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### **American College of Preventive Medicine to Establish National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine**

Washington, DC—Oct. 3, 2011—The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) has received a cooperative agreement award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to create a National Coordinating Center for Integrative Medicine (NccIM) in Preventive Medicine. The purpose of the coordinating center, which ACPM will call the Integrative Medicine in Preventive Medicine Education (IMPriME) Coordinating Center, is to provide technical support for Preventive Medicine Residency and other health professions training programs interested in incorporating evidence-based integrative medicine content into their training. Under a companion funding announcement, 12 Preventive Medicine Residencies have been funded as Integrative Medicine Programs (IMPs) to develop and incorporate integrative medicine curricula and teaching into their residency training programs. These IMPs will coordinate their activities through the NccIM.

The centerpiece of ACPM's approach to the NccIM is to create, convene, administer and sustain a Community of Learning for integrative medicine and preventive medicine that includes partners in Preventive Medicine training, primary care, other health professions such as nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy, and complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners from a wide variety of practice modalities. The learning community will form the basis for sharing practices, creating and validating evaluation instruments, and disseminating shared experiences to the wider integrative medicine, Preventive Medicine, primary care, other health professions, and CAM practitioner audiences.

With its strong focus on primary prevention, health promotion, team-based interprofessional care, and a whole-system perspective, ACPM has a natural alignment with the core values of integrative care. These connections have drawn the support and participation of many leading multidisciplinary, complementary, and integrative health practice and educator organizations into a robust partnership developed for the NccIM. ACPM has assembled a robust team of steering committee members representing Preventive Medicine, primary care, and the integrative

medicine/CAM community, as well as faculty experts in specific integrative medicine/CAM disciplines to serve as peer mentors to trainees and program faculty for IM research, faculty development, and curriculum implementation.

“ACPM is thrilled to have been selected by HRSA to create and manage this critically important center,” said ACPM Executive Director, Michael Barry. “With our focus on evidence-based interventions to prevent disease and promote health, healthy lifestyles, and systems-based approaches to health care, and our longstanding relationship with and commitment to Preventive Medicine Residency training programs, I believe ACPM is uniquely qualified to lead this effort.”

The NccIM is being funded fully through a HRSA cooperative agreement (Award # 1 UE1HP25094-01-00) for two years, ending 9/29/14, at \$773,676. ACPM is committed to the sustainability of the NccIM initiative beyond the life of the HRSA funding cycle.

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#### **About the American College of Preventive Medicine**

The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) is the national professional society for physicians committed to disease prevention and health promotion. ACPM was established in 1954. Its 2,500 members are engaged in preventive medicine practice, teaching and research. Specialists in preventive medicine are uniquely trained in both clinical medicine and public health. They have the skills needed to understand and reduce the risks of disease, disability and death in individuals and in population groups. For more information, visit [www.acpm.org](http://www.acpm.org).