



Monday Memo – July 13, 2015

Graduate Medical Education

· The Worcester Family Medicine Residency is proud to announce the Women's Health Director Position will be taken by Hannah Melnitsky. It is a testament to the strength of our faculty that this decision was a difficult one to make as there were many excellent candidates. Dr. Melnitsky is a UMass Amherst and UMass Medical School graduate and completed her residency at John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, TX. She also continued on at John Peter Smith Hospital to complete an MCH fellowship. Hannah joined the faculty at FHCW last year and has been an outstanding teacher. Her passion for women's health and teaching make her an outstanding selection for this position. Hannah assumes the role held admirably by Ginny VanDuyne who has been an innovative and enthusiastic leader in the women's health director role. Thank you Ginny! We wish both Hannah and Ginny well, Hannah in her new role as Women's Health Director, and Ginny in her new role as Education Director at FHCW.

Publications

· **Sandy Blount and the Center for Integrated Primary Care's Certificate program are cited in the Position Paper on Integrated Primary Care just published in the Annals of Internal Medicine by the An American College of Physicians: Integration of Care for Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Other Behavioral Health Conditions into Primary Care <http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2362310>**

· Stephen Martin had a letter to the editor, "Effects of Blood Pressure Reduction in Mild Hypertension," published in the July 7 print version of *Annals of Internal Medicine*. <http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2381587>

· Sandy Blount is the author of: Blount, A. (2015) *Unrounding the corners of collaborative family healthcare. Families, Systems, & Health, 33*, 102-103.

Robert Wellman is first author and Joe DiFranza a co-author of: Wellman, R. J., DiFranza, J. R., O'Loughlin, J. (2015). *Confirmatory factor analysis of the Autonomy over Tobacco Scale. Addictive Behaviors 50*, 217-221. Published online July 7, 2015.
doi:10.1016/j.addbeh.2015.06.033

Presentations

· On the last weekend in June, Suzanne Cashman facilitated the 14th Paul Ambrose Symposium and led a session on Program Planning and Implementation. The Symposium is held in honor of Paul Ambrose, who was the 7th Luther Terry Fellow when he died in one of the plane crashes on September 11. This year the Symposium brought together 40 health professions students representing 8 different disciplines. Preetam Cholli, a UMMS second year student, was selected to participate. For his Ambrose project, Preetam will be developing and administering a series of comprehensive mental health awareness and wellness workshops for adolescent and young adult members of central-western Massachusetts' Bhutanese refugee community.