Monday Memo – May 26, 2014

Presentations

· Cynthia Jeremiah and Susan Begley, Ambulatory Manager from the Barre Family Health Center, participated in the 2014 Massachusetts Statewide PFAC (Patient and Family Advisory Council) conference at the College of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, May 14. Their presentation focused on “Starting Other PFACs—Three Different Models” Representatives from three sites (South Shore Home Care PFAC, Barre Health Center, and Winchester Maternal/Child Health PFAC) talked about different models for having PFACs that exist in addition to the general hospital PFAC.

· Michael Chin delivered a presentation at the 22nd Annual Medicaid Managed Care Congress, on Monday April 19 in Baltimore, Maryland. The presentation was entitled Understanding and Analyzing the New Federal Reporting Requirements: Performance Indicators of State Medicaid & CHIP Programs. This conference is attended by over 400 people involved in Medicaid implementation and policy throughout the U.S.

· Erika Olsen was a lead or co-author of three posters at the American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, Florida on May 15: Development of a Structured Home Care Curriculum for Internal Medicine Residents; The Advanced Nursing Geriatrics Fellows Program: A Novel Interprofessional Faculty Collaboration; and Image Atlas of Aging: Age-Related Structural and Functional Changes in the Liver.

Publications


Media

Hugh Silk was featured on The Physician Focus show on the topic of Oral Health with the President of the Massachusetts Dental Society. The show is highlighted for the month of May on http://www.physicianfocus.org/ and distributed to public access stations throughout Massachusetts via YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA6cVxQBJQk, and nationally via http://www.pegmedia.org/.

Graduate Medical Education

· The 5th annual Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) in the Care of Older Adults took place May 9-11 in Ogunquit, ME. Nineteen rising chief residents representing ten residency programs, and four residency program directors participated. Family Medicine residents included: Iun-In (Aileen) Chen, Paul Daniel, Laura Hill, and Farah Khan from the Worcester Program, and Jeremy Morrison and Jennifer Smith from the Fitchburg Program. Faculty from Family Medicine included Erika Oleson (Program co-director), Catherine DuBeau, Gerry Gleich, Jerry Gurwitz, Mary Ellen Keough, and Abhijeet Patil. Faculty from the Division of Geriatric Medicine, the Graduate School of Nursing, and Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences also participated. The overall goal of the CRIT program is to foster collaboration among disciplines and health professionals in the management of complex older patients.

· On Tuesday May 13th Jeff Baxter led the annual UMASS Family Medicine Residency Program training course for providing office based treatment of opioid addiction with buprenorphine. The UMASS program directors have made the commitment to offer this treatment in residency clinical sites and provide training and certification for residents so that they can offer this treatment in their future practices. Anyone with questions about obtaining buprenorphine certification or providing this care his/her office should feel free to contact Jeff by email: jeff.baxter@umassmed.edu (but remember, don't hit "reply to all" on this message, thx!)