Letter from the Founders

As we welcome our inaugural class of HEAL Initiative fellows, we are excited to share our Spring 2015 update. From our start-up summer of 2014 through our current deployment process, this period covers a phase of great growth and strategic planning. As our organization grows, we hope to communicate with transparency to our supporters, and these updates serve not only as external news but also as a focus for our continued learning.

This July, HEAL fellows will come together in the Bay Area from Navajo Nation, Malawi, Liberia, Haiti, Mexico, Nepal, India and all over the United States. It marks the beginning of an intensive two years in global health training: an immersive three-week pre-departure training followed by field work in HEAL partner sites. In the coming months, as fellows meet one another, learn together, and begin to share their stories with mentors, we invite you to put names to faces and follow their global health journeys through HEAL updates.

We also bring you important insights into our partnerships, curriculum, organizational strategy, and media highlights. This initial iteration of reporting is our effort to improve program efficiency and effectiveness, towards our mission of delivering better healthcare to those in need.

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A Look at Our Work in Liberia

“Seeing those little day-to-day changes in the healthcare facilities- [those] were some of the biggest accomplishments.”

- Dr. Ami Waters

From left to right: UCSF Global Health Hospitalist fellow John Ly, HEAL core team members, and fellow Ami Waters reflect on recent work in Liberia. Follow HEAL on twitter @healinitiative for more updates.
Where We Come From: HEAL Inaugural Class of Fellows*

For all our fellow bios, please visit http://healinitiative.org/join-us/current-fellows/

2015-2017 HEAL Fellows

Jessica Bender  Internal Medicine  Boston Medical Center
Kelvin Chan  Internal Medicine  Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
Emilia Connolly  Pediatrics  Jefferson Medical College/A.I. duPont Hospital
Amelia Fisher  Pediatrics  University of Vermont
Robin Goldman  Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  University of Michigan
Kami Groten  Dentist  Gallup Indian Medical Center
Fanny Ita-Nagy  Infectious Disease  Mount Sinai
Annie Khan  Family Medicine  Boston Medical Center
Anna Landau  Family Medicine  Harbor/UCLA
Tim Laux  Internal Medicine  Barnes Jewish Hospital
Lawrence Nazimera  District Health Officer  APZU, Malawi
Isha Nirola  Director of Community Health  Possible Health, Nepal
Meghan Ritz  Physician Assistant  Northern Navajo Medical Center
Trisha Schimek  Family Medicine  University of Wisconsin
Leonard Shirley  Social Worker  Fort Defiance Indian Hospital
Marco Trigueros  Internal Medicine  Stamford Hospital/Columbia U. College of Physicians
Michael Tutt  Chief Medical Officer  Fort Defiance Indian Hospital
Ami Waters  Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  Baylor College of Medicine
Lena Wong  Internal Medicine/Pediatrics  University of Miami

*HEAL fellows from Last Mile Health in Liberia, JSS in India, & CES in Mexico still being finalized
HEAL Partner Site Spotlight:

Malawi

In 2007, PIH/Malawi—Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo (APZU)—began working in partnership with Malawi’s Ministry of Health in the rural Neno district to provide comprehensive, community-based care to an area of about 125,000 people. Below are the bios of the 3 HEAL fellows who will be working with APZU.

**Emilia Connolly** is currently a pediatric chief resident at Jefferson Medical College/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. Emilia grew up in California and worked in pharmaceutical development for 2 years before attending medical school. She has been fortunate to have several global health experiences in eastern Africa during her training and is thrilled to learn and grow as a clinician and educator in the next two years.

**Amelia Fisher** is currently a third year resident in pediatrics at the University of Vermont. She grew up in Vermont and came back to the state for residency to be close to family. She has done a lot of global health work in Tanzania and Kenya, and is currently in Kampala, Uganda, where she is doing a one month rotation at Mulago National Hospital. In her free time, she tries to get outside as much as possible, whether it be running, hiking, or biking.

**Lawrence Nazimera** is a medical doctor working with Malawi’s Ministry of Health in the remote district of Neno. In 2013, he was recruited by the Ministry of Health as Neno’s District Health Officer, the highest ranking health official in a district of 150,000 people. He is very passionate and committed to improving the health of the poor and vulnerable population of Neno as well as mentoring and building a strong clinical team in the district.

HEAL Partnerships

The HEAL Initiative mission is to build health equity on a strong foundation of global and domestic partnerships. Our 2015 partners include:

**International Partners:**
- Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo, Malawi
- Compañeros En Salud, Mexico
- Jan Swasthya Sahyog, India
- Last Mile Health, Liberia
- Possible Health, Nepal
- Zanmi Lasante, Haiti

**Domestic Partners:**
- Fort Defiance Indian Hospital
- Gallup Indian Medical Center
- Northern Navajo Medical Center
- Tuba City Indian Medical Center

Looking ahead as we scale, HEAL Initiative has begun future partnership conversations with the following organizations in medically underserved populations: California Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rikers Island Correctional Facility, Saipan US Commonwealth Hospital, Project Muso in Mali, Alaska Indian Health Service.
The HEAL curriculum is an innovative two-year training program that begins by bringing international and domestic fellows together in the Bay Area for an immersive global health training. After this three-week in-person training, HEAL fellows continue their education through an integrated online portal, formal faculty mentorship, peer reflection, and the option of a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley. The curriculum design will evolve jointly with HEAL partner programs to reflect a true collaboration and meeting of needs. The HEAL core competencies are as follows: provision of high quality care focused on local burden of disease, incorporation and effective engagement in local health system, interprofessionalism and leadership, advocacy, health equity, and ethics. Below is an outline of the HEAL July 2015 immersion, which will launch our inaugural class of fellows.

### Advisory Council & Mentorship

**Advisory Council:** To date, the HEAL Initiative has recruited an Advisory Council of seven members representing a depth of academic, philanthropic, clinical and strategic experience.

**HEAL Faculty Mentors:** Fellow mentorship is a cornerstone of the HEAL Initiative goals. Seven mentors, recruited from the UCSF Global Health Core and partner sites, will conduct weekly check ins with fellows, provide evaluation and support via site visits, and guide fellows along their professional development path to global health leadership.