



Monday Memo – June 1, 2015

Residency Education

· It is with great excitement that the Worcester Family Residency announces that Ginny VanDuyne has taken the position of Education Director at the Family Health Center of Worcester. She will take on this critical role in overseeing the education and evaluation of the 12 FHCW residents starting on July 1. This is a bittersweet transition however, as Lisa Carter has served as an outstanding Education Director over the last several years. Lisa will be missed in our central residency leadership but will continue as an outstanding teacher and role model family physician for the residents and students at FHCW. Thank you Lisa for your many years of service and leadership.

Presentations

· Sandy Blount was a panelist on a panel of practitioners at the Inter-Professional Healthcare Symposium at Wheelock College sponsored by three Boston schools of Social Work and the DPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

· Sandy was also the featured speaker at the "Supporting State Strategies to Design and Deliver Whole-Person Care in Ambulatory Settings" Learning Collaborative kick-off meeting in Philadelphia. The collaborative involved teams representing statewide integration efforts from 9 states. The meeting was sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund and National Academy for of State Health Policy. He also provided targeted consultation to teams from Colorado, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

· Lori Davis and Lauren Fletcher presented a poster at the UMass Memorial Innovation Celebration on May 26. The poster represented several implemented ideas that have been submitted by the clinical staff in the Benedict Building Family Medicine practice. The premise of the presentation was “no idea is too small” and highlighted were 4 ideas that have resulted in great “lean” changes in the practice. These ideas align with the “true north” of our clinical system. The practice has a total of 108 ideas submitted and 62 implemented !

Media

- Herb Stevenson was interviewed for an article on concussion like conditions in the Washington Post:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/sometimes-what-seems-like-a-concussion-is-something-else/2015/05/22/2b4d327a-df97-11e4-be40-566e2653afe5_story.html

Publications

- Heather Alker is first author of an article published in the Journal of School Health, stemming from work done with Stephanie Lemon while she was a resident in our Preventive Medicine residency: “Impact of school staff health on work productivity in secondary schools in Massachusetts.” Alker HJ, Wang ML, Pbert L, Thorsen N, Lemon SC. J Sch Health. 2015 Jun;85(6):398-404. doi: 10.1111/josh.12266.