Monday Memo – May 14, 2018

Presentations

Hugh Silk was an invited speaker at the Reede Scholars Annual Health Equity Symposium in Boston on May 3 speaking on Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care – Where Have We Come From, Where Are We, and Where Are We Going?. He was also part of an interprofessional panel.

Bob Baldor participated in a panel on Evidence Based Medicine: What Do We Really Know about Treating People with IDD and Behavioral Health Challenges? and presented Emergency Department Evaluation of the Patient with IDD and Behavioral Challenges: A Bio-Psycho-Social Approach at the START National Training Institute Meeting in Boston on May 7th. The panel discussed the state of the art with respect to the care of people with IDD (intellectual/developmental disabilities) who have significant behavioral health challenges from multiple perspectives including Neuropsychiatry, Primary Care, Child Psychiatry and Developmental Psychology perspectives. The Center for START Services is a non-profit, national initiative based at the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability/UCED. It sponsors its annual training institute as a forum where partners from around the country learn about research findings and best practices.

Department faculty and residents had a significant presence at last week’s annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. We’ll include the complete list in next week’s Monday Memo.

Awards

Jennifer Bradford is receiving a $17,000 award from UMass Medical School’s Remillard Community Service Fund for her work with sexually exploited women in Worcester.

At UMass Medical School’s annual Educational Recognition Awards on April 26, awardees included:

- Michele Pugnaire was presented with this year’s Lamar Soutter Award for excellence in undergraduate medical education. The award is given to faculty who have “made an indelible imprint on UMass and American medical student education”
- Jennifer Reidy, Jeff Baxter and Dan Mullin were among those presented with an Educational; Achievement (STAR) Award for their work in the development of a standardized curriculum for the management of opioid use disorder
Publications

- Paula Gardiner’s paper "Tai Chi for reducing dual task gait variability, a potential mediator of fall risk in Parkinson’s disease: A pilot randomized controlled trial" was accepted in Global Advances in Health and Medicine.

Chair search

The search committee for the next Department Chair would like to hear from the faculty regarding any potential candidates, as well as any concerns you feel are important. You can communicate with the committee by contacting Stephanie Fidel, Vice President for Isaacson, Miller, the academic search firm working with the search committee, at sfidel@imsearch.com.

The Department’s Leadership Team met last week with Ms. Fidel and search committee co-chairs Lynda Young (Chair of the UMass Memorial Group Practice Board of Directors) and Greg Volturo (Chair of Emergency Medicine). The meeting provided an opportunity for the group to inform the search committee leaders of challenges facing the department.

The up-to-date list of the search committee co-chaired by Drs. Volturo and Young includes:

- Fran Anthes: CEO and President, Family Health Center of Worcester
- Angela Beeler: Chief, Division of General Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics
- Bill Corbett: Senior Vice President for Community Practices, UMass Memorial Medical Group
- Deborah DeMarco: Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education
- Stephen Earls: Medical Director, Barre Family Health Center
- David Gilchrist: Medical Director, Hahnemann Family Health Center
- Jerry Gurwitz: Executive Director, Meyers Primary Care Institute, and Chief, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine and Community Health
- Julia Johnson: Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Tracy Kedian: Assistant Dean for Student Academic Achievement
- Catarina Kiefe: Chair, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences
- Sherri Keitz: Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs, Department of Medicine
- Deborah Plummer: Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion (UMMS) and Chief Diversity Officer (UMMHC)
- David Polakoff: Chief Medical Officer and Associate Dean for Commonwealth Medicine
- Abraham Thomas: Chair, Department of Medicine, Baystate Health
- Michele Streeter: Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, UMass Memorial Medical Group