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Guided by Robert Franza, the WICHE Commission will engage in a discussion, based on the prior sessions, to explore the implications for WICHE's work in the West regarding health care training and workforce development.

Biographical Information on the Speaker

B. Robert Franza obtained his M.D. from Georgetown University. After his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth–Mary Hitchcock Medical Center, he joined the scientific staff of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. During his 12 years at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, he was the director of the Samuel J. Freeman Laboratory of Cancer Cell Biology (between 1991 and 1994) and focused on the regulation of cellular systems and their alteration in diseases like cancer and AIDS. During that interval he was recognized by *Science Watch* as the third most referenced (citations per publication) biologist in the world. In 2008 one of his most-cited papers will appear in *Illuminating Life, Vol. 2*. In 1996 he became a research professor at the University of Washington (UW), first in the Department of Molecular Biotechnology and then in the Bioengineering Department. He founded the Cell Systems Initiative (CSI) at UW and was the director from 2000 to 2006. CSI was instrumental in the formation and nurturing of several high-technology companies and in creating novel science education programs in the Puget Sound region. Since arriving in Seattle, he has contributed to the design and renovation of a basic research facility for UW (it won the R & D renovated laboratory of the year award in 2001). In April 2006 he cofounded and is the executive scientific director of the Seattle Science Foundation – an endeavor dedicated to creating and nurturing social networks of experts to solve major challenges in medicine and science.