Board of Director Elections: A New Process for Our New Academy

By Diane Rowland, Sc.D., M.P.A., Chair, Academy Nominating Committee

This is an important time in the life of our new Academy as we move to initiate our process for electing and selecting new members of our Board of Directors. We established the original Academy Board last June as a merger of the two predecessor boards (AHSR and Alpha Center). In only two short months, from June 18 through July 13, 2001, the Academy will conduct its first election for new Board members following the Annual Meeting. Academy members are urged to participate in this important part of our governance.

Our bylaws specify that approximately one-third of the 18 seats on the Board (the CEO serves as the 19th member) will be up for election each year. Academy members will elect one-half of the open seats each year and the Board itself will elect the other half.

To operationalize these requirements and to provide for both continuity and transition, the terms of the initial 18 directors were staggered with six directors each having three-, two-, and one-year terms, respectively. Future terms will be for three years, and Board members may be re-elected for two additional terms.

Our Nominating Committee is charged with developing the slates for both elections. To ensure as participatory a process as possible, the Nominating Committee comprises Board members as well as Academy members not currently serving on the Board. As Chair of this committee, I am joined by Board members David Blumenthal, Mark Chassin, Arnold Epstein, John Iglehart, Harold Luft, and Reed Tuckson, and by Academy members Beth McGlynn, Heather Palmer, and Donald Steinwachs. The committee developed the slate of officers, online voting

Online Voting
From June 18 - July 13, 2001, Academy members are encouraged to vote for the new Board of Directors through the members-only web site.

2001 Annual Meeting to Focus on Shaping Future Health Care System

The 2001 Academy Annual Meeting, Research to Action: Shaping Our Health Care Future, will soon be here, offering unique dissemination, learning, and networking opportunities to those who conduct and use research.

“We have both built on past successes and responded to participants’ suggestions to create a meeting that allows health services researchers, health care providers, and public and private policymakers to learn from each other,” says Conference Chair David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P. “With the new administration in place, this is an important time to consider the current state and future challenges of health services research and the health system itself. With more than 100 sessions on the program, this year’s choice of topics and speakers will afford participants a range of opportunities from engaging in stimulating debates about how to translate new knowledge into action to how to design the health system of the 21st century.”

The meeting will be held June 10-12 at the Atlanta Hyatt and will, as in prior years, serve as a nucleus for over 40 smaller meetings sponsored by other health organizations and constituencies. Uwe Reinhardt, Ph.D., Princeton University, will lead off the opening plenary on Monday morning with a keynote address on “The Social Role of HSR: Auditing a Permanently Imperfect Health Sector.” At the
It is a pleasure to report that our First National Health Policy Conference, co-sponsored by the Academy and Health Affairs and held on February 1-2, exceeded our expectations. Registrations filled to overflowing, speakers delivered timely and thought-provoking presentations, and participants responded enthusiastically to both substance and format. With such a positive response to the First National Health Policy Conference, it is our plan to make this event an annual Washington event. While this meeting will always emphasize current policy issues, it will also serve as a forum that allows stakeholders to consider how health services research can most effectively inform both policy and practice.

Next year’s meeting is scheduled for January 16-18, 2002, and will be held at the J.W. Marriott on Pennsylvania Ave. We look forward to building on this year’s success to make next year’s meeting an even more valuable part of the policy debate. We also look forward to greater involvement of members and friends of the Academy as this conference becomes an increasingly integral part of the Academy’s mission and program activities.

Just ahead is our Annual Meeting, Research to Action: Shaping Our Health Care Future, with its primary focus on sharing the latest results of health services research and identifying and articulating health care information needs. (For details of the June 10-12 meeting, see pages 1 and 3.) Expect to see this highly regarded national scientific meeting continually take on new dimensions that reflect the Academy’s long-term commitment to build both the fields of health services research and health policy. In addition to over 100 sessions on cutting-edge research and critical health policy issues, we are once again hosting 40 affiliate meetings. We have expanded student benefits and career center services, and we are offering participants six full-day methods seminars immediately prior to and following the meeting. And for the fourth year, we are offering a bi-national forum on the growing collaboration between the United Kingdom and the United States on health services research and health quality.

