Monday Memo – November 20, 2017

We devote today’s Monday Memo to acknowledging the many faculty and community collaborators who led and made possible another successful Population Health Clerkship.

The 2017 Population Health Clerkship was held between October 16-27. Through this required two-week immersion experience, all second year medical and graduate nursing students are introduced to public health concepts and to communities as units of care. Time spent in community settings helps learners gain insight into how different health professionals work with the population of focus and function as interprofessional teams.

This year, academic faculty and community preceptors developed and led a total of 30 teams, as described below. Heather Lyn-Haley, in addition to leading a few small groups, also coordinated the entire clerkship, a huge effort. Thank you to all involved for their commitment to excellence and willingness to share their experience and knowledge with our learners.

- **GSN faculty and Plumley Village FNP Ken Peterson**, working together with medical student co-leaders Emily Berner and Patrick McGuire and in collaboration with John Trobaugh from the Diversity and Inclusion Office and Jorge Sanchez from Commonwealth Medicine, led a team on Access to quality health care and services in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.
- **Matilde Castiel** led a team entitled, Advocacy and Healthcare Services: A Deep Dive into Population Health. She had assistance from Worcester State University’s Jaime Vallejos and the Worcester Division of Public Health.
- **Heather-Lyn Haley** worked with Tina Grosowsky from the department of Psychiatry to develop a team devoted to furthering the work of the Central MA Tobacco-Free Partnership.
- Community Benefits manager Rosa Fernandez from Clinton Hospital led a team focused on Community Language Access and Quality Improvement for people using Clinton Hospital.
- GSN Professor Jean Boucher led a team that focused on the DR Batey Health Initiative; she had assistance from Global Health Fellow Satu Salonen.
- FMCH new faculty member **Maria Michas** led her first PHC team this year focused on the Employee Health Service.
- Karen Dick (GSN), Debi Lang (MassAHEC), and Sarah McGee (Medicine) hosted a team looking at a geriatric population. With assistance from the Worcester Senior Center’s Linda Wincek-Moore and Jennifer Knight at Elder Services for the Worcester Area, they led the Geriatrics: Fall risk and prevention for older adults clerkship.
- Preventive Medicine Fellows **Susan Boisvert-Hogan & Leanne Jones** led a team titled Get with the Programs: Connecting Providers to Community Resources.
- FMCH faculty members Jennifer Bradford and Erik Garcia led a team focused on health care for the homeless with assistance from Katherine Calano, City of Worcester Homelessness Program.
- MassHealth’ Chief Medical Officer and associate professor Carolyn Langer led a team entitled, Health Policy in the Public Sector: MassHealth at the Forefront of Healthcare Reform; Jill Morrow-Gorton and multiple Office of Clinical Affairs and MassHealth staff provided assistance.
- Phil Bolduc worked with a team focused on HIV in Massachusetts: A state’s action plan and two community responses (Worcester and Lawrence), with assistance from Vanessa Sasso at the New England AIDS Education and Training Center and Christopher Bositis at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.
- Suzanne Cashman worked with fourth year student Allison Earon to lead a team focused on Hotspotting in Worcester, working to connect super-utilizers of the ER with community resources.
- Preventive Medicine graduate Kathryn Brodowski, now Director of Health and Research at Greater Boston Food Bank, led a team titled: How do I feed my family tonight? Food, Health and Access within our Community.
- Lemuel Shattuck Hospital’s chief medical officer Ken Freedman led a team focused on Incarcerated and urban working poor with his colleagues Daniella Floru, Michelle Cooke and Salah Alrakawi.
- Jill Terrien (GSN), Michael Hirsh (WDPH), and coordinator Ashley Simpson led a team titled: Injury prevention IS public health with input from many staff at the Worcester Division of Public Health.
- MassAHEC Network’s Director of Cross-Cultural Initiatives Lisa Morris led a team on Language Access and Patient Encounters: Worcester, with input from Nancy Esperza, Director of Health Equity and Language Link Interpreters at the Center for Health Impact.
- Linda Long-Bellil led a team focused on Living with a disability, with assistance from Darlene (Dee) O’Connor.
- Community partners Susan Buchholz, Joint Coalition for Health and Jennifer Cruickshank, Director of Behavioral Health at Community Health Connections, led a new team in North County titled: LUV (Listening to Unheard Voices): Making Opioid Interventions More Effective by Humanizing Addiction.
- Jay Himmelstein and Michael Chin led a team on Massachusetts Health Reform 3.0: Value Based Payments, Integration of Health System with Community Partners and Addressing the Social Determinants of Health, with input from Douglas Brown.
- Heather-Lyn Haley and Bev Nazarian led a team focused on the Medical-Legal Partnership Pro Bono Project, together with our partners from Community Legal Aid Valerie Zolezzi-Wyndham and Weayonna Nelson-Davies.
- Hugh Silk, Susan Feeney, and Pat White led a team titled: Oral Health as Part of Overall and Population Health – Really! with input from several area dental care providers and advocates.
- Center for Health Impact’s Director Joanne Calista and Associate Professor Jennifer Reidy led a team focused on Palliative and End of Life Care with assistance from Jena Bauman Adams.
• **Suzanne Cashman** worked with Pernet Family Health Services CEO **Sheilah Dooley** to lead a team focused on Parenting & family stability, with assistance from Pernet’s **Chris Nelson** and **Emily Linhares**, Director of Family and Community Development.

• **Alixe Bonardi, Emily Lauer, Deb Dreyfus**, and **Bob Baldor** led a team focused on People with developmental and intellectual disability: Community living and health care experiences.

• **Olga Valdman** and **Amber Sarkar** led a team focused on Refugee health in community health centers.

• Associate Dean for Interprofessional and Community Partnerships **Janet Hale**, together with our faculty **Linda Cragin and Tina Runyan**, co-led a team that learned about Veterans/Military Health Issues, with input from Psychiatry department faculty **David Smelson** and **Barry Feldman**.

• **Leanne Winchester** led a team focused on the population served by Worcester Head Start Program, with aid from **Mary Ann Rollings**.

• **Tasmina Hydery, Sara Shields**, and **Cathy Violette** led a team working on the new Baby Box Initiative of the Worcester Healthy Baby Collaborative.

• **Heather-Lyn Haley** coordinated the input of student leaders **Emily Ziady** (MS4) and **Kelly Cakert** (MS3) with public school nurses **Deb McGovern** and **Kristin McFarland** on a team focused on Worcester Public School students: Improving uptake at school flu clinics.

• **Suzanne Cashman** worked with **Daniel Pesch** MD and the Dukes County Health Council to lead a team focused on Access to Reproductive Healthcare on Martha’s Vineyard: Assessing a Diverse, Rural Population’s Need for and Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services.

The PHC concluded with a poster presentation event November 6 held in the Sherman Center Learning Community Suites. Thank you to the following faculty and community partners who served as poster presentation facilitators and raters:

• Kola Akindele, Office of Community and Government Relations
• Rebecca Bialecki, Vice-President of Community Health, Chief Agent of Change, Heywood Healthcare
• Dawn Carpenter, Asst Professor, GSN
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