

**Society of Primary Care Policy Fellows  
Inventory of Discussion Points  
The Primary Care Policy Fellowship  
September 8, 2006**

**Introduction:** This outline summarizes the discussion by the Society's Board of Directors on re-establishing the Primary Care Policy Fellowship. The purpose of the outline is to remind Society members of past discussion topics and to stimulate further discussion leading to an action plan.

**Fellowship Proposal Objectives**

- Inter-disciplinary experience and primary care policy advocacy
- Private/public partnership
- Tri-partite funding—Foundation (i.e. RWJ), Federal agency and sponsoring organization or Fellows home organization. For example, transportation and housing paid for by sponsoring organization. Consider housing at GWU.
- Two one-week DC experiences with a local, mentored project (mentors could be Fellows)

**Current Federal Interests to Justify Fellowship**

- Emergency preparedness and response planning
- Access to health care
- Health care cost containment

**Fellowship Evaluation**

(Conclusion from the special Board meeting on March 26, 2006, "A Primary Care Fellowship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century")

The Fellowship has not improved primary care. Last year's Fellowship was "on life support." Participation by some Fellows was half-hearted and it was not certain the Fellowship would be completed as designed. The Fellowship was a leadership development program. Health care policy was not affected. Evaluation of the Primary Care Policy Fellowship Program (September 28, 2001) concluded 83% of the survey responders cited "specific ways in which the fellowship had influenced their careers." "Organizational stakeholder, likewise, identified specific projects completed by fellows."

**Fellowship Home/Sponsor Possibilities**

- Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (Carolyn Clancy)
  - Center for Primary Care, Prevention and Clinical Partnerships (Helen Burstin)
- Bureau of Health Professions (Kerry Nessler—now assigned to Office of Commissioned Corps Affairs)
- Bureau of Primary Care (Don Weaver)
- National Health Service Corps

**Supporting Organizations**

- Previous sponsoring organizations (separate document)
- Potential sponsoring/advocacy organizations
  - Area Health Education Centers (AHEC's)
  - National Center for Primary Care (Morehouse School of Medicine)
- Advocates
  - Donna Shalala
  - Louis Sullivan

**Strategies for Federal buy-in**

- Emergency preparedness and response
- Primary care-focused universal health care

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at the local, state, national, and international levels.*