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From the National Program Office

Dear Friends of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program:

We are already half-way through the 2016-17 Health and Aging Policy fellowship year and would like to provide you with some news and updates. Currently in our ninth fellowship year, we had 15 Fellows join the program in October of 2016. Each year, we are amazed by the expertise and background of the Fellows, their placements and activities, and the work that they accomplish both during their fellowship year and beyond.

Promoting healthy aging includes a wide range of issues - from more livable cities to aging in place and better healthcare for the particular needs of older adults. The diversity of issues calls for a diversity of Fellows, and the various professions, disciplines and backgrounds of our Fellows very much reflect that diversity. We are very proud of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows who are committed to improving the quality of life for older Americans, and this commitment will become more urgent and relevant than ever in the future.

We are extremely grateful to The John A. Hartford Foundation whose generous support will provide essential funding to our program in the future. We are also grateful to our expanding network of partnerships, including the National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing), the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, and the US Veterans Health Administration.

We are indebted to The Atlantic Philanthropies whose essential support since 2008 has made this program possible. To date we have selected 101 fellows who have made a lasting difference to the health and aging policy field at the national, state, and local level, leaving a remarkable legacy.

We invite you to consider applying to make a real difference in the world of policy making or to share this information with colleagues who might be interested in applying. We are now accepting applications for our 2017-18 Class. Applications are due April 17, 2017 (applications for the VA track are due by March 30, 2017).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program and we look forward to hearing from you.

Harold Alan Pincus, MD
Director, Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program

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REMINDER: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2017-18 Health and Aging Policy Fellows class will be due April 17, 2017!

If you are interested in applying for the fellowship, please contact Kathy Pike, PhD (kmp2@cumc.columbia.edu) or Harold A. Pincus, MD (pincush@nyspi.columbia.edu) in case of any questions!

Candidates interested in applying for the “VA track”, please note that the deadline for the VA track is March 30, 2017.

For further information, please visit the VA’s website: https://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/programs/SF_Health_and_Aging.asp?p=22

We are looking forward to welcoming another class of outstanding scholars and practitioners from the health and aging field to the program!

HAPF SPRING 2017 SYMPOSIUM:
“THE SHORT-TERM FUTURE OF LONG-TERM CARE”

WHEN: May 12th, 2017
WHERE: Palomar Hotel, 2121 P Street, NW, Washington DC

This event is a one-day Symposium with panels of leading policy experts discussing issues and challenges around access, quality and cost of long-term and palliative care in a rapidly changing policy environment.

The Symposium is organized by the current class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows (2016-17).
Get to know the 2016-17 Health and Aging Policy Fellows

Amanda M. Borer, MHA
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Amanda Borer is the Associate Director for Charles House Association in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she serves as the Administrator for the Charles House Neighborhood-Eldercare Homes. Her interests are in developing methods and models to improve care for people living with dementia, addressing geriatric workforce issues and promoting better coordination of healthcare for older adults. For her Fellowship, she is working with several agencies including the Eldercare Workforce Alliance and HRSA. Simultaneously, she is also working on the North Carolina Eldercare Workforce Task Force and Initiative.

Pamela Z. Cacchione, PhD, CRNP, BC, FGSA, FAAN
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Cacchione is the Ralston House Term Chair in Gerontological Nursing and an Associate Professor of Geropsychiatric Nursing-CE at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and a Past President of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association. Her research on sensory impairment in long-term care elders led to the dissemination of evidence-based guidelines in the care of older adults in long-term care settings with vision and/or hearing deficits. Dr. Cacchione has received numerous awards including the Dean's Teaching Award; Excellence in Scholarly Practice Family and Community Health Department University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing; and Emerging Leader, John A Hartford Foundation Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing among others. She is working with CMS during her fellowship.

Peter Curran, MD
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Curran is Medical Director of Home Based Primary Care at the Veterans Health Administration in the Department of Geriatrics, Washington D.C. and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine. He was elected President of the San Francisco Medical Society, advocating on behalf of patients and physicians at the county and state level. His current interests include improving access to healthcare for older veterans in a rural community under the Choice Act. Dr. Curran is working as a non-residential fellow in the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Annette DeVito Dabbs, RN, PhD, FAAN
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Hybrid Residential/ Non-residential)

Dr. DeVito Dabbs is Professor and Department Chair, Acute & Tertiary Care, School of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh. She has over 40 years of clinical experience in the management of persons with chronic conditions and holds licensure and certification as an APRN (ACNS-BC). Her contributions to health care reflect the duality of her career as a clinician and an academic researcher. More recently, her research interests focus on how the recent push for consumer adoption of technology is increasingly critical for older adults' receipt of quality health care, interactions with health providers, and engagement in health care. Her fellowship placement is with the Office of the National Coordinator, in the Office of Care Transformation.

Julia Driessen, PhD
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Driessen is an economist and assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on how economic incentives can support, or hinder, clinical best practices. She has examined this theme across an array of settings and interventions, including health information technology, Medicare prescribing, and inter-professional models of care. During her Fellowship, she is working with CMS/ Federal Coordinated Health Care Office and the health policy team of Senator Brian Schatz.
Gary Epstein-Lubow, MD  
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Epstein-Lubow is a geriatric psychiatrist at Butler Hospital, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and of Medical Science at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and Assistant Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice at the Brown University School of Public Health. His research addresses best practices for improving health services for persons with dementia, their family members and caregivers. For his Fellowship, Dr. Epstein-Lubow is working with CMS, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Survey and Certification Group, Division of Nursing Homes.

