



## *Monday Memo – March 23, 2015*

### **Awards**

At the Annual Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) Spring Refresher, March 19-20 in Boston, Rick Sacra was honored as the Family Physician of the Year which recognizes a physician who “exemplifies the tradition of the family doctor, is a role model as a healer and human being, provides the community with compassion and maintains involvement in community affairs that enhance the quality of life.”

Peter McConarty will be honored at the April 2 Meeting of the Worcester North District Medical Society as the 2015 Community Clinician of the Year. This award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions to his/her patients and the community.

Congratulations Rick and Peter.

### **Presentations**

· The 8<sup>th</sup> Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health was held on March 19-20 at the Hyatt Harborside Hotel in Boston. A record two-hundred and sixty participants from 5 countries, 31 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia attended the conference. The conference was founded by department Vice Chair Warren Ferguson and has been supported since its inception by Commonwealth Medicine. Two years ago, the Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health was formed to serve as an academic home for criminal justice health scholars, clinicians and policymakers and the Board of Directors, led by Warren, now provides conference oversight. The interdisciplinary design of the conference is its signature, leading generation of new research ideas and collaborations toward improving criminal justice health outcomes.

Department faculty presenting at the conference included the following:

Steve Martin, co-author with students from Harvard Medical School: “Growing a Student-Led Advocacy Community”

**Steve Martin, co-author:** “The Medical Symposium on Mass Incarceration: Building an Interprofessional Community of Advocates

Warren Ferguson and Judy Savageau: “An evaluation of the impact of the Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health”

Hugh Silk, Robert Mayer, NP, Concord MCI: “Expanding and Improving Medical Procedures on-site”

Pamela Tsinteris, Family Health center of Worcester, “Barriers to implementation of rehabilitative programming in Massachusetts state prisons” (Poster)

· The MA Academy of Family Physicians held its Annual Meeting and Spring Refresher on March 19-20. Department faculty presenting at the conference included:

Bob Baldor, “Genetic Testing: Is It in the Genes”

Jay Broadhurst: “Contract Negotiations”

Dennis Dimitri: “Health Care Reform: Past and Present”

Frank Domino, The 10 Changes: 2104

Dave Gilchrist, Amanda Vitko and Ron Adler: “Transitions of Care: Mind the Gap and Reap the Rewards”

Trish Seymour: “Hospital Medicine Updates”

Hugh Silk, “Fluoride Varnish Workshop: Transforming Your Office”

Dave Gilchrist was elected at the meeting to serve on the MAFP Board of Directors

· Other recent faculty presentations

Phil Bolduc spoke on “Care Retention Strategies for HIV Patients at the Family Health Center of Worcester” at the New England AIDS Education Training Center Annual Faculty Development Conference.

Joe DiFranza gave a talk on electronic cigarettes and adolescents at an FDA symposium on electronic cigarettes last week in Maryland. He was also featured in an article in the March issue of Baystate Parent talking about electronic cigarettes and children.

Suzanne Cashman co-led an oral presentation entitled “Interprofessional Collaboration Improving the Health of Urban Poor” at this week's annual meeting of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research