1. Mission and Areas of Focus

The University of Florida Center for the Arts in Medicine is committed to advancing research, education and practice in the arts in healthcare, locally and globally. The Center undertakes work in three primary areas of focus: education and training, research, and outreach.

2. Activities and Accomplishments

Rebranding: In February of 2012, the Center for the Arts in Healthcare Research and Education implemented changed its name to the Center for Arts in Medicine, which aligns us more clearly with our sibling Shands Arts in Medicine program. We also implemented an “umbrella” name, the Arts in Medicine Programs at the University of Florida, to encompass both programs.

Teaching and Training:
- New .75 FTE lecturer position (through seed funding from a private donor and the provost)
- Two new courtesy faculty positions, one funded by the UF College of Medicine
- Four new courses approved:
  - Arts in Healthcare Practicum I (HUM 3940L)
  - Arts in Healthcare Practicum II (HUM 4941L)
  - Arts for Health, Peace and Community Engagement in Northern Ireland (HUM 4956)
  - The Arts and Human Development (HUM 2930)
- Hosted/Presented the East-Central Africa Arts & Health Forum in Kigali, Rwanda
- Re-designed the Arts in Healthcare Summer Intensive to include six online modules
- Three Arts in Healthcare for Rural Communities Training Programs (2 in Florida, 1 in South Dakota)
- Six Arts in Healthcare Network Trainings (New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, Oregon, Florida, Texas)
- Awarded three Arts in Healthcare certificates and two Dance in Healthcare certificates

Research:
- Dance for Life: Assessing the Effects of Dance on Motor and Non-Motor Function in Parkinson’s Disease (funding obtained, IRB protocol submission in progress)
- Live Music as an Intervention for Pain and Anxiety in Adult Emergency Department Patients (pilot project underway, full IRB protocol in development)
- The Gift of Art and its Effect on the Medical-Surgical Work Environment (data collection in progress)
- Assessing Organizational Collaboration Among Organizations In Sixteen Rural Florida Communities (data collection in progress)
• *Potential Effects of a Dance and Movement Program on Quality of Life in Parkinson’s Patients*  
  (submitting for publication)

**Outreach:**
• Successfully implemented five new Arts in Healthcare programs in rural Florida communities
• Franklin County Service-Learning Project, March 4-10 (3 projects, 23 students/faculty)
• AIM for Africa: Rwanda and the DRC, April 27 – May 16 (4 projects, 17 students/faculty)
• Implemented new Sing for Life program as an extension of the Dance for Life program
• Implemented national Arts in Healthcare for Rural Communities Network and toolkit

3. Future Goals

• Develop and implement online MA in Arts in Healthcare
• Develop and implement Graduate Certificate in Arts in Healthcare
• Implement BA in Dance w/ Dance in Medicine Track
• Implement Dance and Autism program and study

4. Advisory Board

Our board meets annually in the late spring to review Center activities and strategic priorities. The Advisory Committee members are: 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; and Don McGlothlin, Dean Emeritus, College of Fine Arts.