



## *Monday Memo – April 4, 2016*

### **External Review**

· Last Thursday and Friday, we were visited by three distinguished Chairs of Family Medicine, Drs. Lloyd Michener (Duke University), Valerie Gilchrist (University of Wisconsin), and Carlos Moreno (University of Texas, Houston), who were invited by the Office of Faculty Affairs to conduct an External Review of our Department. These reviews are conducted of each Department approximately every five years (seven years in this case). The visiting team met with representatives of our faculty, as well as school and clinical system leadership, and focused on all areas of our work, including organization and culture, clinical care, resident and student education, community health, and department finances and administration. Initial feedback was very positive. Formal feedback from the reviewers will be available in the near future. We thank everyone who participated in the review by either preparing material for the visit and/or by meeting with the reviewers.

### **Events**

· The UMassMemorial Sports Medicine team provided medical coverage for the 2016 NCAA Northeast Regional Men's Ice Hockey Tournament at the DCU Center March 24-26. The team provided care throughout all practice times and games serving players, team personnel and tournament officials. From our Department, the team included: Jay Broadhurst, Kim Sikule (Barre resident), Scott Goldberg (HFHC resident), Dan Jones and Jeff Wang (sports medicine fellows), and Bill Chrisostimidis. Amrit Vinod, a UMMS third year student, also participated.

· Patients at Hahnemann Family Health Center (HFHC) enjoyed a visit from Rep. Mary Keefe (D-Worcester) as part of the Reach Out and Read program. Rep. Keefe stopped by to read to a group of young patients before sending each of them home with a book of their own. Ron Adler, medical director of Reach Out and Read at UMass Memorial Medical Center, said that the program, which delivers free books to children at each well visit beginning at six months of age, is designed to promote the love of books among preschool children and help prepare them for

success in school. The program is present in 14 primary care offices throughout UMass Memorial Health Care, providing more than 10,000 books annually.

· On March 15th 33 female residents and Department faculty shared dinner while discussing life after residency. Specific career counseling and conversation took the format of "speed dating" so each resident could meet with many diverse faculty members. Following this fun discussion format, there was a panel of female faculty and the floor was opened to some moderated resident questioning.

## **Presentations**

· On Wednesday, March 30, Suzanne Cashman was the invited keynote speaker and panel discussion facilitator at the University of Connecticut's Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy's forum entitled, Participatory Action Research: Researchers and Community Partners Working Together for Real-World Success. This forum was co-sponsored by UMass Lowell's Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace and UConn's Center for Environmental Health and Health Promotion. The title of Suzanne's talk was: *The Dance of Participatory Action Research: What are the steps? Do I lead, follow, or just try to stay in time?*

## **Publications**

· Robert Wellman is author/co-author of two recent publications:

Wellman RJ, O'Loughlin J. E-cigarettes: addressing gaps in knowledge. *Int J Public Health*. 2016;61(2):149-150. doi:10.1007/s00038-016-0801-4 {Invited commentary, part of a special issue on e-cigarettes }

O'Loughlin J, Wellman RJ, Potvin L. Whither the e-cigarette? *Int J Public Health*. 2016;61(2):147-148. doi:10.1007/s00038-016-0800-5 {Editorial, part of a special issue on e-cigarettes }

## **Announcements**

- The Call for Presentations is now open for the STFM Conference on Medical Student Education, February 9-12, 2017 in Anaheim, CA.

<http://www.stfm.org/Conferences/ConferenceonMedicalStudentEducation>

- The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) is looking for nominees for several awards. If you would like the Department to consider a faculty member for the Emerging Leader or Mid-Career Award please send the person's name to Melissa McLaughlin, [melissa.mclaughlin@umassmed.edu](mailto:melissa.mclaughlin@umassmed.edu). A complete list of awards can be found at [www.fmec.net](http://www.fmec.net).