Monday Memo – April 30, 2018

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Paula Gardiner was appointed to the Massachusetts Medical Society Task Force on Opioid Therapy and Physician Communication.

- The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) will present its first Lauren Arms Ledwith Outreach Service Award at the annual Outreach Partners Meeting at the UMMS South Street site on May 1. Lauren spent almost her entire career working with SNAP and UMMS. As stated in a 2016 national award presentation, Lauren “demonstrated an unwavering commitment to reducing food insecurity and improving the lives of thousands of families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.” Lauren was Senior Consultant for Nutrition Programs at UMMS Commonwealth Medicine for about 6 years before returning to DTA to serve as SNAP Director in 2015. It is fitting to have this presentation and this outreach program at the UMMS site where she worked tirelessly to expand access to and impact of food assistance programs.

The American Public Human Services Association and the American Association of SNAP Directors honored her with a Distinguished Service Award in October 2016, recognizing her major improvements to Massachusetts’s ability to deliver human services to its citizens through program innovation, data sharing with other programs, and employment and training initiatives. This link gives a taste of the work she did from the perspective of Mass Law Reform, the advocacy group that sometimes collaborated and sometimes pushed DTA over the years.
PRESENTATIONS

A number of pharmacist faculty members participated in the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy’s Annual Meeting & Expo located in Boston, MA April 24-26:

- Paul Jeffrey moderated and Kimberly Lenz presented: Patient review and restriction programs: Prescription drug monitoring programs and the need for collaboration

- Paul Jeffrey, Kimberly Lenz, Tasmina Hydery and Bonnie Greenwood served as co-investigators for a research poster that won AMCP Foundation’s award for Best Resident Poster. Commonwealth Medicine’s Clinical Pharmacy Services PGY1 managed care pharmacy resident, Sage Bagwell, led the research effort: An evaluation to determine the most cost-effective site of care for delivery of high-cost infused medications in a state Medicaid population

- Paul Jeffrey, Kimberly Lenz, and Bonnie Greenwood served as co-investigators for a research poster that won a Gold Ribbon on the basis of 5 criteria (relevance, originality, quality, bias, and clarity). Commonwealth Medicine’s Clinical Pharmacy Services consultant pharmacist, Mark Tesell, led the research effort: Impact of lumacaftor/ivacaftor on pulmonary exacerbation rates in members with cystic fibrosis in a Medicaid population

- Bill Foley taught in the Berkshires. The course, “Using the Powers Within the Patient’s Body: Lymphatics and Other Fluids” was held April 21 & 22, 2018. This was an osteopathic course with both lecture and hands-on experiences. Addressed were perspectives of balanced ligamentous and balanced membranous tension with an emphasis on the structure and function of the fascias and posture of the living human, and their effects on health.

MULTIPLE FACULTY PRESENTED AT PRIMARY CARE DAYS APRIL 10-11, 2018

Day 1 KEYNOTE:

- The Top 10 Things I Learned This Year
  Frank Domino, MD

- Weaning Your Patients Off Opioids* (Pain Management and Risk Management Credit)
  David Gilchrist, MD

- Evaluating Musculo-skeletal Pain in the Primary Care Office
  John (Herb) Stevenson, MD

Day 2 KEYNOTE:

- Update on the Opioid Epidemic: Might Safe Injection Facilities be Part of the Solution?
Dennis Dimitri, MD

- Motivational Interviewing
  Dan Mullin, PsyD, MPH

- Understanding Overdiagnosis: Potential Harms of Cancer Screening
  Ronald Adler, MD

- Cardiac Diagnostics: Taking the Stress Out of Stress Testing
  Cynthia Jeremiah, MD

- Screening for Autism in the Primary Care Office
  Robert Baldor, MD

**Publications**

- Steve Martin was a co-author of "Under one roof: identification, evaluation, and treatment of chronic hepatitis C in addiction care" in *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*. 