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# community CONNECTIONS



## Health Care Reform and ICHS

By *Teresita Batayola, ICHS CEO*

With great fanfare, President Obama signed health care reform into law this past month. Even as 13 states (including Washington) sue to stop the new law, reform immediately helps tens of thousands of low-income working and disabled adults in the state. Starting immediately, health insurance companies can no longer cut you off if you get sick and you will not face lifetime caps on your coverage. Kids will not be turned away from insurance for pre-existing conditions, and young adults can be covered with their parents until the age of 26. Small businesses will have access to tax credits to provide health care for their employees. Community health centers will benefit with increased funding for operations and capital projects. Changes will continue in increasing access, efficiency and quality until reform is fully implemented in 2014. Forecasts show that over 30 million uninsured people can now have coverage and health care will become affordable for everyone.

A huge emphasis will be on health care workforce diversity and training to improve access to and the delivery of health care services for all. Increased authorization and more funding are now available for loan repayments, fellowships, scholarships and other assistance for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and for those who want to work in underserved areas. Supported training will include medical, dental, and mental & behavioral health as well as community health workers. Funds will also be available to prepare individuals to more effectively provide health services to underserved

## 2010 ICHS Gala: May 15<sup>th</sup>



*Ron Sims*



*Dow Constantine*

It's time once again for the International Community Health Services (ICHS) Annual Gala, "Bloom '10"! This year's gala event will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Westin Seattle hotel. Honorary co-chairs include U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Secretary Ron Sims and King County Executive Dow Constantine. The evening's emcee will be Lily Jang of Q13 FOX News, and featured entertainers include the Seattle Chinese Girls Drill Team and the award-winning b-boy dance group, Massive Monkees.

The funds raised at the 2010 ICHS Gala will ensure that ICHS can continue to provide health services to the diverse and underserved populations that rely on ICHS' community health clinics in the International District and Holly Park for affordable primary health care.

The gala will include a silent auction before the dinner and program, and there will be another special "Uncle Bob Dance" with Robert Santos, one of the founders of ICHS. Guests provide donations to ICHS for the privilege of dancing with Uncle Bob at the gala, and these gifts go toward the Uncle Bob Fund, which benefits uninsured patients at ICHS. There will also be an opportunity to bid on two round-trip, business-class tickets from Seattle to Beijing and X'ian, courtesy of Hainan Airlines.

Tickets for the gala are \$95 per person and can be purchased with Visa or Mastercard online at [www.ichsfoundation.org](http://www.ichsfoundation.org). To pay via check or American Express, please call 206.788.3694 or email [foundation@ichs.com](mailto:foundation@ichs.com).

areas and health disparity populations. There will be demonstration projects to address health professions workforce needs for training and certification. The bottom line is that providers will be expected to be competent in differences in socioeconomic and demographic characteristics, ethnicity, and health status of individuals.

These sweeping changes will affect ICHS as we adjust to new realities. Staying the same is not an option. More of our patients will have coverage. We have to make sure we provide excellent service and care so that we continue to be their provider of choice. It is up to us to benefit from the opportunities for improvement and growth that will abound.

# Board Spotlight: Elizabeth Gilje

Elizabeth Gilje has been an ICHS Foundation board member since June 2009 and has been an enthusiastic and committed supporter of and advocate for ICHS. Currently, she is the principal consultant of Clariot Consulting, which is a firm specializing in turning around financially distressed businesses. Prior to establishing Clariot in 1997, she served 18 years with Kaiser Permanente, Group Health, Virginia Mason, and Providence. In 2007, she reopened Clariot after 8 years as CEO of KPS Health Plans where she conducted a successful financial turnaround. In addition to her 20+ years of experience in the health care industry, Ms. Gilje has served as an annual guest lecturer for the MHA program at the University of Washington and for the MBA program at Pacific Lutheran University where she earned her MBA. She is a Fellow with the American College of Healthcare



Elizabeth Gilje

Executives and frequently presents to regional and national professional organizations.

### How did you first hear about ICHS?

I have known of ICHS for many, many years. ICHS is an important deliverer of medical services for the API community. In particular, ICHS' translation services are of great benefit to our Puget Sound API residents allowing for personalized

and culturally aware medical care delivery.

