Monday Memo – June 19, 2017

Publications


- Linda Cragin, Janet Fraser Hale (School of Nursing) and Tina Runyan authored an article entitled: "Have you or a loved one ever served in the military?" The article was published in Worcester Medicine, 81(3), a journal published by the Worcester Medical Society.

Presentations

- Tina Runyan delivered an invited address on June 13th at The Atlantic’s conference, Pulse: On the Front Lines of Healthcare. Drawing from leading thinkers across the country, in combination with Boston's revered medical community, The Atlantic uncovered the stories of patients and families, experts and professionals to explore the state and future of health care. From policy and economics to global public health and the future biotechnology, The Atlantic brought together the brightest minds shaping health care today. See the Agenda and Speakers here: [https://www.theatlantic.com/live/events/pulse-front-lines-health-care/2017/#event-agenda](https://www.theatlantic.com/live/events/pulse-front-lines-health-care/2017/#event-agenda) Watch the full interview with Tina and Nneka Jones Tapia, Executive Director Cook County, Illinois Department of Corrections, talking about mental health treatment from prison to primary care: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAcRglGehN8&list=PLwj46yNDLyTXFoQT5n9-36r40m8fYqcw&index=13](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAcRglGehN8&list=PLwj46yNDLyTXFoQT5n9-36r40m8fYqcw&index=13)
• Lisa Morris, Director of Cross Cultural Initiatives for MassAHEC coordinated a conference for medical interpreters with almost 300 attendees in Marlborough on June 2-3. Faculty that presented included Nancy Esparza from Central MA AHEC, and Carrington Koebele, MD and Amanda Oropeza, MD, fellows at FHCW in the new fellowship supported by New England AIDS Education and Training Center. Estela McDonough, Coordinator of Education for Interpreter Services at UMass Memorial was awarded the 2017 Tony Winsor Award for improving language access.

• Hugh Silk conducted a webinar for the Massachusetts Dental Society on the topic of “Caring for the Perinatal Patient in the Dental Setting” on June 14th promoting the new state guidelines on oral health for perinatal patients and young children.

• David Gilchrist was invited to give grand rounds for the department of pediatrics at Tampa General Hospital / University of Southern Florida entitled "Moving from 'Plan, Do, Study, Act' to a Culture of Transformation". He also presented a noon conference for the pediatric residents on using ideas boards to drive change.

• Sandy Blount presented a workshop at the 18th Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference in Ottawa on Friday, June 2. The workshop was entitled “Foundational Clinical Routines of Patient Centered Shared Care for Hard to Serve Populations”.

Appointments

Congratulations to the following individuals with recently completed academic appointments:

• Ellen Endter, MAT was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Ms. Endter received her A.B. degree in 1973 from Radcliffe College, Harvard University, completed a Graduate Internship at the Smithsonian Institution (1975) and with the American Association of Museums (1974-1975) both located in Washington, DC. Additionally, she completed a MAT degree from The George Washington University (1974-1975). Ms. Endter was recruited to the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 2014 as the Project Manager the Center for Integrated Primary Care.
and the Clinical Faculty Development Center. She currently serves as a small group co-leader for the medical school course, *Doctoring and Clinical Skills I* (2016-17), and within the TOT course serves as a workshop presenter and small group facilitator.

- **Kristina Gracey, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Prior to attending medical school Dr. Gracey completed a Maternal Child Health Fellowship (2006-07) at Boston University’s School of Public Health. She then went on to receive her medical degree from Albany Medical College in 2013. Upon graduation she was accepted into a family medicine residency program at Albany Medical Center where she served as co-Chief Resident (2013-16). We were pleased to recruit her last year for a faculty position based at the Barre Family Health Center.

- **Teri Kleinberg, MD, MS** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Prior to completing medical school Dr. Kleinberg attended the University of Oxford receiving Master of Science degree in Science and Medicine of Athletic Performance. A 2010 graduate of UMass Medical School, Dr. Kleinberg went on to complete additional training in Ophthalmology (2011-14) at Willis Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, PA and then completed a Fellowship in Skull Base, Oculoplastic and Orbitol Surgery also at Willis Eye Hospital (2014-15). In 2012 while completing her residency training she was invited by Dr. Domino, facilitator of the Leadership and Professionalism course, to come to Worcester and provide a lecture to 4th year students focused on exercise and wellness. Her course lecture has been evaluated highly by the students. Additionally, her educational contributions include participation in the surgery clerkship at UMMS and involvement in the mentorship of medical students in the Ophthalmology program.

- **Floyd McIntyre, MD, FAAFP** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. McIntyre received his medical degree in 1979 from the University of Oklahoma, School of Medicine and went on to graduate from the University of Connecticut Family Medicine Residency program in 1982. After residency he established his private practice in family medicine located in Dennis, Massachusetts and is an attending physician at Cape Cod Hospital. In addition to many years of patient care, Dr. McIntyre has been a leader within Cape Cod Hospital holding positions such as Chief/Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and member of the Executive Committee for the Cape Cod Medical Staff. Dr. McIntyre will be serving as a preceptor for our 3rd year medical students as we aim to grow our family medicine presence at Cape Cod.
Anna McMahan, MD was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. McMahan is a 2013 University of Massachusetts Medical School graduate and a 2016 graduate of the UMass Worcester Family Medicine Residency program where she trained at the Hahnemann Family Health Center and served as Chief Resident. Dr. McMahan recently accepted a position at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center (EMK), providing full spectrum care to a diverse and socioeconomically disadvantaged population. She has a passion for LGBT and women’s health issues and continues to round at the hospital on new moms and babies. Dr. McMahan is also interested in precepting our medical students and residents once she establishes her practice at EMK.

WELLNESS MOMENTS FOR THE MONDAY MEMO

Spirituality Week 4

I know what you’re going to say…”how can bats be spiritual?”  Hear me out and see if you agree…

My husband and I were on our cross-country road trip, blissfully pre-kids, camping and couch-surfing our way around the country. Our curiosity was peaked as we drove to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. In case you haven’t heard, Carlsbad has a reputation for having one of the largest Bat Flights in our country; people come from all over the world to bear witness to the bats exiting the cave en masse to hunt for food. Matt and I settled in with anticipation as the sun went down, lying head-to-head on the cold stone benches outside the natural cave entrance. Just as the last rays of sun faded, a few small bodies appeared at the entrance, erratically flying to and fro. Soon, they were followed by a dozen more bats, each one following in the path of the bat before them. We quickly lost count as the bodies became a swarm of near-silent wings on air. The erratic path became a fluid stroke of black on indigo across the darkening sky.

My breath caught in my throat as I realized this procession of bats had happened last night and will happen tomorrow night. Each bat is connected to the centuries of bats who have been migrating back to Carlsbad and venturing out together in a procession to seek food— together, at dusk, every night. These bats are connected to a bigger story, set in motion long before I even had breath and will continue on long after my last breath.
In this way, bats provided me with a spiritual experience: I became profoundly aware of how my experience is part of a bigger story, that I am connected to those who came before me, those living this life now (whether I see them or not) and those who will come after me. Nearly fifteen years later, I still feel a deep, warm peace when I remember the bats at Carlsbad.

-Ginny Van Duyne

*Keep your heart and mind open—you just may be surprised by an unexpected spiritual experience*