Monday Memo – May 11, 2015

Awards and Recognition

· Linda Weinreb was honored with receipt of the 2015 Katharine F. Erskine Award from the YWCA of Central Massachusetts “which recognizes women who have demonstrated leadership and reached exemplary levels of achievement in their professions and communities”. The award was one of five given by the YWCA at the Tribute to Women Luncheon on May 5 at Mechanics Hall. Linda’s award recognized her achievements in the category of Health, Science and Technology.

Medical Student Education

· Kim Houde served as co-facilitator and plenary speaker for the Domestic Violence Interstitial held Monday May 4th. Small group facilitators from our Department included: Jay Broadhurst, Sandy Blount, Lori Delorenzo, Lauren Eidt-Pearson, Jack Gettens, Phil Fournier, Linda Long-Bellil, Marissa Hamrick (HFHC resident), Mary Lindholm and Michele Pugnaire.

· Sara Shields participated as a faculty member for the Friday, May 8 Transition to CCE Simulation Center session for rising 3rd year medical students, for a simulated pediatric emergency case scenario.

Professional Service

· Three Department faculty were recently appointed to serve 3-year terms on various standing committees within the Medical School. Congratulations to Kristin Mallett (Admissions), Alexa Connell (Women’s Faculty) and Linda Long-Bellil (Equal Opportunity & Diversity).

Presentations

· Thirty Motivational Interviewing professionals from across the US, Canada and abroad gathered in the Sherman Center Friday and Saturday for a training hosted by the Center for Integrated Primary Care. Dan Mullin recruited Denise Ernst, PhD an international MI trainer, coder, coach and co-author of the MIT, to lead this introduction to the Motivational Interviewing Training Integrity 4.1 Manual for those who code MI encounters for teaching and research purposes.
Our sports medicine faculty and fellows made several presentations at the 24th Annual American Medical Society of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida: Nathan Cardoos, Sports Medicine Fellow, presented “Atypical Scapula Winging”, Tara Futrell, Sports Medicine Fellow, presented “Persistent Knee Pain in a 12 year-old Dancer”, and Herb Stevenson was an Invited Faculty for the “Fundamental’s of Sports Ultrasound Pre-Conference”.

Carole Upshur presented a workshop at the National Health Care for the Homeless Council Annual Meeting in Washington DC on Thursday May 7 about the NIAAA-funded Women’s Health Survey which is a project of DFMCH and the NHCHC PBRN along with Sue Carson Moore from Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha, and Jane De Groot from Duffy Health Center in Hyannis. Linda Weinreb, who is Co-PI for the project, was a participant.

Hugh Silk lead a lecture-discussion at the National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City on April 27th entitled “Statewide Fluoride Varnish Medical Training Programs – Continuing The Conversation.”

Sandy Blount was the featured speaker at the Health and Wellness Forum sponsored by the Connecticut Mental Health Association and the Regional Mental Health Board at Central Connecticut State University on April 29th. He was also an invited guest at a meeting of the statewide behavioral health integration workgroup sponsored by the New Hampshire Foundation for Health in Concord on May 6th.

Bill Foley presented a 3 day course entitled "An Osteopathic Approach to the Gastrointestinal System Including the Immune Digestion Connection" this past weekend in Westborough, MA.

Kim Houde presented Grand Rounds on Domestic Violence Screening on several occasions over the past several months, including at Heywood Hospital and Health Alliance Hospital.