



Monday Memo – May 12, 2014

Awards and Recognition

· Warren Ferguson has been recognized by the National AHEC Organization (NAO) with the Andy Nichols Award for Social Justice. The NAO Awards Committee met recently and unanimously selected Warren as the 2014 recipient who best exemplifies Dr. Nichols' vision and persistent service in pursuit of social justice. The award will be presented at the NAO Diamond Awards Gala on July 10, 2014 at the NAO Conference, "AHEC: Driving Access to Quality Healthcare through Innovation, Implementation & Impact," to be held at The Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina.

· On Thursday, May 8th Daniel Mullin was recognized with an Educational Achievement (STAR) Award at the Annual Educational Recognition Awards Ceremony held in the Albert Sherman Center. This STAR award recognizes his outstanding individual achievement in medical student education, specifically his training of undergraduates in Motivational Interviewing. Dr. Mullin helped arrange for medical students to be able to receive credit for taking his course in Motivational Interviewing and, with the support of the Center for Integrated Primary Care, has reserved 6 slots for medical students to be able to take his course at no cost. This innovative course involves actual practice with actor patients, plus the coding of participants' work, individual feedback and coaching.

Presentations

· Department faculty were involved in two presentations at the American Psychiatric Association 167th Annual Meeting in New York last week.

Linda Weinreb and her colleagues, Nancy Byatt from the Department of Psychiatry and Tiffany Moore Simas from OB/Gyn, presented "*What happens to mental health treatment during pregnancy? Women's experience with providers.*"

Linda Weinreb, Jennifer Moffitt (from FHCW), Carole Upshur and Melodie Wenz Gross presented "*Screening For PTSD In Prenatal Care In High Risk Populations: Importance For Identification And Service Provision To Promote Healthy Pregnancy Outcomes.*"

· Suzanne Cashman co led a preconference workshop entitled, *Service-Learning in the Health Professions: Current state of the evidence and opportunities for future educational*

scholarship, at Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's recent annual conference in Chicago.

- Monika Mitra and Alixe Bonardi were co-authors in the following presentation: Parish, S.L., Mitra, M., Son, E., Bonardi, A., Swoboda, P.T., & Igdalsky, L. (May 2014). *A national profile of deliveries by US women with intellectual and developmental disabilities: Maternal characteristics and pregnancy outcomes*. Paper presentation at ATINER conference; Athens, Greece. [Athens Institute for Education and Research].

- Steve Martin was co-presenter of a poster *Promising Practices to Promote Tobacco-Free Active Living and Healthy Eating in Low Socioeconomic Status Communities*, at the recent conference on Innovation in New England Corrections: Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Relapse Prevention in State and Federal Facilities. He also was co-presenter of *Prospective Study of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' 2004 Tobacco Ban*, on a conference call meeting of the U.S. Public Health Service: Nursing Professional Advisory Committee.

- Judy Savageau was first author and Linda Cragin and Warren Ferguson among the co-authors of *Take II: Factors Related to Recruitment and Retention of Primary Care Physicians at Community Health Centers post MA Health Care Reform: Results from 2008 and 2013 Statewide Physicians Surveys*, presented at the American Association of Medical Colleges Workforce Research Conference, Washington, DC, May 1.

- Judy Savageau was first author and David Keller a co-author of *Universal Behavioral Health Screening in Massachusetts Children on Medicaid*, at the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 6.

Media Coverage

- Phil Bolduc was featured in the Sunday May 4th Telegram and Gazette for participating as a panelist in a Town Hall Event at North High School April 30th on Youth Substance Abuse Prevention, co-hosted by the Worcester Division of Public Health and the Worcester Teen Center.

- The 20th anniversary of the free clinic at the Epworth United Church was also highlighted in the May 4th Sunday edition of the T&G. Jim Ledwith currently volunteers as Medical Director for the clinic and was interviewed for the article. Joe DiFranza, who participates as a volunteer, was pictured.