Monday Memo – October 26, 2015

Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to faculty who were recognized at the Department’s October 6 Annual Dinner in the Faculty Conference Room at the Medical School:

- Michael Chin, Tracy Kedian, Lisa Gussak, Abhijeet Patil, and Beth Koester received this year’s Educational Excellence Awards for their outstanding contributions to the education of our residents and students

- Dan Mullin and Trish Seymour received Chair’s Awards in recognition of extraordinary performance in the past year

- Liz Erban was presented with the Outstanding Community Preceptor award of the Educational Policy Committee

- Janet Abrahamian was presented with the Department’s first Outstanding Community Clinician Award, established to recognize outstanding contributions by a community-based clinician.

Congratulations to several Department faculty and staff were honored at the medical school’s Service Recognition ceremony on Wednesday evening, including Tamara Cullen (10 years), Judy Savageau (25 years), Melodie Wenz-Gross (10 years), and Scott Wellman (10 years).

Publications

- Ron Adler and Steve Martin are quoted in the feature article in the current issue of the British Medical Journal regarding mammography screening and pink ribbon campaigns.  
  http://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/351/bmj.h5399.full.pdf

- Len Levin is a co-author of “Enhancing Participation in Depression Care in Outpatient Perinatal Care Settings: A Systematic Review”, Obstet Gynecol. 2015 Oct 5.
Congratulations to Fitchburg resident Jonathan Yoder, who had his student research paper published after ongoing review and writing during residency: Mark H. Ryan, Jonathan Yoder, Sharon K. Flores, Jason Soh & Allison A. Vanderbilt. “Using Health Information Technology to Reach Patients in Underserved Communities: A Pilot Study to Help Close the Gap With Health Disparities Gap”; Global Journal of Health Science; Vol. 8, No. 6; 2016, ISSN 1916-9736 E-ISSN 1916-9744

Presentations

- Dan Mullin was a lead trainer at the 2015 Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) annual Trainer the Trainer (TNT) event. This 3 day training was held in October in Berlin, Germany. The application process to MINT is competitive with participants in the TNT joining from five continents and training sections held in multiple languages. During the annual MINT Forum conference that followed the TNT Dr. Mullin also co-facilitated a workshop focused on MINT’s efforts to develop international standards in certifying Motivational Interviewing practitioners entitled "MI Practitioner Certification by MINT."

- Alan Ehrlich presented at a combined Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Grand rounds at Cambridge Hospital on “Updates on Uses of Cannabinoids” on October 7.

- Faculty were co-presenters at the annual Addiction Health Services Conference held on October 14-16, 2015 in Marina del Ray, CA:
  - Robin Clark, Jeffrey Baxter, et al, “Factors Associated with Arrest and Incarceration during Opioid Addiction Treatment”
  - Deborah Gurewich, Robin Clark, et al, “Integrating Primary Care: Experiences at Three Community-Based Centers”

- Carole Upshur and Melodie Wenz-Gross conducted a two hour workshop on Saturday Oct. 17 entitled “Evidence-Based Practices to Promotion Social Emotional Development in Preschool” at a conference for 500 early education teachers sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and the Burlington Public Schools. Their workshop had 38 participants from all over the Eastern part of the state from the South Shore, North Shore and Merrick Valley.

Professional Service

- Suzanne Cashman has been invited to be a member of the AAMC’s Expert Panel on Public/Population Health in Medical Education.

- Hugh Silk was the invited state representative at the Oral Health 2020 National Network Gathering in New Orleans from October 20-22.