



Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives

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Subject: **Request for List of Participants Selected to Attend the 128th Institute for Federal Health Care Executives**

The spring Institute for Federal Health Care Executives will be conducted during **April 18 – 29, 2016**, at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The university has arranged central funding to cover the overhead and registration costs of conducting this Institute; however, the Services and other Agency heads will need to provide per diem and travel funds for the individual participants. The quota allocations are: Air Force – 16, Navy – 14, Army – 13, VA – 8, PHS – 4.

Continuing education credits will be requested for physicians, nurses, dentists, and health care executives. A general certificate will be provided for other health professionals.

The names of participants from your agency are requested not later than March 21 so that pertinent information regarding the course can be disseminated in a timely manner. Please submit the list by email to iaifhce@verizon.net. Include rank/title, corps/discipline (MC, MSC, MD, RN, et cetera), position title, mailing address, contact telephone number, and e-mail address.

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Attendees who do not live locally will need to make their own hotel reservations.

Feedback from alumni has indicated a strong preference for participants to stay at the same location to facilitate interaction and networking. In response and for the convenience of attendees, a block of rooms has been reserved a short walk from the university at the Navy Gateway Inn & Suites, NSA Bethesda, 4520 Taylor Road, Building 64, Bethesda, Maryland, 208889. Specifics about making reservations will be distributed when the attendee lists are received.

Uniformed attendees are requested to wear the service dress uniform on the first day of the Institute for the group photograph, for the embassy visit, and for the concluding session. Air Force participants will be directed to wear any combination of blues throughout the rest of the course. **Otherwise, there is no uniform requirement, unless you notify your participants or provide a statement regarding your agency's policy to be included in the memorandum for participants that we will distribute.**

Please acknowledge receipt of this memo so we can ensure that each of the five agencies has been notified of the call for participants.

Note: The anticipated dates for the fall Institute are September 12-23, 2016.



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BACKGROUND

The Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives is a two-week course that has been offered semi-annually for more than sixty years. It is conducted under the sponsorship of the five federal health services, the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Veteran Affairs and the Public Health Service. The Institute is held under the auspices of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda MD, in collaboration with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. The Director is Dr. Richard F. Southby, Executive Dean and Distinguished Professor of Global Health and Emeritus at The George Washington University, Washington DC, and Adjunct Professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Uniformed Services University.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of fifty-five medical and health service executives are named by the sponsoring agencies to attend each Institute. All participants share a record of demonstrated competence in health care executive management. The individuals are selected by their respective agency to participate in the Institute because of their potential for senior leadership positions. One officer from the health service of an allied nation also is invited to attend. The academic preparation of those who attend varies widely, with a representation of graduate and professional degrees including Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., M.A., M.H.A., M.P.H., B.S.N., M.B.A., and a variety of other formal educational backgrounds.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Institute is to provide an opportunity for the seasoned, practicing federal health care executive to examine some of the current issues in health care policy and management and to explore their potential impact on the federal health care system. The design of the course assumes a high level of conceptual knowledge and operating ability on the part of the participants. Given the intelligence and sophistication of these selected executives, the faculty maximizes the learning experience by presenting new materials resulting from research and experience, as well as examples and case studies from the contemporary national health policy decision-making process. Faculty members also seek involvement and interaction by the participants to stimulate understanding and communication across traditional agency boundaries.

NEEDS

- Broader knowledge and understanding of current trends and issues in the health care arena
- Continued promotion of excellence in patient care
- Stronger professional networks within the federal health care sector

GOALS

- To provide an opportunity for the senior federal health care executive to examine the most pressing current issues affecting health care policy and management and the provision of health care services.
- To explore the potential impact of these issues and trends on the participants' organizations and professional practices.
- To promote excellence in patient care by fostering the concepts of team-work, evidence-based practice, application of information technology, outcomes-oriented performance improvement and responsible leadership.
- To provide a forum for the participating senior health leaders to present their views on the appropriateness of present and future courses of action related to health policy, management, practice and academics.
- To foster communication, sharing, mutual understanding and networking within the federal health care sector.
- To increase the level of enthusiasm and pride in the work of federal health care leaders in a variety of settings.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Institute, participants will be able to:

- Analyze and critique political, policy, economic and management trends predicted to impact population health and apply this knowledge in future planning.
- Evaluate and implement actions/activities to promote excellence in patient care, i.e. teamwork, evidence-based practice, application of information technology, outcomes-oriented performance improvement and responsible leadership.
- Identify and act on opportunities for greater interaction among peers and associates in the federal agencies to improve interagency communications and patient services.



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PROPOSED SESSION TOPICS (Subject to changes)

Day 1

- Registration, Welcome, Course Goals/Overview and Introductions
- *Meeting the Challenges of the Military Health System*
- Group Photograph
- *The Art is Long – Reflections on the History of Medical Policy and Practice*
- *Leadership and Public Affairs*

Day 2

- *Navigating an Uncertain Future*
- *Congress and the Federal Executive*
- *Pathway to Improvement: How Quality Measurement and Incentives are Driving Change*
- *International Terrorism: Current Issues*
- Director's Discussion Time

Day 3

- *True Health Care Reform: In Search of Leadership*
- *Leading In and For the Moment*
- *ISIS and Failed State Wars*
- *Health in All Policies*
- Small Group Work

Day 4

- *A Conversation on Leadership*
- Small Group Work
- *An Overview of OPM Health Programs*
- *The Health Policy Scene in Washington – 2106*
- Director's Discussion Time

Day 5 (Embassy of Canada)

- The Surgeons General Panel
- *The USPHS and Our Nation's Health*
- *Lessons from Other Countries –United Kingdom, Canada and Australia*

Day 6

- *The Middle East: A Humanitarian Crisis*
- *The Essentials of Global Health*
- *Back to the Future?*
- *Financial Markets and Health Care*

Day 7

- *Perspectives on the Defense Health Agency and the National Capital Region Medical Directorate*
- *The Judicial Role in Health Policy*
- Small Group Work
- *The Veterans Health Administration*
- Director's Discussion Time

Day 8

- Panel – *The Status of Selected Health Professions*
- *Defense Health: An OMB Perspective*
- *Brave New World of Patient Engagement*
- *Educating Health Care Leaders for the Future*
- Evening Session and Dinner

Day 9

- *From Obesity to Health*
- *Guiding the Future of Health Care*
- *Caring for Aging Populations*
- *Managing the For-Profit and Not-for-profit Balance in an Academic Medical Center*
- Director's Discussion Time

Day 10

- Participant Presentations
- Closing Address:
Reflections of a Senior Health Care Leader
- Graduation Ceremony and Conclusion

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