### Why did you join the ICHS Foundation board?

I joined the ICHS Foundation board to demonstrate my commitment to the service delivery and community efforts of ICHS. In particular, I am interested in furthering ICHS efforts to cover non compensated care for its patients who cannot afford services.

### What do you think are the most pressing issues facing the ICHS Foundation now and in the future?

I am most concerned about the cutbacks being proposed for low-income, state-funded patients. Washington State is experiencing an unprecedented budget shortfall and this may affect a great percentage of ICHS patients and their medical care unless additional funding presents itself through institutional grants, federal funding or private sources.

## Gifts of Support

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# ID Medical & Dental Clinic Open House

On January 28, 2010, ICHS hosted the International District Medical & Dental Clinic Open House to celebrate the completion of the \$5 million renovation and expansion of the ID Clinic. The new space includes over 39,000 square feet for 150 staff members. Festivities during the Open House included a ribbon-cutting ceremony with a ceremonial lion dance performance and congratulatory remarks from Dorothy Teeter, Chief of Health Operations for Public Health - Seattle & King County as well as staff representing Senator Patty Murray and Representative Jim McDermott. Later in the day, there was an intimate reception for major donors and finally tours of the new clinic for the entire community. All tour attendees were eligible to win a special raffle prize, which went to Tuck Eng, President of the Historic Chinatown Gate Foundation. See below for photos from this special day!



## Photos:

*Top Row, L to R:* Exterior of ID Clinic; ICHS display in the ID Clinic lobby; the lion dance in front of the new clinic captivated attendees.

*Middle Row:* Traditional Korean fan dance performance during the afternoon reception; ribbon-cutting ceremony with, L to R, Dorothy Teeter, Hiroshi Nakano (ICHS & ICHS Foundation board member), Cris Krisologo-Elliott (ICHS board member & 2010 ICHS Gala Co-Chair), Marie Faulring (ICHS Foundation board member), Teresita Batayola (ICHS CEO), Nicole Li (ICHS board member & ICHS Foundation Vice President), Charles Wu (ICHS board member & ICHS Foundation President), and Frederick C. Yee (Regional Minority Health Consultant, Office of Minority Health)

*Bottom Row:* Andy Yip, ICHS Foundation Executive Director; young visitors tour the clinic; Charles Wu & Thomas Taylor (ICHS Foundation board member)



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## ICHS Foundation

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# ICHS Foundation News & Notes



- The ICHS Foundation is thrilled to announce that the **Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound** has awarded a \$40,660 grant to the ICHS Foundation to purchase much-needed equipment for ICHS' ID Clinic. The funds from the grant will go toward purchasing 13 new, adjustable medical exam tables and seven new computer systems. As part of its recent \$5 million renovation & expansion, the ID Clinic has several new medical exam & procedure rooms. However, most of the clinic's exam tables are over 15-years-old and are not height-adjustable, making it very difficult for elderly or disabled patients to get on and off the tables. This new equipment will ensure that ICHS patients continue to receive high-quality health care and will also increase efficiency for clinic staff. The ICHS Foundation extends many thanks to the Boeing employees for their generous contribution.
- Recently, ICHS CEO Teresita Batayola received the second annual *Seattle Business* magazine's Leaders in Health Care award in recognition of ICHS' **Outstanding Achievement in Community Outreach**. The award was presented at the magazine's Leaders in Health Care Awards dinner on February 25, 2010 at the Columbia Tower Club. Ms. Batayola was selected as the winner among three other nominees for the award, which "pays tribute to the dedication, leadership and innovation of Washington's world-class health care industry."
- On **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** ICHS will host "**The Hepatitis B Community Engagement Launch**." This event is the culmination of a special project that ICHS worked on with the Hepatitis B Coalition of Washington, a program of WithinReach. In order to raise awareness about Hepatitis B, which has a high incidence of infection in the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, 20 focus groups were conducted in order to determine the best way to educate people about hepatitis and encourage them to get tested. The April 29<sup>th</sup> event will share advertisements, posters, brochures, and a PowerPoint presentation that were developed through the project. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the ID Clinic (720 - 8th Ave S, Seattle WA 98104) and a light breakfast will be provided. All members of the community are invited to attend this free event. **Please RSVP by April 22 to [nicolek@ichs.com](mailto:nicolek@ichs.com).**

