Monday Memo – March 24, 2013

Publications


Admissions and Pipeline programs

· Warren Ferguson was the kick-off presenter for a 3-part series of primary care related webinars organized by MassAHEC for students in the UMass Bacc-MD pipeline program. The goal of this program is to increase the diversity of the medical school’s student population. The first students will be admitted in 2015. Suzanne Cashman and Michael Chin are the next scheduled presenters. Each faculty member is paired with a UMass undergraduate alum who is now a medical student here.

Presentations

· Hugh Silk was an invited speaker on March 19th for a national webinar hosted by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) on the theme of Older Adults Oral Health: Translating Data to Action. His talk was entitled *Integrating Geriatric Oral Health into Primary Care*.

· Suzanne Cashman gave two oral presentations at the recent annual meeting of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research in Washington, DC. They were entitled: *Evidence-base for Service-Learning in the Health Professions* and *Achieving Interprofessional Competencies through Clinical Prevention and Population Health Education*.

Faculty Development
The Teaching of Tomorrow (TOT) faculty development workshop designed to enhance the teaching skills of practicing clinicians concluded the 2013-2014 series last weekend in Northampton. Faculty included: Dan Lasser, Maryanne Felice, Scott Wellman, Dave Hatem, Warren Ferguson, Peter Sell, Beth Murphy, Mary Lindholm, Mary Philbin, and Susan Starr. Major support was provided by Sue Foley, Kate Sullivan, and Ellen Endter. FMCH participants included: Phil Bolduc, Kimberly Bombaci, Margarita Castro-Zarraga, Kosta Deligiannidis, Beth Koester, Kristen McCarthy, Rocio Nordfelt, Apeksha Tripathi, Olga Valdman, Jeanna Spannring, Christina Mota, Marcy Boucher, Joan Fleishman, Rebecca Blumhofer and Sherrilyn Sethi. Our two visiting Chinese scholars, Drs. Ting Zia and Qian Zhao, also attended.

Two programs were run simultaneously, Track One with 34 participants, and an advanced track for 14 previous graduates. Including UMass, participants attended from eight medical schools throughout New England and New York.