg, Treasurer; John E. Franklin, M.D.; Jorge Girotti, Ph.D.; C. Anderson Hedberg, M.D.; James Hill, M.D.; Carol A. Krohm, M.D., M.P.H; Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President; Carrie Nelson, M.D.; Dennis Richling M.D.; Lee Sacks, M.D.; Leslie J. Sandlow, M.D. Immediate Past President;; James L. Schroeder, M.D.; Joanne G. Schwartzberg, M.D.; Robert M. Vanecko, M.D.; James R. Webster, Jr., M.D.; Kevin B. Weiss, M.D., M.P.H; Arnold L. Widen, M.D; John L. Wilhelm, M.D., M.P.H.

Goals: The 2007 goals are listed below. Eighty-two percent were completed.

Programmatic:

- Complete Obesity Project
- Find financial support and Implement:*
- Disparities Project
- Professionalism Initiative
- Plan one major Meeting for early 2008, topic TBD

Operational:

- Continue Upgrading Communications
- Web site
- Expanded Annual Report
- New Programs for recently inducted Fellows and expanded Billings programs*
- Initiate Succession Planning Protocols
- Develop Formal Personnel Policies

Membership:

- Increase the Number of Fellows by 10% and Billings Fellows by 15%
- Programs to Integrate New Fellows
- New Perks for Billings Fellows
- Upgrade Electronic Fellows Roster

Financial:

- Acquire New Revenue Sources
- Finish Fiscal Year with a Surplus
- Find Financial Support for Disparities and Professionalism Projects*
- Implement Investment Policies and Procedures

As approved by the Board, the **2008 IOMC goals** are listed below:

Increase support and implementation of Disparities Project
Resume Professionalism Initiative
Develop New Revenue Sources by Contracts or new grant
Become a major participant in safety-net solutions
Enhance Membership Activities
 Continue programs to integrate new Fellows
 Undertake special Billings Society activities
 Increase the number of overall Fellows by 10% and Billings Fellows by 15%
Complete new real-time accounting
Complete FY 2008 without a deficit
Implement Succession Planning
Continue Upgrading Communications:
 Website
 Annual Report
Plan one major meeting: topic tbd

Membership: Currently there are **378** dues-paying fellows of the IOMC, including **60** Members of the Billings Society. The IOMC leadership is most grateful to this group for their continuing support. There are also **184** emeritus fellows. **The Board continues to solicit nominations for candidates for Fellowship and membership from all active or emeritus Fellows.** The following 42 distinguished new Fellows were inducted in 2007:

Jose A. L. Arruda, MD	David P. Gurka, MD, PhD	James B. McAuley, MD, MPH
Robert A. Balk, MD	Memoona Hasnain, MD, PhD	Judith J. McCann, PhD
Larry Boress, CAE	Bruce H. Huck, MD	Martha Clare Morris, ScD
Catherine Catrambone, DNSc, RN	Mark R. Hutchinson, MD	Craig Niederberger, MD
Scott J. Cotler, MD	Stasia Kahn, MD	Linda C. O'Bannon, MD
Martha Daviglius, MD, PhD	Margaret Kirkegaard, MD, MPH	Carla M. Pugh, MD
Robert S. Eisenberg, PhD	Subhash Kukreja, MD	Michele D. Raible, MD
Mary Lou England, MS, BSN	Robert F. Kushner, MD	Lisa Rosenberg, MD
Marian L. Fitzgibbon, PhD	Karen VanDyke Lamb, DNP	David M. Rothenberg, MD
Robert Folberg, MD	Bruce L. Lambert, PhD	Michael R. Silver, MD
Dale W. Galassie, MA	Lewis Lampiris, DDS, MPH	Martha L. Twaddle, MD
Aida Giachello, PhD	Fredric D. Leary, MD	William B. Van De Graaff, MD
Mark H. Gonzalez, MD, MEng	Stephen A. Martin, Jr., PhD	Guy L. Weinberg, MD
Milton A. Goodman	Theodore Mazzone, MD	Saul J. Weiner, MD

Communications: The IOMC website (www.iomc.org) has continuously been revised and updated to be user friendly and to comprehensively reflect the IOMC culture and the breadth of activities of the organization.

