



Monday Memo – April 28, 2014

Publications

- Linda Weinreb is first author and Judy Savageau a co-author of: Weinreb L, Byatt N, Moore Simas TA, Tenner K, Savageau JA. *What Happens to Mental Health Treatment During Pregnancy? Women's Experience with Prescribing Providers*,. *Psychiatric Quarterly*. 2014, 10.1007/s11126-014-9293-7. This paper was recently published electronically; the paper version is in press. The article is one of the outcomes of a summer student research fellowship project (with Karen Tenner, one of the co-authors), and represents a collaboration between our Department, Psychiatry and OB/Gyn.
- Working with data collected as part of a Population Health Clerkship, three medical students, Sara Valente, Dan Wemple and Sebastian Ramos worked with Suzanne Cashman and Judy Savageau to develop a paper entitled, *Preventive Behaviors and Knowledge of Tick-Borne Illnesses: Results of a Survey from an Endemic Area*. The paper has been published in the journal of Public Health Management and Practice.
- Stacy Potts is author of *The Next Generation of Physicians: Embracing Change in Our Workforce*, in Worcester Medicine, Volume 78, Number 2, March/April 2014
- Monika Mitra was a co-author in the following report published in collaboration with the MA Department of Public Health: Mitra M, Clifford CJ, Smith LD, Landers B, Tanenhaus R, Simpson May G. *Health Needs Assessment of People with Disabilities in Massachusetts, 2013*. MA Department of Public Health and University of Massachusetts Medical School. 2014. The report was also shared in the WBUR CommonHealth Blog: <http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2014/04/report-disabled-mass-residents-face-major-health-disparities>

Presentations

- Sandy Blount presented a webinar to the staffs of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and the Center for Disease Control on April 16. The title was *Update on the Integration of Behavioral Health and Primary Care*.
- Heather-Lyn Haley was a co-presenter at the 2014 Medical-Legal Partnership Summit: MLP in the Era of Healthcare Reform, held April 10-11 in Seattle WA. The presentation was entitled *Aligning Individual and System Advocacy for Special Populations*. Heather and

colleagues, including second year UMMS medical student Kevin Abraham, also presented a poster at the Summit entitled *Understanding the Legal Needs of Refugees in Worcester MA*.

- Jeff Baxter and Phil Bolduc co-presented the Boston University School of Medicine SCOPE of Pain Course in Springfield, MA (Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education) on Saturday, April 5, and then on Saturday, April 12 Phil presented this again at the Department's Spring Retreat.

- Tina Runyan delivered an invited Master Lecture entitled *If I Knew then What I Know Now...What You Should Know Before Making the Leap to Primary Care Psychology* and also led a panel discussion about integrated care at the California Psychological Association's 2014 annual conference in Monterey, CA. The conference is attended by over 400 psychologists throughout the state of CA.

Special Events

The MassAHEC Network wants to thank the Department for the continued support and passion of volunteers at the MassAHEC HOSA 5th Annual State Leadership Conference for youth interested in health career. HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America is a national program. Warren Ferguson was again the master of ceremony, Sara Shields, and Judy Savageau judged competitions and Joanne Calista, Central MA AHEC, helped students find their events. More than 200 young people were involved.

Grant Reviews

Linda Weinreb recently participated as an invited reviewer for the National Institute of Mental Health's Implementation of Collaborative Care for Managements of Mental Disorders and Reduction of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health Care contract proposals. The purpose of this specific solicitation is to develop or adapt implementation models that will enable rigorous and sustained delivery of collaborative mental health care in various communities.