



## *Monday Memo – April 11, 2016*

### **Events**

· Hahnemann Family Health Center (HFHC) recently celebrated 40 years of service to the Worcester community! Opened in 1975 by Jerrold Commons, MD, the practice moved from its original Dean Street location to its current home on the Hahnemann Campus in 1998. The commemoration was held on Monday morning April 4, attended by HFHC faculty and staff and leadership of UMassMemorial.

· Jaime Vallejos coordinated and successfully hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MassAHEC HOSA State Leadership Conference for 200 youth interested in health careers at the Albert Sherman Center on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event's award ceremony was emceed with spirit by Warren Ferguson. Sai Cherala, Linda Cragin, Bonnie Greenwood, Heather-Lyn Haley, Debi Lang, Linda Long Bellil, Pam Senesac, and Judy Savageau participated as event managers and judges. Participation also included residents from Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency, Benjamin Calef, Jeremy Morrison and Eric Rosenthal, who took part in the speed networking event. Psychology post-doctoral fellows Beth Briggs, Brian Potts, Liana Shelby and medical resident Laura Perez participated in the speed networking and presented psychology as the career highlight of the year. Thanks to all from MassAHEC.

### **Publications**

· An article about the Thursday Morning Memo is out in the April edition of Family Medicine. First author is Meghan Veno, a second year medical student who completed the article as part of a medical school summer research fellowship. Hugh Silk, Judy Savageau and Kate Sullivan are co-authors. Veno M, Silk H, Savageau JA, Sullivan KM. "Evaluating one strategy for including reflection in medical education and practice". Family Medicine 2016 48(4):300-304. <http://www.stfm.org/FamilyMedicine/Vol48Issue4/Veno300>

- Together with Kenny Lin and John Mandrola, Stephen Martin wrote "Walk, don't run, to implement SPRINT findings in primary care"

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## **Grants**

- The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) recently approved funding for a project entitled Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care for Co-Morbid Behavioral and Medical Problems. The Center for Integrated Primary Care (CIPC) and the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health are major partners for this study with financial support totaling in excess of \$1M over 5 years. After some delay, the funding and project will be now be initiated starting April 1. The Center will be providing training and technical assistance to all of the 40+ primary care practices participating in the study. In addition, four of our own primary care practices will be engaged: Barre Family Health Center, Hahnemann Family Health Center, Benedict Family Medicine, and Fitchburg Family Practice. This award will further enhance the CIPC's reputation as national leaders in the education of primary care teams. Both the CIPC and practice transformation activities will be directed by Dan Mullin. The practice transformation work will be managed in close collaboration with the rest of the department's behavioral health team, practice medical directors, and practice quality improvement/transformation team. Benjamin Littenberg, MD at the University of Vermont is the PI for this project.

## **Faculty Development**

- Virginia VanDuyne graduated from the National Institute for Program Director Development fellowship at AFMRD's Program Director Workshop April 1<sup>st</sup>. She was chosen as one of four fellows to present her academic project at the NIPDD Fellow Outstanding Academic Project Showcase on Saturday. Her project was titled "Enhancing Faculty Wellness and Preventing Burnout: A Department-Wide Needs Assessment." Congratulations, Ginny!"