



## **SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT & COMMITMENT**

### **AIHM Community Commitment**

The Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine stands committed to increasing access to integrative health and medicine (IHM) care in underserved communities. In 2019, we demonstrate our commitment to the underserved through our **AIHM Social Impact Clinical Scholars Program** that will provide full scholarships for Fellowship training to health care providers who serve these communities. AIHM is dedicated to working in collaboration with local, national and international organizations for collective impact towards this goal.

### **Problem Statement**

Access to IHM remains limited in underserved communities in part due to a lack of IHM trained health care providers working in clinical settings that serve these communities. In the United States, both Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) provide a large percentage of health care to underserved communities. FQHCs across the country have begun to offer IHM services and the need for these services is growing. As the need for IHM health care providers in underserved communities grows, the need for providing IHM training to those serving these communities also increases.

### **Action Statement**

AIHM initiated collaborative partnerships both locally and nationally to accomplish our social impact commitment by providing healthcare providers working in underserved communities full scholarships to our AIHM integrative health and medicine interprofessional Fellowship. This collective first step with our community represents a direct gift from AIHM valued at \$576,000.

In 2018, AIHM joined Live Well San Diego (LWSD), a local initiative to bring together like-minded stakeholders in creating a healthy, safe and thriving San Diego County. AIHM is supporting these local efforts by awarding Fellowship scholarships to healthcare providers at Family Health Centers of San Diego (FHCS), another LWSD partner with a commitment to expanding access to IHM services to all communities. On a national level, AIHM supports clinicians who serve veterans to help expand access to IHM services to all veterans. Fellowship scholarships awarded to members of the non-profit organization, Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US) also demonstrates that national commitment.

### **Future Implications**

AIHM will continue to collaborate with organizations locally and nationally that serve the underserved, while also exploring avenues for collaboration with global initiatives and partners.