Presentations

The Academy Health Annual Research Meeting was recently held in Boston from June 25-28, 2016. A number of our departmental faculty from Commonwealth Medicine were among the featured presentations including:

- Implementing Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care Practices: Measuring Progress, Understanding Challenges (oral presentation) - **Josh Twomey, Judith Steinberg**, Joan Johnston, Amy Leary, Amy Norman-Harmon, Jean Carlevale
- Risk Adjustment for Medicaid Payment Reform: Adding Social Determinants of Health Data to Diagnostic Cost Group Models (poster presentation) - Arlene Ash, Georgianna Willis, Randall Ellis, Jianying Zhang, Judith Steinberg
- Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH): A New Paradigm in a Surgical Episode of Care (poster presentation) - **Judith Steinberg**, Valeria Konar, **Sai Cherala**, Shubjeet Kaur, Mitchell Sokoloff
- Paving the Way for Practice Success Under Value-Based Payments: Implementing the Southern New England Practice Transformation Network (poster presentation) - **Judith Steinberg**, Anita Morris, Valeria Konar, **Pamela Senesac**, Rick Perro, **David Polakoff**
- Linking Health Across the Systems: Worcester Prevention Wellness Trust Fund Experience (poster presentation) - **Sai Cherala**, Tracy Kennedy
- Monitoring Access and Adherence to New Medications for Hepatitis C for Medicaid Members (poster presentation) - Karen Clements, **Robin Clark**, Pavel Lavitas, Parag Kunte, Camilla Graham, Bonnie Greenwood, **Kimberly Lenz, Paul Jeffrey**
- Older Dual Eligibles with High Medicaid Expenditures Have Multidimensional Needs (poster presentation) - **Wen-Chieh Lin, Robin Clark**, Gideon Aweh, Heather Posner, Stephen Kurtz
- Citizens Jury Deliberative Methods project to develop recommendations for Autism Data Collection – **Alix Bonardi**
New Faculty Appointments

Congratulations to the following faculty whose appointments were recently completed:

- **James Baker, MD, MPH** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. Baker received his medical degree in 1982 from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and went on to graduate from the UMass Medical School’s Emergency Medicine Residency program in 1985. After residency he accepted a position as an Attending Physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital (1985-1989) where he also completed a Masters in Public Health degree (1989). He worked for many years as an Emergency Medicine physician at Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg where he served as Chairman (1989-1995), UMass Memorial Medical Center and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. In 2005 he began to focus on hospital and palliative medicine, completing a Fellowship in this area at Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Massachusetts General Hospital (2005-06). Dr. Baker is currently the Medical Director for both the VNCH Hospice in Arlington, MA (since 2010) and the VNA of Boston Hospice and Palliative Care in Woburn, MA. Palliative Care at UMass Memorial is a joint division between Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. Dr. Baker is actively engaged in the Caring for Seriously Ill elective, co-directed by Jen Reidy.

- **Jennifer Bradford, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Bradford received her medical degree in 2010 from Tufts University and is a 2013 graduate of the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program, Family Health Center of Worcester (FHCW). Immediately after graduation she elected to continue her education completing her Masters in Public Health from UMass Amherst (May 2015) and graduating from the Preventive Medicine Residency Program (June 2015) where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Bradford initiated the development of a health policy elective to be offered through the Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA). She was the first student to complete this new rotation based at the OCA offices, having provided substance abuse consultation for MassHealth, assisted with the preparation of a grant and did some medical writing resulting in publication. Dr. Bradford is currently providing clinical care to patients at Spectrum in Framingham as well as patients at Community Health Link in Worcester. She has contributed to scholarly work as the author of a MassHealth Prescription E-letter and as a contributing author to the 2014 edition of the *5 Minute Clinical Consult*. Dr. Bradford will continue to participate as faculty in the Preventive Medicine Residency Program helping to develop the curriculum around addiction medicine.

- **Kathryn Brodowski, MD, MPH** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Brodowski is a 2010 graduate of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her internship year in Internal Medicine (2011) followed by a
two year Preventive Medicine Residency/Fellowship (2013-2015) based in our Department where she also served as Chief Resident. She is also a graduate of our Master in Public Health program which is a collaborative program between UMass Amherst and UMass Worcester where she focused on Nutrition. We were fortunate to recruit Dr. Brodowski as a valuable member of our voluntary core preventive medicine residency faculty. In this role, she devotes significant time to teaching preventive medicine residents, presenting seminars, serving as a resident advisor and on Preventive Medicine Residency Committees. Over the course of her training Dr. Brodowski has developed an area of expertise in nutrition and was recently hired as the Director of Public Health and Research for the Greater Boston Food Bank (2016) where she will develop food insecurity screening programs that can be utilized in various clinical settings. She is also involved in professional organizations and is developing her scholarship skills within this area of concentration. She is an active member of the American Public Health Association, Food and Nutrition Section as well as the American Medical Association. She has pursued a variety of research activities and has presented her work locally, nationally and regionally; her work has also been published in peer reviewed journals.