To complement these two large conferences, we are once again offering Seminars in Health Services Research Methods in Fall 2001. With last year’s seminars on “Using Federal and State Databases” filled to capacity more than a month in advance, we are planning to repeat this focus on access to and use of these large databases on November 5-7 at the DoubleTree Rockville, just outside Washington, D.C. We are delighted that AHRQ, HCFA, NCHS, and VA are again co-sponsoring this program. Complete information on the seminars will be on our web site (www.academyhealth.org/seminars/fall2001) in May.

We’re also exploring the use of technology to offer Academy members more educational and career development opportunities. Staff have begun to develop a pilot series of Cyber Seminars that will teach research methods online in two-hour, real time sessions at a reasonable cost. The seminars will also be archived for those who cannot participate in the scheduled event. The pilot series of three online seminars will be previewed in January, February, and March 2002. More information on the topics for the seminars will be available on the Academy web site this summer!

In the future, we will explore opportunities for holding topic specific research meetings, perhaps regionally, to enable our researchers greater presentation opportunities. We’re sensitive to the time and travel constraints of members and are seeking new venues to convene researchers and policymakers around critical health issues.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, June 10-12 in Atlanta!
Tuesday lunch, Gail Wilensky, Ph.D., Project HOPE, will present the Alice S. Hersh Lecture on, “Thinking Ahead: The Bush Legacy in Health Care.”

Reflecting their growing popularity and importance, many meeting features have been expanded. For example, this year’s meeting will include 11 methods workshops, nearly doubling the number offered in prior years. Further, because of the impressive number of abstracts submitted in each category, there will be additional call for papers sessions, as well as an additional poster session. Themes attracting the most abstracts were Access/Disparities, Quality, and Managed Care. Watch for specific session information on our web site prior to the meeting.

Students Enjoy Expanded Benefits
Student benefits have also been expanded and include lower registration fees, lower-cost hotel options only a block from the conference site, and a student breakfast with a meet-the-experts component. There will also be a best dissertation award, a pre- and post-doctoral session, and a best poster award. Visit www.academyhealth.org/2001/student to learn about additional benefits.

Valuable Career Center Services
Students and professionals alike can take advantage of the Academy Career Center located in the Exhibit Hall. The center will offer a full range of services from binders of resumes and job and fellowship program announcements; a message board; resume review; photocopying; and interviewing space during exhibit hours. And, for the first time, the Academy is accepting announcements electronically to be placed in the binders. Send job and fellowship program announcements to jobpostings@ahsrhp.org. Send resumes to resumes@ahsrhp.org. For more information, go to www.academyhealth.org/2001/career.

Exhibitors and Advertisers Connect with Attendees
In the exhibit hall will be nearly 100 exhibitors sharing information and exchanging ideas with conference participants. Exhibitors will be visited by 95 percent of conference participants, and will receive free posting on the Academy web site and a description in the Agenda Book. Advertisers will be posted on the web site prior to the conference and may place an ad in the Agenda Book up to the May 4 deadline. To exhibit or place an ad, go to www.academyhealth.org/2001/exhibits.

Seminars in Health Services Research Methods
To register for and learn more about the six popular methods seminars (detailed below), visit www.academyhealth.org/2001/seminars.

Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Advances in Methods for Monitoring Healthcare Outcomes from the Patient Point of View
  - John E. Ware, Jr., Ph.D.
- More Than “It’s a Conversation” : Using Qualitative Interviews to Answer Health Services Research Questions
  - Shoshanna Sofaer, Dr.PH, and Kelly Devers, Ph.D.
- ResDAC: Medicare/Medicaid Databases
  - Marshall McBean, M.D., M.S., Thomas Bubolz, Ph.D., George Rust, M.D., M.P.H., and Arlene Ash, Ph.D.

Wednesday, June 13, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- An Introduction to Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health Care
  - Emmett B. Keeler, Ph.D.
- Risk Adjustment for Measuring Health Care Outcomes
  - Arlene Ash, Ph.D., and Michael Shwartz, Ph.D.
- MEPS: What Every Researcher Should Know
  - Nancy Krauss, M.S., Karen Beauregard, M.H.A., and Jeff Rhoades, Ph.D.

