



## *Monday Memo – June 9, 2014*

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Fran Anthes was awarded the Massachusetts League of Community Health Center's most prestigious award, the Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award, at the League's Annual Gala on Friday evening, June 6. The Award "was established in 2010 in reverence to the late United States Senator and is presented in honor of the achievements made by dedicated consumers, administrators, clinicians and leaders who continue to protect and promote healthcare access as a right for all rather than privilege for a few." Congratulations Fran.

- At the recent medical School Commencement ceremonies on June 1, several Department faculty served as "hooders" for our students, including Joe DiFranza, Lori Dilorenzo, Phil Fournier, Lisa Gussak, and Frank Domino. Joe hooded Sanouri Ursprung upon receipt of her PhD, for which Joe served as faculty mentor. Phil, Lori and Lisa hooded students for whom they have served as mentors in the Learning Communities, and Frank was once again voted as a hooder by the students.

### **Appointments**

- Nic Apostoleris was named President of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, which is a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee that provides training and technical assistance to the 254 Health Care for the Homeless programs nationwide. He will serve in that role from 7/1/14 through 6/30/15. NHCHC's work has included producing adapted clinical guidelines for the care of persons experiencing homelessness and the organization currently administers a CMS Innovations grant at 10 FQHCs developing best practices in the use of community health workers to connect homeless persons with primary care.

### **Grants**

- Hugh Silk and his national Smiles for Life team have secured their 8th year of funding from the Dentaquest Foundation to continue their work of promoting oral health education to health professionals and learners. This year's \$160,000 grant will allow the team to focus on improving downloadable point-of-care apps and surveying users of the curriculum.

## **Presentations**

· At the recent All Together Better Health VII conference held in Pittsburgh, Suzanne Cashman co-presented at a session entitled, *Collaborative Interprofessional Teams Improving the Health of Urban Poor*.

## **Faculty Appointments**

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments or promotions:

· **Julie Johnston, MD** was recently appointed as an Adjunct Instructor in the Department. Dr. Johnston's primary appointment as a Clinical Instructor is with Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Johnston received her MD degree from Michigan State College of Human Medicine (2004), and graduated from the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Program in 2007. Upon graduation she joined the faculty at the Greater Lawrence Family Medicine residency, with responsibilities as the attending family physician at Lawrence General Hospital providing primary care services within the clinic and hospital, as well as teaching and supervising residents as part of the Greater Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Program. Additionally, she serves as the Women's Health Rotation Coordinator, organizing curriculum for the residents and procedural training opportunities for providers. In 2010 the residency recognized her with its Innovation Award which reflects the high quality of her clinical and teaching skills.

· **Beth Koester, MD** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Prior to a career in Medicine, Dr. Koester trained as an Electrical Engineer, receiving her SM in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984. Subsequently she held an academic appointment as an Instructor at Tufts University for two years as a member of the faculty in their Department of Electrical Engineering. A UMass Medical School alumnus, Dr. Koester received her MD degree in 1995 and completed her Family Medicine residency program through Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, MI in 1998, where she served as co-Chief Resident. Early in her career in the state of Maine she chaired two clinical Family Practice Departments, one at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, and the other at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport. While at Penobscot she served as President of the Medical Staff, as a member of the CEO Search Committee and Peer Review Committee, and as a member of the hospital's Board of Directors. Additionally, prior to her departure she was Chair of the Penobscot Hospitalist Department (2011-2013). As leader for the Family Medicine Hospitalist Service located at the Memorial Campus, Dr. Koester provides direct patient care and supervision for a committed team of hospitalists. She teaches students and students rotating on the inpatient service, and she prepares and presents didactic sessions to the residents. She also recently completed a Masters in Medical Management Program at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

· **Kristin Lamontagne, MD** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. Dr. Lamontagne is a 2005 graduate of UMass Medical School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Rochester Internal Medicine Residency program. She currently practices in Williamstown, MA for Williamstown Medical Associates, a multi-specialty group practice in western Massachusetts. Dr. Lamontagne has precepted students as part of the Department's Rural Health Scholars Program and intends to continue teaching medical students as part of the Department's Third Year Clerkship.

· **Cara Marshall, MD** was recently promoted to Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Marshall received her MD degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville (1996), and graduated from the Residency Program in Social Medicine, Family Practice at the Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY (1999). Upon graduation she spent two years with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group located in Woodbridge, VA. In 2001 she joined the Lawrence team both as a Family Physician for the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center and as a core residency faculty member and team leader for the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Marshall has served as a resident advisor and as the Coordinator for the residency's Home Visit Program. She is also a dedicated clinician educator who precepts 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students and residents. Since 2002 she has contributed to the care of people needing a transitional residence or shelter due to domestic violence. As an educator she has developed case study curriculum in ENT, Urology, Dermatology and Ophthalmology to enhance the learning experience for residents. She has contributed several chapters to Frank Domino's *The 5-Minute Clinical Consult*, and she has presented her work (with a focus on social health and health disparities) regionally for the Family Medicine Education Consortium, as well as nationally at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. She serves as co-Chair of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's Group on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Health. Dr. Marshall has been recognized twice with a Faculty Excellence Award by the Residency for her contributions within the program.