Finances: The Finance Committee, under chair Barry Eisenberg has carried out an extensive review of IOMC financial policies and procedures and has revised the accounting activities. The formal investment plan of 2006 was implemented. The 2006 audit was completed with a letter of full approval of the IOMC fiscal status. In 2007 (unedited numbers) IOMC had expenditures of \$388,124, revenues of \$317,204 with year end of (70,920). Finance committee members are: Steve Andes, Clair Callan, David

Carvalho, Barry Eisenberg (chair), David Carvalho, Mark Grach, Carolyn Lopez, John Schneider, Robert Vanecko and James Webster.

Honors Awarded:

Kevin Weiss MD, MPH: IOMC/Otho SA Sprague Award for his national and local leadership in the area of patient safety;

The Portes Foundation/IOMC Award for Excellence in Disease Prevention to the primary care physicians of Dreyer Medical Clinic;

The IOMC Public Service Award to Joy Getzenberg, MA;

The Humanitarian Global Health Award to Robert L. Murphy, MD; and

The Henry P. Russe Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Healthcare to Mardge Cohen, MD.

Meetings:

The 92nd Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner held on May 23, 2007, featured a presentation by an expert panel on the topic of Disabling Health Disparities. Panelists were Steve Whitman of the Sinai Urban Health Institute, Carmen Velasquez from Alivio Medical Center, David Baker from Feinberg School of Medicine and Jacqueline Reed from the West Side Health Authority. Each brought their knowledge and experience to share new insights on how to eliminate regional racial and ethnic health disparities. The audience was stunned and invigorated as a result of their presentations. Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar, the 2006 Russe award recipient, gave the after dinner message. Newly elected Board members, Drs. Carrie Nelson and Lee Sacks, were welcomed as new Board members.

The IOMC Holiday Celebration in December was held at the Midday Club. Ms. Martha Kilmer, Artistic Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, shared remarkable and entertaining insights about the CSO. Preceding her presentation, Doctors Andy Hedberg and Bruce Huck, physicians to the CSO, discussed, for Billings Society members, aspects of providing medical care for the Orchestra both at home and abroad.

Specific Programs:*

Cook County/Regional Safety net issues: In keeping with its mission IOMC has been actively involved working to repair and reverse the recent, severe damage to the regional health safety net. In particular the draconian cuts in the Cook County Bureau of Health Services have been a source of great hardship for huge numbers of local residents in terms of access to any health care services. Both the IOMC leadership and many individual Fellows have collaborated with public and medical organizations to carry out strategies to mitigate and reverse this damage. This has included public pronouncements and collaborative organizational activities. The IOMC position statement dealing with this whole topic can be viewed on the IOMC web site. This clearly will be a continuing issue for 2008.

Obesity Project: Thanks to the 2005 grant from the Portes Foundation this multidisciplinary community oriented undertaking is being carried out under the IOMC purview. Initiatives focused on: 1) social marketing to determine opportunities for behavior change and role modeling in high risk minority populations and 2) attempting to have the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers Union and

their health insurer to develop a unique, collaborative, personal electronic system to promote weight loss among their employees. 3) Promoting the BMI, waist or Waist hip ratio measurement as a routine vital sign throughout the region. An IOMC sponsored paper and poster were completed by Megan Huisingsh MD, MPH and have been presented locally and nationally and are cited on the IOMC website.

Chicago Patient Safety Forum (CPSF): The Forum, which is an independent project of IOMC has had a spectacular year under the leadership of Lenny Lamkin and Arnold Widen. Their website (www.chicagopatientsafety.org) documents their many programs, sponsored meetings, patient safety tools etc. and has multiple links to numerous local and national collaborating organizations. In particular, it should be noted that in 2005 the CPSF was designated as **the** local leader (node) by the National Institute for Healthcare Improvement. The CPSF has clearly raised the profile of issues and patient safety activities in the region and engaged multiple constituencies and centers in the movement to make patient safety a routine aspect of all care activities. Chicago regional providers and the public owe a great deal to the CPSF.