Selected Sessions to be Webcast
If you are unable to attend the conference, you can still experience parts of the meeting on the Kaiser Health Information Network at www.kaisernetwork.org. These webcasts will also be available via a link from our web site for viewing online after the meeting.

Register Now and Save
To take advantage of these and the many other benefits offered at the Annual Meeting, submit your registration in one of the three following ways: fax, mail, or online. Registrations must be received by April 23 to qualify for the discounted registration fee. The online form can be found on the web site at www.academyhealth.org/2001/register.

More Meeting Information Online!
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/abstracts – View abstracts from this year’s meeting as well as from past years.
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/agenda.htm – A brief overview of the events of each day.
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/program – A more detailed account of specific sessions and speakers.
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/posters.htm – Schedule and locations for all three poster sessions.
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/education.htm – Specifics for earning AANC and ACHE credits at this year’s meeting.
- www.academyhealth.org/2001/affiliate – List of organizations hosting events in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.
- www.academyhealth.org/childhealth – Details about the Third Annual Meeting of Child Health Services Researchers.
Strategic Planning for Rural Health Networks
By Katherine Browne, Daniel Campion, and Robert Stenger, Networking for Rural Health Project, March 2001
This report is intended as a guideline for approaching strategic planning in the context of a rural health network. It is a synthesis of information presented at several regional workshops conducted by the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy in 1999 and 2000 as part of the Networking for Rural Health Project. The workshops were designed to teach rural health care leaders how to develop a portfolio of strategic goals, propose initiatives for reaching them, and decide and implement a course of action.

Purchasers Focus on Patient Safety
By Sarah Callahan, National Health Care Purchasing Institute, January 2001
This executive brief discusses the recent focus on patient-safety issues, particularly medical errors, brought to the public’s attention by the Institute of Medicine’s 1999 report, “To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System.” In addition to examining the scope of medical errors in the United States, this brief provides examples of patient safety initiatives within organizations such as the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative and General Motors.

Managed Care Purchasing and Compliance Monitoring
By Paula McCann, Kutak Rock, for the National Health Care Purchasing Institute, January 2001
Focusing on the importance of managed care product compliance monitoring, this brief explores the steps purchasers should take when evaluating a health plan. It also stresses the value of either having trained, knowledgeable compliance staff or bringing in consulting expertise to ensure compliance with regulations. In addition, the brief examines the evolving concepts of fraud and abuse in managed care systems and identifies some red flags that purchasers should watch for as they enter into contracts with plans.

Purchaser-Supplier Relationships: Creating Successful Partnerships
By Meryl Friedman, MDF Associates, for the National Health Care Purchasing Institute, January 2001
This brief examines the changing relationship between purchasers – both public and private – and managed care suppliers, offering tips on how they can create successful partnerships. The brief identifies attributes of successful purchaser/supplier relationships and then translates these attributes into examples of best practices. In addition, the brief highlights public and private purchasers that have transformed their buying relationships and put these attributes and practices into action.

State of the States
By Jeremy Alberga, LeAnne DeFrancesco, Sarah Molinari, and Ben Wheatley, State Coverage Initiatives, January 2001
This report analyzes state health care coverage expansions over the last year, featuring perspectives of key state policy leaders and analysis of issues ranging from enrollment barriers to unspent SCHIP funds, and from employer buy-in programs to insurance market reforms. It also identifies a number of emerging issues that states are likely to face in the coming year and touches on obstacles states face in pursuing expansions, such as budget shortfalls and federal regulations.

All publications listed above are funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiatives.
For more information on the Academy’s publications, go to www.academyhealth.org/publications.

Online Evaluation of National Health Policy Conference

Allowing our First National Health Policy Conference participants to submit meeting evaluations online has led to a response well above average. We welcomed the comments of 37 percent of the conference participants with e-mail addresses – our highest online evaluation response rate for any meeting! The results indicate that almost half the attendees were policymakers or policy analysts and about a quarter were health industry executives, consultants, and providers. There was also a healthy mix of researchers at about 21 percent. Interestingly, the participant breakdown is almost a mirror image of the Annual Meeting where approximately 75 percent are researchers, with the remainder describing themselves broadly as users of the research.

