



Monday Memo – June 29, 2015

Faculty Appointments and Promotions

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments or promotions:

· **Katharine Barnard, MD** was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department. Dr. Barnard received her medical degree from UMass Medical School (2000) and remained in Worcester to complete her family medicine residency program at Hahnemann Family Health Center, where she served as Chief Resident. Upon graduation, the Department was fortunate to recruit her as a member of the faculty as an Assistant Professor (2003) when she joined the Plumley Village Health Services practice and was appointed as Medical Director (2005). She has provided full spectrum family medicine in the health center and leads a practice that supports and cares for the underserved community, including a variety of outreach efforts. Plumley Village has been designated as a Level III Patient Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Katharine has also served on a variety of pilot projects around reimbursement reform, and on committees for the UMass Memorial Health Care system. In recognition of her contributions, the Worcester District Medical Society honored her in 2012 with the A. Jane Fitzpatrick Award for Community Service. Dr. Barnard demonstrates a strong commitment to education and takes pre-clinical as well as third and fourth year medical students at her site for preceptorships, including students from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She regularly supports the Medical School's Interclerkship offerings as a small group leader, and has provided lectures on maternity care for the Graduate School of Nursing and provides teaching on the inpatient service with Family Medicine residents. She has served as a mentor to medical and nurse practitioner students, residents, and junior faculty and has assisted with the development of a community medicine and population health curriculum to support the Residency Review Committee's milestones for family medicine residents.

· **Sara Casey, DO** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Casey is a 2011 graduate of the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine and a 2014 graduate of the Worcester Family Medicine Residency program at the Family Health Center of Worcester (FHCW). Late last year we were fortunate to recruit Dr. Casey to stay on as a member of our core residency faculty, based at FHCW where she teaches

medical students, residents and other learners rotating through the health center. She practices full spectrum family medicine providing prenatal care to patients and serves as maternal child health faculty working with residents in the hospital. During medical school she also trained as a Doula. A bilingual provider with English as her second language, she has conducted both diabetic and prenatal group visits in Spanish for patients at FHCW.

· **Susan Wolf-Fordham, JD** was recently appointed as an Instructor in the Department. She is a 1984 graduate of Boston University School of Law where she earned her Juris Doctorate degree. Additionally, she completed two fellowships, one with the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University (1997) and the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program through UMass Medical School's E.K. Shriver Center (2007-08). She joined the Shriver Center in 2008 as a Project Manager and was promoted to Project Director in 2014. Currently she oversees Emergency Preparedness, Response and Disability projects including the development and implementation of online training courses in collaboration with the UMMS Center of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness Education and Training (CEEPET). These include self-advocate education workshops, parent education training and systems change training for emergency personnel, government officials and the disability community. She continues to serve as Co-Founder and Chair for a Special Needs Education Resource Center she started during her fellowship in the Ukraine. This Center is described as a "first of its kind civil society development project, special education, family support and medical advocacy program for 60 Ukrainian special needs children and their families". Ms. Wolf-Fordham brings her expertise in the area of special needs and disability populations to the Medical School. She has served as a guest lecturer for the Population Health Clerkship and soon will give a lecture to the child psychiatry fellows about family experiences with care transition and the health care system. She also presents and publishes in her area of expertise; two articles were recently accepted for publication in peer reviewed journals.