1. Mission and Areas of Focus

The Center for the Arts in Healthcare is committed to advancing research, education, and practice in the arts in healthcare, locally and globally. Our areas of focus are: 1) coursework and training; 2) research; and 3) outreach and global cultural exchange.

2. Activities & Accomplishments

Education and Training

*Arts in Healthcare Certificate Program* for students and professionals, ongoing; 12 students currently enrolled, 3 on wait-list, 1 certificate awarded

*Arts in Healthcare Summer Intensive Training Program* at UF, ongoing annually at capacity

*Arts in Healthcare Summer Intensive Training Program* at the University at Buffalo, ongoing annually at capacity

New *Arts in Healthcare Creative Studio Practice Intensive* developed for July 2010 launch at UF

*Dance in Healing* Certificate Program, ongoing annually, 6 students currently enrolled

Ongoing: 10 Arts in Healthcare Courses across the UF curriculum

Research

*Observational Study of an Arts In Medicine Program in an Outpatient Hemodialysis Unit:* multi-year study on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Shands Hospital

*Dance for Life:* In the summer of 2009, CAHRE undertook a qualitative appreciative inquiry study to identify the primary benefits of the program for patients and their caregivers
The Effect the Arts on a Medical-Surgical Work Environment: A one-year study implemented at Shands Hospital in the spring of 2010

Sustainability in a Rural Arts in Healthcare Program Model: Undertaken in Franklin County, FL, in the fall of 2009

Arts in Healthcare Research Database: Ongoing expansion of this national database in partnership with the Society for the Arts in Healthcare

Outreach/Global Cultural Exchange

AIM for Africa Rwanda: International cultural exchange including service learning program for 18 students and professionals in Rwanda in May/June of 2010

Dance for Life: Weekly movement program for people with Parkinson’s Disease in partnership with the UF Movement Disorders Center, Shands Arts in Medicine, and the School of Theatre and Dance

The Franklin County Project: A spring break 2010 Service Learning program focused on improving access to healthcare, healthcare literacy, and arts engagement in Franklin County, one of Florida’s Areas of Critical Concern.

International Fine Arts for Healing (IFAH) student organization: IFAH’s 200 student members undertook numerous community outreach programs, including three art programs at local centers for homeless people, a mural project at the VA medical center, the Empty Bowls fundraiser for hunger, and several on-campus awareness programs

3. Advisory Committee

Four individuals, as listed below, were invited to serve a two-year term on CAHRE’s advisory committee. The committee met in the fall of 2009 to review and update CAHRE’s strategic plan.

CAHRE Advisory Committee:
Tina Mullen, Director, Shands Arts in Medicine
Leo Villalon, Director, UF Center for African Studies
Dr. Charles Levy, Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, VA Medical Center
Don McGlothlin, Dean Emeritus, College of Fine Arts