Sharon K. Inouye, MD, MPH  
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Inouye is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, holder of the Milton and Shirley F. Levy Family Chair, and Director of the Aging Brain Center at the Institute for Aging Research. As an internationally recognized leader in academic medicine and program dissemination, she has helped define the fields of aging and delirium through her seminal work on the epidemiology and outcomes of delirium and functional decline in older persons, reversible contributors to cognitive decline with aging, and improving measurement methods for cognition. She is holding leadership roles with the National Academy of Medicine, the Delirium Clinical Guidelines Panel for the American Geriatrics Society, and the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. Dr. Inouye spearheaded efforts to develop delirium guidelines for high risk postoperative patients through the American Geriatrics Society and coauthored the Institute of Medicine’s Report on Cognitive Aging. During her Fellowship, Dr. Inouye is working with CMS, CMMI, and NAM.

Brian Kaskie, PhD  
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Residential)

Dr. Kaskie is Associate Professor of Health Policy in the Department of Health Management and Policy at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health. His primary interests concern the intersection between public policies and older Americans analyzing and mapping a variety of state laws and regulations that affect older persons, evaluating the adoption of these health policies, and examining their impact on organizational and individual outcomes. During his Fellowship, he is serving on the Senate Aging Committee in Senator Susan Collins’s office.

Fazal Khan, MD, JD  
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Khan is Associate Professor at the University of Georgia School of Law. His scholarship and teaching focuses on healthcare law and policy, bioethics, and public health law. Dr. Khan has considerable experience in both legal and medical fields and has been interviewed and called on as an expert by both television and print media on topics ranging from national health care reform, end of life regulations, and governmental response to public health emergencies. His fellowship placement is with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) where he is examining the implications of using artificial intelligence to help diagnose and treat medical patients.

Madeline A. Naegle, PhD, CNS-PMH, BC, FAAN  
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Naegle is Professor and Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Geriatric Nursing Education at Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York University. As a nationally and internationally known psychiatric-mental health/substance abuse content expert and educator, she has designed and implemented advanced practice specialty nursing as well as continuing education programs on mental health and addiction. Her research has focused on alcohol use disorders and the evaluation of nursing intervention in generalist and specialty care settings. As Director of WHO CC in Geriatric Nursing Education, she has worked to build international recognition of geriatric nursing competencies and nursing capacity to care for older adults, using nursing and health organization networks in the Latin American and Caribbean. During her fellowship, Dr. Naegle is working with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
Anne Ordway, PhD
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Residential)

Dr. Ordway joined the Health and Aging Policy Fellowship through a National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) funded postdoctoral fellowship in rehabilitation policy research at the University of Washington. Her research interests include development of the long-term care workforce, access to healthcare services and supports for people with disabilities, and the retirement and labor market exit of individuals aging with a disability. During her Fellowship, Dr. Ordway serves on the Senate HELP Committee in the office of Senator Patty Murray.

Lynn F. Reinke, PhD, ANP-BC, FAAN
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Reinke is an Investigator in the Health Services Research & Development Division at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, WA and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems at the University of Washington's School of Nursing. Dr. Reinke's research focuses on improving the delivery of end-of-life care for patients with advanced, life-limiting illnesses, specifically patients with lung cancer, COPD and multimorbidities. Her interests include improving early access to community palliative care services and the provision of value-based care for seriously ill older adults. Dr. Reinke's Fellowship placements are with the Altarum Institute and the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care, C-TAC.

Gary L. Stein, JD, MSW
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Dr. Stein is Professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work – Yeshiva University and has been Vice Chair of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network since 2006. His interests include palliative and end-of-life care, bioethics, health care policy and practice, social policy, disability, elder care, and LGBT issues. Dr. Stein is a recipient of the Project on Death in America's Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network Career Achievement Award (2017) and Social Work Leadership Development Award (2001), and the Rose Dobrof Award (2011) for his publication on LGBT older adults. For his Fellowship, he is working with the American Bar Association/Commission on Law and Aging and the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care, C-TAC.

Turner West, MPH, MTS
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Non-residential)

Turner West is the director of education and communications and director of the Palliative Care Leadership Center at Hospice of the Bluegrass. He has extensive experience bringing leadership and innovation to programs and operations aimed at improving care for the seriously ill. As a recognized leader in hospice and palliative care, Mr. West has presented on a variety of important issues on health care delivery for the seriously ill at the national, regional, state, and local level. In addition to his work with Hospice of the Bluegrass, he is a consultant with the Center to Advance Palliative Care and faculty for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Manager Development Program. Mr. West is working with The Office of the Surgeon General and Altarum Institute during his Fellowship year.

Katie Wright, MPP
2016-17 HAP Fellow (Residential)

Katie Wright has worked to preserve and expand federal safety net programs and supports for caregivers while serving on the policy staff of the Corporation for Enterprise Development, the Center for American Progress, and the White House Council of Economic Advisers. She broadened her policy portfolio to include health issues while at the Kennedy School and with work at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Katie is particularly interested in policies that help family caregivers as they navigate the health system while juggling other care and career responsibilities and politics' role in shaping policy options. During her Fellowship, Katie is serving on Senator Franken's health policy team, where her portfolio includes the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, rural health, and behavioral health.