Midwest Medical Leadership Group: The meetings continue on a quarterly basis, with postings as to speakers, topics and sites on our website. In March, Dr. Moses Lee, chair of the Emergency Response Team for IDPH, presented the IDPH medical emergency response plans and its integration with local, state, and federal agencies. In October, Dr. Carla Pugh presented on "Simulation as a Quality Strategy." December's speaker was Dr. Phillip Greenland, who presented on cost effectiveness of disease prevention. These early morning sessions provide a unique and excellent networking forum for a disparate group of medical leaders to discuss common problems, trends and concerns. We are indebted to Milton Goodman RPh, for the administrative direction of this project. Members of the Billings Society receive an electronic invitation to attend these presentations.

Professionalism Project: Under the leadership of Past- President Les Sandlow, the Professionalism task force has developed a three year project for the Chicago Region. A formal project proposal was submitted to the Gold Foundation.

Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: Following the highly successful IOM/IOMC sponsored conference in December of 2004, multiple funding applications were submitted locally and nationally to obtain financial resources to set up an IOMC supported project that would make the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities in Chicago a permanent objective. In December of 2006 a most generous grant of \$65,600 was received from the local Portes Foundation for 2007! In December of 2007 a \$ 50,000 grant was received from the Illinois Department of Public Health to continue the activities. This project focuses on: 1) initiating community based strategies and non traditional interventions to reduce the ravages of the metabolic syndrome in African- American and Hispanic populations in Chicago, and 2) a cultural Competency Curriculum for providers at all levels to improve their communication and care skills as they interact with minority populations. Community partners include Lawndale Christian Health Center, Alivio Medical Center and Mile Square Health Center. Details are on the IOMC Web Site.

In collaboration with The Illinois Public Health Institute, the IOMC co-sponsored a conference (January 20, 2007) "Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Healthcare Settings: A How to Forum." It was held at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) with financial support from Aetna and NMH. This

represented another aspect of IOMC's involvement in continuing to pursue strategies for the eventual elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities, in this case by improving the skills and knowledge of current providers and their organizations.

Chicago Region Cultural Competency Educators (CRCCE)

In August of 2006 the first meeting of this group was sponsored by IOMC. This was one of the proposals recommended by the 2004 IOMC health disparities initiative. The group has been active in developing the above Cultural Competency Curriculum

Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (ICPGV)

The IOMC received a small 2007 grant to partner with the ICPGV (www.icpgv.org). During the year the focus was to provide education for multiple constituencies, including both the public and state legislators in Springfield. In addition, collaborations with the law enforcement and legal communities were a major strategy to push for common sense laws to get guns out of the hands of criminals and to eliminate the availability of "street sweeper" 20-50 round clips, sniper rifles, assault weapons, and armor piercing ammunition. A vast majority of Illinois residents favor such measures to halt the gun related carnage. A number of IOMC Fellows participated in the project which will remain active in 2008.

*** All IOMC Fellows and Members are invited to volunteer to work in any of the above initiatives. Contact the IOMC office for particulars about each one and to become involved.**

Future Directions and Challenges

The 2008 goals just are a starting point for Board discussions, activities and decisions.

- * Given IOMC's finite organizational, financial and personnel resources it is crucial that we prioritize our activities and maintain our focus.
- * Collaboration with multiple groups is a major IOMC strategy to enhance our mission via a multiplier effect.
- * Maintaining fiscal viability will continue to be a major topic for the Finance Committee and Board.
- * A strategic planning initiative, similar to the one completed in 2003, will be undertaken this year.

Certainly all of the above exciting projects bode well for the coming year to be productive and fulfilling. Given the tradition and talents of the IOMC, the future looks promising indeed.

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