A commanding majority of those respondents agreed that the greatest strength of the conference was its impressive lineup of speakers and high-quality presentations. And, we were gratified to learn that 91 percent of the respondents said they planned to attend the conference again next year. The planning committee for the 2002 conference will use the information gleaned from the online evaluation of the 2001 conference to develop a program that is timely and responsive to the needs of the health policy community and others interested in staying abreast of critical health issues facing the administration, Congress, the states, and the private sector.

For a more detailed recap of the evaluations, see www.academyhealth.org/nhpc/evaluations. Also browse www.academyhealth.org/nhpc regularly for the latest information on next year’s meeting.
who were subsequently elected by the Board at its November 2000 Board meeting, to serve for the year ending 2001. In addition, the committee developed and the Board approved the Annual Election Plan for the Academy, which lays out the time-frame and process for the election of Board members.

We have asked all members of the Academy to assist us by proposing names for Board participation. Our Nominating Committee seeks diversity across academic disciplines and the fields of health services research and health policy, as well as across geography, sex, race/ethnicity, and political orientation. We received a number of suggestions that we used to develop a lengthy list of potential candidates – one that is still a work-in-progress. While it is gratifying to see how many talented individuals could contribute to the leadership of this organization, it makes the work of our committee that much more difficult! Our list will be helpful not only to the current Nominating Committee, but also to the Academy leadership as we move to fill both committee and future Board slots.

The Nominating Committee has now developed a preliminary slate of six candidates for the three member-elected seats and three for the Board-elected positions. On June 9, the Board will approve the slate for the member elections and elect its three directors. On June 11, at the Membership Meeting during the Academy Annual meeting, the slate for member elections will be presented and statements from the candidates will be available. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this meeting. Newly elected directors will be announced in the late summer and will take their seats at the December 2001 Board meeting.

Member participation is incredibly important to assure that the views of the membership are well-reflected in the composition of the governing Board. In our new Academy, all individual members with paid dues are eligible to vote, and with our move to embrace modern technology and conduct the voting directly online, we are counting on you to participate. From June 18 to July 13, 2001, following our Annual Meeting, Academy members will be able to vote online through our members-only web page. For those requesting them, paper ballots will also be available. I urge you to take an active role in the activities of the Academy and make participating in the selection of our leadership a central part of your commitment to the Academy.
he explains. He estimates that his tax plan could cut budget expenses by about 30 percent in ten years. "A flexible benefits tax credit offers American families assistance that can adapt to their differing circumstances as well as to how their needs change over time," he says.

University, proposes that his plan be used not only to help purchase children’s or workers’ health coverage, but also for retirement savings, higher education, homeownership, or catastrophic medical expenses. "A flexible benefits tax credit offers..." paper on its web site, www.healthaffairs.org.

Health Affairs is pleased to announce the e-publishing of distinguished policy architect Lynn Etheredge’s "flexible benefits tax credit" paper on its web site, www.healthaffairs.org.


The April 2001 issue of HSR features three articles dealing with various aspects of Medicaid. These include: Impacts of Medicaid Managed Care on Children, by Sharon K. Long and Teresa A. Coughlin; Are Urban Safety-Net Hospitals Losing Low-Risk Medicaid Maternity Patients? by Darrell J. Gaskin, Jack Hadley, and Victor G. Freeman; and Medicaid Managed Care: Using Research for Policy, by Lawrence D. Brown.

Moving On and Moving Up

In Members Matter, Academy members can keep up to date on career news of friends and colleagues. Please send your news to kroot@ahsrhp.org. Submissions are printed on a first-come, first-served basis.

› Sean C. Beinart, M.D., will start a cardiology fellowship at Emory University in July 2001.

› Lazelle Benefied, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor of nursing at TCU (Fort Worth, TX) has accepted a Chiron Senior Fellowship through the Leadership Institute of Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing for the 2001 year.

