



## *Monday Memo – April 25, 2016*

### **Awards and Recognition**

· Hugh Silk was awarded the American Association of Public Health Dentistry's 2016 Public Service Award at the AAPHD annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 17. The American Association of Public Health Dentistry grants the award annually to an individual who has made substantial contributions to improving health through action related to public health dentistry issues. Past recipients include Jimmy Carter, C Everett Koop and Bernie Sanders.

· Warren Ferguson received the Community Clinician of the Year Award from the Worcester District Medical Society at their April 13 Annual Business Meeting.

Congratulations Hugh and Warren!

### **Grants**

· Daria Szkwarko, DO, a first year preventive medicine/global health fellow, was awarded a pilot project grant from the Office of Global Health for \$25k for her project titled "Closing the loop in child tuberculosis contact management: Predictors and completion of therapy outcomes in western Kenya" Partnering with the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) - an academic collaboration and HIV care program - her project will take place across 14 tuberculosis clinic sites in western Kenya.

### **Presentations**

· The annual Primary Care Days conference was held on April 12 and 13 in Westborough. Dennis Dimitri and Michael Kneeland served as members of the Executive Planning Committee. The following Department faculty presented:

Bob Baldor, “Transitioning Adolescents and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities into an Adult Focused Practice”

Dennis Dimitri, “ The Public Health Crisis of Opioid Misuse”

Frank Domino, “The Top Ten Things I Learned This Year”

Jennifer Reidy and Lucy Candib, “Optimizing Palliative Care in Primary Care Medicine”

Ricardo Poza, the new Instructional Designer in the Center for Integrated Primary Care, was co-author of a poster at the The American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, April 8-12 in Washington, DC; “Internalized Stereotypes: Do They Play a Role in Girls' Robotics Learning?”

## **Events**

· Faculty on the agenda of the April 13 Annual Business Meeting of the Worcester District Medical Society included (in addition to Warren for his award as noted above):

Fred Baker, who, as outgoing President, handed over the gavel to the new President;

Jay Broadhurst, who accepted the gavel as the incoming President;

Dennis Dimitri, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, who spoke on behalf of the MMS

· April 18 was of course the day of the Boston marathon. Over 30,000 runners participated and approximately 750 received treatment in one of the course or finish area tents. The weather presented different challenges for different runners: conditions treated included hyperthermia, hypothermia, muscle cramps, dehydration, gastrointestinal upset, abrasions, chest pain and joint pain. The UMass team on hand to support the medical needs of the runners included several members of our faculty as well as our fellows and residents. Team members participated in staffing general medical sections, the critical and intensive care section, and the massage therapy section. Tina Runyan was part of the Psychology Support team which helped runners cope with the stresses of running the race and with illness and injury. Participants from the Department (and students) included: Jay Broadhurst, faculty; Valerie Valant, UMMS 3; Kylee Eagles, Sports

Medicine fellow graduate; Tina Runyan, faculty; Kim Sikule, resident; Timothy Boardman, UMMS 4; Pierre Rouzier, faculty; Chad Beattie, Sports Medicine fellow graduate; John Sooy, UMMS 3; Laura Fralich, Sports Medicine fellow graduate; Matthew Collins, faculty; Louis Fazen, faculty.

· Last week UMass was honored with a visit from Dr. Sanjeev Arora, founder of Project ECHO from University of New Mexico. Dr. Arora and his team travelled to Massachusetts in order to raise regional awareness about Project ECHO, a capacity building model that moves information, not people, and allows access to specialist knowledge via existing primary care. Our department was the proud sponsor of this historic two-day event which included grand rounds and meetings with department leaders and organizational representatives. The following people were involved in planning this visit: Dan Lasser, Warren Ferguson, Melissa McLaughlin, Steve Martin, and Judy Hsu.

Dr. Arora's UMass presentation can be found here:

<https://echo.umassmed.edu:8443/ess/echo/presentation/2b07b752-6cf6-4da9-8649-5b3a53877ec2>

Project ECHO website

<http://echo.unm.edu/>

MetaECHO videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FanE\\_Ud0xE&list=PLoL7mi3iOLMLO3BC\\_2M-ZkDgDYhLOW0Pn&index=11](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FanE_Ud0xE&list=PLoL7mi3iOLMLO3BC_2M-ZkDgDYhLOW0Pn&index=11)