



Monday Memo – February 22, 2016

Grants and Contracts

- The Barre Family Health Center was awarded a contract from the Department of Public Health to expand its ability to care for patients who are opioid dependent. The award will provide \$133,000 in funding over the next 16 months. This money will support the work of a dedicated nurse care manager to coordinate the care of these patients. The health center currently provides care to more than 200 patients who are struggling with opioid dependence and this contract will allow the health center to expand its ability to care for additional patients in Barre and the surrounding community. Kudos to Dan Mullin who led the proposal effort.

Presentations

- Dennis Dimitri was an invited speaker and panelist at two recent events. At the Massachusetts Health Council's Pharmacy Public Health Symposium on January 20th he presented "The Role of Health Care Providers in Addressing the Opioid Crisis."

On January 27th at the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council's Annual Policy Leadership Breakfast he participated as a panelist discussing "Innovation's Role in the Opioid Abuse Crisis."

Publications

- Robert Wellman is first author of Wellman RJ, Vaughn JA, Sylvestre M-P, O'Loughlin EK, Dugas EN, O'Loughlin J. Relationships between current and past binge drinking and systolic blood pressure in young adults. *J Adolesc Health*. 2016;58(3):352-357. doi:10.1016/j.jadohealth.2015.10.251

- Hugh Silk had a book review published in the February edition of Family Medicine on Atul Gawande's latest book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*. You can read the review here: <http://www.stfm.org/FamilyMedicine/Vol48Issue2/Silk148>