Chair’s Corner

- **Faculty Awards:** Last Tuesday evening (October 4, 2016), we celebrated accomplishments of the prior year at our annual faculty dinner. We were pleased to recognize the following awardees:
  - Outstanding Community Clinician Award: Audrey Tracey, MD
  - EPC Community Educator Award: Phil Bolduc, MD
  - Education Awards:
    - Kristin Mallett, MD
    - Charles Lehnardt, DO
    - Claudia Pierre, MD
    - Heather-Lyn Haley, PhD
    - David Ammerman, MD
  - Chair’s Award: Katharine Barnard, MD

- **Puttermann Lecturer:** Tuesday was also the day that we hosted our visiting Puttermann Lecturer, Leigh Kimberg, MD, Professor of Medicine at the UCSF School of Medicine. A national expert on the incorporation of intimate partner violence prevention, screening, and treatment programs into health care settings through policy and program development, Dr. Kimberg spoke on “Trauma Informed Care: Creating Opportunities for Healing.” In addition, she met with a group of faculty and fellows in the morning, and conducted a resident workshop in the afternoon.

  My thanks to Lucy Candib and Sarah Shields for their nomination of Dr. Kimberg as this year’s Puttermann Lecturer, and to Warren Ferguson for his oversight, planning the annual Puttermann Lecture and the activities that take place during the day.

- **External Review:** At [http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/familymedicine/FMstudy](http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/familymedicine/FMstudy), we have posted the final report from our March, 2016 external review on the Department’s website, along with our response to the review. The web site also includes the self-study that we conducted over the year prior to the visit from Drs. Valerie Gilchrist, Professor and Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Wisconsin, Lloyd Michener, Professor and Chair of Community & Family Medicine at Duke University, and Carlos Moreno, Clinical Professor and Chair of Family & Community Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.
A lot of reflection and hard work went into the self-study, and so many made themselves available to meet with our reviewers when they were here in the spring. The reviewers had many nice things to say about the Department, which is a testimony to our talented faculty, residents and staff. Both the self-study and the actual report has generated a commitment to nine priority initiatives:

**Organization and Culture:**
- We will develop a more structured approach to succession management
- We will develop a structured approach to fundraising
- We will work with staff, residents and faculty to raise awareness of the impact of racism on patient care, learning, and our professional community.

**Education:**
- We will develop a new model for the 3rd year clerkship, so that clinical sites can accommodate a larger number of students during a clerkship block
- We will work with the leadership at the medical school’s new regional campus at Baystate Health to establish a Department of Family Medicine

**Clinical:**
- We will work with the UMass Memorial system to become a state and national leader in managing population health and in the development of high functioning and successful ACO
- We will work to make our practices work better for our patients and our clinicians and staff

**Research:**
- We will rebuild our core research faculty, including the recruitment of at least one full time mid-career research faculty member this year

**Community Health:**
- We will integrate community health into our family medicine practices, training programs, and scholarship efforts while engaging communities and community-based coalitions to improve the health of communities and populations.

**Metrics:** The core metrics we use to monitor our success have been updated and posted on our website, [http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/familymedicine/fmpubs](http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/familymedicine/fmpubs).