› Timothy S. Carey, M.D., M.P.H., professor of medicine and epidemiology, has been named director of the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

› Jon B. Christianson, Ph.D., senior faculty member in the department of healthcare management and James A. Hamilton Chair in Health Policy and Management at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, is director of the new Center for the Study of Healthcare Management.

› Huda Fadel, Ph.D., is manager of health services research with the Center for Health Care Quality and Evaluative Studies at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan in Detroit.

› Gary L. Filerman, Ph.D., has been appointed professor and director of health systems at Georgetown University.

› Betsy Humphreys, head of the HSR Information Program at the National Library of Medicine, will give the Janet Doe Lecture at the Medical Library Association meeting in May.

› Beaufort Longest was named the M. Allen Pond Professor of Health Policy & Management at the graduate school of public health at the University of Pittsburgh, effective January 2001.

› Allen Naidoo, Ph.D., CHES, was recently appointed to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Health Services Research Alliance, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

› Pat Parkerton joined the faculty of the department of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health in fall 2001 as an assistant professor after earning her Ph.D. in health services organization and policy from the University of Michigan.

› Adam L. Scheffler, M.A., L.S.W., operates a health policy consulting practice in Chicago. He formerly worked as a conference project manager with the National Patient Safety Foundation and as an alcohol policy research associate with the American Medical Association.

› Donald M. Steinwachs, Ph.D., professor and chair, department of health policy and management, Johns Hopkins University, was elected to the Board of the Foundation for Accountability (FACCT).

› Whitney Witt is finishing the Ph.D. program in health services research at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She begins post-doctoral training in the Harvard Pediatric HSR Fellowship Program and work at MassGeneral Hospital for Children in July 2001.
The mission of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is to support, conduct, and disseminate research that improves access to care and the outcomes, quality, cost, and utilization of health care services. This mission is unique. AHRQ is the only federal agency responsible for examining the day-to-day functioning of the entire health care delivery system. The findings of AHRQ-sponsored and conducted research help health care decision makers — patients and clinicians, health system leaders, purchasers, and policymakers — make more informed decisions and improve the quality of health care services.

Nearly 80 percent of AHRQ’s funding supports work conducted at academic and research institutions — much of it by the members of the Academy. This funding is awarded in response to ideas proposed by the best and brightest in health services research or through targeted announcements on particular health issues. The investigator-initiated research sponsored by AHRQ has tackled some of the most significant issues facing the health care system.

The Agency’s research agenda is driven by the needs of the users of research that it sponsors and conducts. AHRQ solicits input on its research agenda from its customers in many ways, including through its National Advisory Council, input from the research community, expert meetings, user research agenda-setting summits that bring researchers together with potential users of research, Federal Register notices, and comments submitted by the public through AHRQ’s web site.

The user-driven nature of our research agenda helps to ensure that the evidence, knowledge, and tools derived from the research that AHRQ supports and conducts are put directly to work to improve access to and the cost of health care services, and their quality and value. To that end, AHRQ also has invested resources in its Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) program to support research to find the most effective ways to ensure that research goes beyond publication in a journal to making a difference in the health care system.

In Fiscal Year 2001, which runs from October 2000 through September 2001, Congress appropriated $269,943,000 to enable AHRQ to fulfill this critical mission. With this level of funding, AHRQ has been able to sponsor targeted and investigator-initiated health services research and to continue support for ongoing priorities in each of our strategic goals — improvement in health outcomes, quality measurement and improvement, and improvement in access, appropriate use, and expenditures.

To that end, AHRQ has a number of open program announcements available on its web site at www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm. In addition to the Agency’s Research Program Announcement and Small Research Grant Program Announcement, which detail the Agency’s research priorities, AHRQ also has a range of solicitations that are co-sponsored by our sister agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services. These include: Research on Emergency Medical Services for Children; Cancer Surveillance Using Health Claims-Based Data System; and Economic Studies in Cancer Prevention, Screening and Care.

In addition, the Agency encourages students to enter the field of health services research, sponsors 24 masters and doctoral training programs, nurtures the careers of new investigators, and promotes the careers of established researchers. AHRQ’s web site includes information on the training grant programs available in FY ’01, including: Health Services Research Dissertation Awards, Predoctoral Fellowship Awards For Minority Students, Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Awards (K08), Independent Scientist Awards (K02), and Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards.

