

Ideal Intervention Project Newsletter

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No Mickey Mouse at Our Summit '09 Workshop!

Mickey Mouse was a no-show at our project's workshop at DisneyWorld during Summit '09! There was nothing *mickey mouse* about the way 86 participants interacted with co-presenter Yoke Lye Lim Kwong and this Editor. A number of them completed Ideal Intervention Forms based on their own experience and insights, to be forwarded to Fr. Henry Heffernan SJ at hheffernan@gonzaga.org for processing into the knowledge base that other spiritual care clinicians, clergy, students and educators will access for insights into their own similar situations.

Note: Updated background papers on the knowledge base of professions, on reflective practice, and on the Ideal Intervention Project itself are now available from Heffernan at the above e-mail address.

Is The Handwriting On The Wall?

In a report commissioned by the National Health Service (UK), "The Potential for Efficacy of Healthcare Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Provision in the NHS (UK)" 1:08, Dr. Harriet Mowat and her team have made clear predictions about the future of healthcare chaplaincy in the United Kingdom, with strong implications for healthcare chaplaincy in the United States.

- "The National Health Service (NHS) has laid down a requirement that health service treatment should be evidence based... If a practice is not supported by evidence it is unlikely to be resourced." p.11
- "Hospital chaplaincy finds itself in a political setting... value for money is part and parcel of how chaplains are judged... healthcare chaplaincy currently needs to identify its core tasks and skills and its place within a modern healthcare system. ...the distinction between religion and spirituality requires that healthcare chaplains are more robust in their approach to their evidence base." pp.16-17
- Healthcare chaplains are being asked to show that what they do results in desired outcomes for those they work with... This requirement is linked to resource allocation." p.21
- The secure future and positive potential for chaplaincy is linked to creating a better knowledge base about practice." p.49

President Obama has formed a White House Office of Health Reform. Other countries' models for applying cost-effective evidence-based care will be examined. It follows that "the secure future and positive potential for (U.S.) chaplaincy (will soon be) linked to creating a better knowledge base about practice." The handwriting *is* on the wall.

...Oh, and One More Thing...

Supervisors, please be sure to remind your students to forward their *Ideal Intervention Papers* or *Ideal Intervention Forms* as Word document attachments to Fr. Henry Heffernan SJ at hheffernan@gonzaga.org after review in individual supervision for processing into the growing IIP knowledge base. Have students give you a copy of the cover e-mail message as documentation. Chaplains, pastoral counselors and other spiritual care practitioners, please forward your completed *Ideal Intervention Forms (Practitioners)* in like manner. Obtain forms from the e-mail address below.

Contact the Editor at mariejohn50@att.net with your requests, questions and comments.