Monday Memo – December 17, 2018

Professional Development

2019 Empower Summit: The Medical School has announced that this year’s Empower Summit (EMpowering PrOfessional Women for Executive Roles) will be Friday, May 17 from 8-5 pm. Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs, the Joy McCann Foundation and Baystate Health, the third annual EMPOWER Summit is a one-day immersive, interactive leadership development opportunity focused on the role leaders play in increasing faculty engagement, mitigating burnout and promoting vitality. Current and aspiring women leaders, and the men and women who mentor or sponsor them are welcome to attend. Watch for announcements.

Behavioral Science/Family Systems Educator Fellowship: Congratulations to Liz Dykhouse, PhD. Behavioral Science faculty member based at the Barre Family Health Center, who has been accepted into the 2019-20 Behavioral Science/Family Systems Educator Fellowship class sponsored by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. She will be joining 17 other Fellows from across the country in a program that includes development of a Professional Learning Contract, Philosophy of Teaching and a Scholarly Project, participation in a small group of 4-5 Fellows and 2 small group mentors, Fellowship activities at the 2019 STFM Annual Conference and at the Society’s Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine, and presentation of her project at the 2020 STFM Annual Meeting.

Presentations

Debi Lang, CWM faculty, was co-author on a presentation, National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment: Developing an Elder Mistreatment Care Model for Emergency Departments” at the Gerontology Society of American annual meeting in Boston on November 15th. The National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment is hosted by the Education Development Center with funding from the John A. Hartford Foundation and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and includes experts, stakeholders, and clinical partners from California, Massachusetts, New York, and Texas. Debi is a member of the Massachusetts team, led by Alice Bonner, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Hugh Silk was an invited panel member at the convening Integrating Oral and General Health Through Health Literacy Practices on Dec 6 coordinated by the National Academy of Sciences. Hugh was part of a multidisciplinary panel addressing Developing a Research Agenda for Integrating Oral and General Health.

Maria Michas presented:
•  *Caution: Women at Work*, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Grand Rounds, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, 11/2/2018  


Dr. Carolyn Langer, the Fallon Health Chief Medical Officer, moderated a panel at the Central Massachusetts Health Care Forum on December 7th that included panelists David Seltz, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission; John Greenwood, the President of the UMass Memorial Accountable Care Organization; and Dr. Michael Sheehy, the Chief of Population Health and Analytics at Reliant Medical Group. The panel discussed payment reform, drug costs, social determinants of health, data analytics, and more.

**Department news**

**Risk Management grant awarded at the Barre Family Health Center:** Kristina Gracey, alongside a team of faculty, residents, and staff at the Barre Family Health Center, have been awarded a $10,000 grant through the UMMHC Carl Akins Risk Management Grant Program. Titled "Safety matters: a team-based collaboration at the Barre Family Health Center to more rapidly care for unstable patients and reduce falls," the project has two foci: 1) To reduce door-to-triage time for unstable patients in the waiting room through workshops, team-based interventions and staff/clinician training on identification and care of unstable patients; and 2) Addressing fall risks for patients through team-based workshops focused on training related to fall prevention.

**Holiday Gift Bags**  --- The department’s Holiday ‘Basket’ project was a great success again this year. We filled 333 holiday gift bags and distributed them to 11 shelters and 7 CHCs and primary care practices/outreach programs. The FMIG medical students helped with fund raising as well as deliveries to many of the shelters. We collected nearly $2500 from 39 individuals and a small army of medical students who contributed nearly 250 toiletry items (spearheaded by Alyssa Stetson, Abi Bose, and Nolan Condron of the FMIG). Coordinated by Judy Savageau, the project’s success included significant contributions from many departmental staff who helped to fill nearly all the bags (using a LEAN approach), including: Elena Maltese, Linda Hollis, Melissa McLaughlin, Jeanie Roy, Pam Tero, Lorna Chiasson, Kate Sullivan, Karen Rayla, Jennifer Masoud, Jessica Baer, Maryanne Adams, Ann Romano, Lucy Garabedian, Cheryl Gignilliat, and Rebecca Sulyama (hoping no one has been forgotten!). Thanks to all of you who contributed items and your well wishes throughout the project.
Coats for Kids Campaign --- The department’s annual community service project to supply children in the Worcester Public Schools with a new coat, hat, and mittens (coordinated by Judy Savageau) was another tremendous success this year. We ‘winterized’ 40 children from several of Worcester’s neighborhood schools $1155 was raised to support this project with donations from 28 individuals – some of whom even did their own shopping for the outerwear! Thanks to all of you who supported this endeavor. We were happy to find good homes for all of these coats as the temperatures started to dramatically drop!