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JCIPE to Host Fourth Biennial Conference on Interprofessional Education and Care

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The Jefferson Center for Interprofessional Education (JCIPE) will host its’ fourth biennial conference on interprofessional education and care from Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th. Entitled “Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century: Redefining Education and Practice,” the conference will bring individuals involved in interprofessional education and care together to share ideas, innovative programs and the latest research to help advance interprofessional approaches to education and care (IPE/C) across the country.

Participants are invited to submit papers based on the four objectives for the conference which reflect issues that many of the leaders in the field believe are necessary to move the IPE/C agenda forward. These are:

- Apply a theoretical framework to interprofessional education initiatives
- Design creative interprofessional education teaching strategies including dynamic academic/clinical partnerships
- Integrate innovative collaborative practice models in their clinical settings, and
- Assess individual education and/or clinical practices in light of the information and discussion during the conference and identify specific strategies to implement as part of a continuing improvement process for practice.

The conference has grown in scope and size over the years and has now attracted national, even international participation. Approximately 150 individuals, from across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia attended the last conference in 2012. This growth reflects the growth of interest in the interprofessional education and care movement, not only in North America, but worldwide. Major national and international leaders have agreed to come and present keynote speeches. On Friday evening, George Thibault, MD, of the Macy Foundation and Barbara Brandt, PhD, Head of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education will speak. On Saturday morning, John Gilbert, CM, PhD, FCAHS, who co-chaired the WHO Study Group on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice and was Project Lead of the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative will discuss evaluation and a theoretical framework for IPE/C. On Sunday morning, Malcolm Cox, MD, Former Chief Academic Affiliations Officer U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will lead a panel discussion on interprofessional approaches in the Veterans Administration.

Interested attendees are invited to submit papers for four types of presentations, reflecting one of the key objectives. These are: Papers on research in progress, Papers on completed research, Seminars and Posters. Abstract submission opens on April 28th. For more information interested individuals can go to the JCIPE website.