- **Louis Fazen III, MD, MPH** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. Fazen is a graduate of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (1969) and went on to receive his Masters of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (1973). Dr. Fazen completed a Pediatrics Residency Program starting with his intern year at Buffalo Children’s Hospital and his final two years at Johns Hopkins University as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar in Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine (1973-75). Additionally, he pursued Fellowship training in Clinical Care Pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital (1982-83). Dr. Fazen was a member of the University of Massachusetts faculty for over 30 years and provided care to children and precepted medical students and residents. Most recently in the last 12 years he has been very involved in public health at the local community and state levels and has pursued other global health endeavors. His work has been recognized by the Worcester District Medical Society who honored him in 2015 with the A. Jane Fitzpatrick Award and also in his hometown of Southborough where he was the 2015 recipient of the Dr. Timothy Stone Award for Public Health Service. Dr. Fazen has returned to teaching, having served as a small group leader for the Health Policy interstitial and is serving as the project mentor for a medical student as part of the new Capstone requirement in the Medical School.

- **Laura Hill, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Hill is a 2012 Georgia Regents University, Medical College of Georgia graduate who trained in the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program at the Hahnemann Family Health Center (HFHC), graduating in 2015. During residency Dr. Hill served as the Resident Scheduler, managing the on-call schedule for 36 residents and was recognized
as Resident of the Block in November 2013. She has demonstrated a commitment to community service projects volunteering in the US as well as abroad.

- **Judy Hsu, DO** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Hsu received her doctor of osteopathy degree from Still University, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2012. She went on to graduate from the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program, with her training based at the Barre Family Health Center. We recruited her in 2015 for a faculty position in our Department based at the BFHC. Dr. Hsu has distinguished herself as a young leader. Early on during her undergraduate training she was very involved in the First Responder Unit EMS at Emory University and served as their Assistant Chief of Resource Management (2005-06) and Director (2006-07). She has served as lead clinician for Project ECHO in partnership with Beth Israel Deaconness Medical Center to learn how to better care for patients with Hepatitis C. As an educator she was recognized with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Resident Teacher Award in 2015 and has contributed to community service projects related to adolescent health including: “Girl Talk”, a program to help empower young women to make safe decisions about their sexual health and has also delivered puberty talks at the local elementary schools. She has also pursued additional professional development opportunities in LEAN and motivational interviewing.

- **Charles Lehnardt, DO** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Lehnardt graduated with his degree in Osteopathic Medicine from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO (2008), and went on to complete his Family Medicine residency at Via Christi in Wichita, KS (2011). He completed an additional year of training as part of the NMM/OMM Plus 1 Residency at Kirksville College (2012). Upon completion of his training he was appointed as an Assistant Professor and worked as a clinician in the family medicine clinic as well as the osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) specialty clinic located in Kirksville. We recruited Dr. Lehnardt to be a member of our core residency faculty at the HealthAlliance Fitchburg Family Practice Residency. In addition to seeing patients, he regularly teaches residents and medical students rotating through the site and serves as the director for the osteopathic training track. Dr. Lehnardt has presented on a variety of clinical topics and has conducted a research study as part of a team examining the “Correlation of Somatic Dysfunction with Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Findings” and is also collaborating with others to look at OMM utilization and adverse events as a result of osteopathic manipulative treatment.
• **Kristin Wickstrom, PA** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Ms. Wickstrom is a graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA, completing the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program in 2006. She is a very experienced PA having worked in a variety of local clinical settings including Cambridge Health Alliance, St. Vincent Hospital, Cornerstone Family Medicine and UMassMemorial Medical Center. As a member of the faculty at the Barre Family Health Center, Ms. Wickstrom regularly hosts medical students, PA students and NP students within the health center. Her high caliber of clinical skills are valuable to the learners she comes in contact with and those who wrote letters on her behalf note her clinical skills, calm demeanor and her ability to act as a positive role model within this busy teaching practice. She has been actively engaged in a facilitating a community service initiative entitled “Girl Talk”, a 12-week sexual education curriculum for teenage girls in the Barre community. Additionally, she has been involved in presentations focused on her areas of interest.