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Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education in North America

Overview of Major Accomplishments:

1. ACHENA completed the review and revision of Eligibility Standard 5 and Accreditation Standard 12 of the ACHENA Accreditation Manual, including public comments and feedback from the larger community regarding the Evaluation of a School/Program's Finances.
2. ACHENA finalized the ACHENA Policies & Procedures Manual which ensures ACHENA operations are in accordance with national standards and protect the confidentiality, integrity and independence of accreditation decision-making.
3. ACHENA continued the growth of its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program, with the careful review and approval of continuing education courses to support the professional growth of the practicing homeopath.
4. ACHENA welcomed four new commissioners and elected a treasurer to the board.
5. ACHENA continued its membership in several important national organizations including the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), the Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care and the Homeopathic Action Alliance.
6. For the first time in its membership with the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), ACHENA sent a representative to the ASPA National Conference.
7. ACHENA carried forward its mission to uphold homeopathic educational standards by granting Candidacy Status to one school and granted one new Accreditation and one Re-accreditation.

Details of ACHENA Accomplishments:

Review and revision of Eligibility Standard 5 and Accreditation Standard 12 of the ACHENA Accreditation Manual, regarding the Evaluation of a School/Program's Finances: After careful consideration of comments and feedback received from accredited schools and the larger community, ACHENA entered into the review of its financial standards, in particular, the requirement of a full financial audit and the financial burden this places on homeopathic schools operating on smaller budgets. ACHENA subsequently revised its financial standards to remove the audit requirement and replace it with the requirement of a Financial Review. These revisions were added to the ACHENA Accreditation Manual and noted in the Self-Study Guide.

ACHENA Policies & Procedures Manual: After four years of careful review and refinement of ACHENA Policies and Procedures, ACHENA finalized the Policies & Procedures Manual to align with the Accreditation Manual and to ensure ACHENA operations are in accordance with national standards and protect the confidentiality, integrity and independence of accreditation decision-making.

Growth of the ACHENA Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program: Working to support the homeopathic community and make available high-quality continuing education courses for professional homeopaths, ACHENA added over 170 hours of continuing education to its list of approved courses consistent with the requirements of the Council for Homeopathic Certification.

Accreditation, Re-accreditation and Candidacy of new school/programs: Adding to the list of ACHENA Accredited and Candidate schools/programs, ACHENA has now granted new Accreditation or Re-accreditation to a total of four schools/programs. ACHENA has granted Candidacy to a total four school/programs.

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