



## *Monday Memo – October 13, 2015*

### **Presentations**

· The following Department faculty made presentations at the recent AAFP meeting in Denver.

Bob Baldor: “TIA and Stroke” and “Parkinson’s Disease”

Frank Domino: “Applying Evidence Based Medicine”, “Top 10-Updates from the Medical Literature” (given three times)

Dan Mullin: "Motivational Interviewing Track: Making The Most Of Your Time." This 3 hour workshop provided physicians with an introduction to the practice of Motivational Interviewing in primary care.

· Jeff Baxter (and Ruth Potee) were featured physician panelists at the opioid abuse and addiction summit held at the Massachusetts Medical Society on Oct 2. United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch was the keynote speaker.

· On Friday Oct. 2, Carole Upshur and Melodie Wenz-Gross presented preliminary findings about the Kidsteps II study to the Worcester Together for Kids Coalition. The Coalition is a volunteer leadership organization of 35 plus state and local child care, education, social services and public health agencies interested in the development of young children, especially those at risk. Together for Kids was created about 15 years ago to address the expulsion of young children from child care programs for out of control behavior. The Coalition was instrumental in obtaining funds for intervention development, evaluation and advocacy resulting in a state budget line item for behavioral health consultation in child care programs across Massachusetts which continues in the budget of the Department of Early Care and Education, and actively advocates and helps to link a number of Worcester activities designed to promote health among vulnerable children and families. Carole and Melodie have worked with the coalition and assisted in developing and documenting its work since its inception.

## **Professional Service**

· Last week the AAFP's policy making body, the Congress of Delegates (COD), met in Denver for 3 days. Massachusetts was represented by delegates Patty Sereno (UMMS 1993) and Dennis Dimitri) and alternate delegates Tom Hines (UMMS FM residency 1982) and Joe Gravel. Over 50 resolutions were debated and voted upon with issues ranging from practice related concerns such as EHR interoperability and ICD 10, to public health issues such as immunizations, nutrition and medical marijuana, to educational issues such as MOC, debt relief for students, and residency training in MAT for substance abuse disorder.

The full proceedings and decisions of the COD are available on the AAFP website <http://www.aafp.org/about/governance/congress-delegates/2015.html>.