To nurture the field of health services research further, AHRQ recently published a Request for Applications (RFA) called the Building Research Infrastructure and Capacity (BRIC) Program. BRIC is intended to broaden the geographic distribution of health services research funding by enhancing the competitiveness among institutions located in states where successful applications to AHRQ have been low historically. The states covered by BRIC are Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming, as well as the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. For more information on BRIC, go to www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2001/bricpr.htm.

In addition, AHRQ has two new priorities in FY ’01: improving patient safety and improving health care working conditions. AHRQ is pursuing a $50 million research initiative to: further our understanding of when, how, and under what circumstances errors occur; identify the causes of errors; develop the tools, data, and partnerships needed to foster a national strategy to improve patient safety; and work with public and private partners to apply evidence-based approaches to the improvement of patient safety.

AHRQ has published a series of RFAs soliciting applications for this research and has invited applications that test how the work environment in health care, including the built environment, working conditions, and aesthetics, affects the quality of care that is provided. Information on these research opportunities is available from the Agency’s web site at www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm.

An important focus for the Agency is unsolicited applications that contribute to a balanced portfolio of research that addresses AHRQ’s mission and the needs of its key customers. The members of the Academy are fundamental partners in building this balanced portfolio of research by proposing innovative investigator-initiated research and cutting-edge ideas to answer the questions raised by AHRQ’s targeted research announcements. The Agency looks forward to getting input from Academy members on its research agenda and to reviewing research applications in the remainder of FY ’01 and in the future.
HCFO Releases New Publications Featuring Grantee Findings

In its 12th year, the Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) program supports investigator-initiated policy analysis, research, demonstration, and evaluation projects examining major changes in health care financing with implications for current public policy issues. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, HCFO is a multi-faceted program comprising grantmaking, convening, technical assistance, research translation, and communication activities. “One of the goals of the program is to provide policymakers with timely information on health care financing and organization issues. Our findings briefs, newsletter, and other publications seek to accomplish this goal by translating technical studies into formats more accessible to policymakers,” says Program Director and Academy Vice President Anne Gauthier.

Among the program’s most recent publication is From Regulation to Competition: How Some Providers in New York Responded, a findings brief summarizing activities under a grant to New York state to help develop integrated delivery system demonstrations, was released in January. The next in the series of findings briefs, Provider Capitation: The Effects on Physician-Hospital Integration and the Cost of Health Care, will be released this month. This study, led by Gloria Bazzoli, Ph.D., at Northwestern University, assessed the potential effects of capitation on the integration of functional, financial, and clinical processes between physicians and hospitals, and its effects in conjunction with process integration on hospital costs per adjusted patient day. The most recent issue of HCFO News and Progress, the program’s newsletter, was released in March. The newsletter highlights grantee findings, new grants, and other program activities.

To request copies of any of these publications, please contact LeAnne DeFrancesco at defrancesco@ahsrhp.org or download them from the program web site, www.hcfo.net.

NLM Documents History of HSR

The National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Documenting the History of Health Services Research met on January 24, 2001. Edward D. Berkowitz, Ph.D.; Theodore M. Brown, Ph.D.; Karen Davis, Ph.D.; Clif Gaus, Sc.D.; Brad Gray, Ph.D.; W. David Helms, Ph.D.; Joan Klein, MLS; and Judith Lave, Ph.D.; joined Joseph Newhouse, Ph.D., member, NLM Board of Regents, who served as chair. Committee members John Eisenberg, M.D., and Norman Weissman, Ph.D., were unable to attend but provided written comments. Among the NLM staff present were Academy members Marj Cahn and Betsy L. Humphreys. The outside experts provided NLM with prioritized lists of persons to interview and request personal papers/collections of and topics under which these papers/collections could be organized. A major recommendation of the group was to increase awareness among young and newly degreed health services researchers of the need to consider “historical importance” throughout their careers. To order free copies of the history of health services research video, visit www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/outreach.html.