

**SPCPF Activities for 2005-2006**  
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**Strategic Planning**

- ❖ In August 2005, the SPCPF Board met in Washington DC to discuss US priorities in healthcare and primary care and to engage in a strategic planning session to set future directions for the organization. The meeting began with commentary by invited guests Britt Weinstock from the Office of Congresswoman Donna Christensen and Debbie Jessup from the Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, followed by general discussion of the priorities for the nation and the role for the SPCPF.

**Fellowship**

- ❖ Upon receipt of notification that HHS/HRSA would not offer the Primary Health Care Policy Fellowship in 2006, the SPCPF leadership has taken action to explore alternative opportunities for the Fellowship. Several strategies have been identified to establish a public-private partnership for the Fellowship's sustainability.
- ❖ The SPCPF conducted an informal survey of nominating organizations to assess the level of interest in continuing and possibly supporting the Fellowship.
- ❖ The SPCPF Board held a special meeting in Washington, DC in March 2006, to discuss the future of the Fellowship and to develop an action plan.
- ❖ The SPCPF leadership has kept the Fellows apprised of the status of the Fellowship.

**Policy Activities**

- ❖ In July 2005, the SPCPF submitted comments on the draft report "Evaluating the Impact of the Title VII, Section 747 Programs." The report was put together by the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD) to detail the purposes and objectives of Title VII, Section 747 and recommend outcome measures for evaluating the impact of the program. The SPCPF report recommended linking the outcomes of these programs with the Healthy People 2010 goals; however, the SPCPF advised against linking specifically to the goal of "increase in the proportion of persons who have a specific source of ongoing care" in recognition that there are many factors that might influence this outcome and would be far beyond the accountability of Title VII, Section 747 programs.
- ❖ The SPCPF nominated Gary Colangelo, DDS, MGA (Fellowship Class '96) to serve on Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD)
- ❖ The SPCPF leadership has continued work on a proposal for a Capitol Hill-based roundtable series to highlight issues specific to primary care. External funding will be needed to support a roundtable series.
- ❖ SPCPF representatives have attended the primary care roundtable series hosted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

**Fiscal Activities**

- ❖ We established communications with United Healthcare Foundation, leading to a \$5000 donation to the organization.
- ❖ The SPCPF leadership identified external funding support as a priority for the organization's future.
- ❖ For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the organization yielded a modest net gain in income.

