Monday Memo – January 14, 2019

Publications

- Clark RE, Weinreb L, Flahive JM, Seifert RW. *Homelessness contributes to pregnancy complications*. Health Affairs, 38(1), 139-146, 2019..


Of Note

- **In the news:** Phil Bolduc (Director of the Community-Based HIV and Viral Hepatitis Fellowship at Family Health Center of Worcester) and Mattie Castiel (Worcester’s Commissioner of Health and Human Services) are extensively quoted in the January 9 online Worcester Business Journal’s “Health Care Enews” commenting on the relationship between the opioid crisis and the spread of viral hepatitis and Hepatitis C:  [http://www.wbjournal.com/article/20190109/HEALTH02/181139995/1048?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=CMHealthcare&utm_campaign=Wednesday](http://www.wbjournal.com/article/20190109/HEALTH02/181139995/1048?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=CMHealthcare&utm_campaign=Wednesday)

- **Congratulations:** Sonal Singh was nominated by his colleagues for an invited Fellowship and elected to the Fellowship of the American College of Physicians (the largest internal medicine organization in the world)

Faculty Council

- **Meeting Highlights:** Linda Long-Belli and Sherrilyn Sethi are our representatives to the Faculty Council, which meets monthly. They have provided the following highlights of the last Faculty Council meeting (you can contact them at linda.long@umassmed.edu or Sherrilyn.Sethi@umassmemorial.org with any questions):
  - Dean Flotte reported that
    - The search committee for the Chair of the Family Medicine and Community Health Department has submitted their final recommendations of final candidates to him and to UMass Memorial CEO Eric
Dickson. The work of search committees for several other chairs is ongoing.
  
  - UMMS is a finalist for the ACGME-Gold DeWitt (Bud) C. Baldwin Jr. Award, which recognizes accredited residency and fellowship programs that foster supportive and humanistic environments for medical education and patient care; a January 10-11 site visit by the ACGME and the Gold Foundation is planned.
  - The Medical School’s strategic planning process is well underway. Working groups will be reconvening this month. The goal is to have a strategic plan that will be discussed by the Chancellor at the September Convocation Ceremony.

- Dr. Luanne Thorndyke reported that the timing of Annual Performance Reviews for faculty is being changed to coincide with the end of the academic year rather than the end of the fiscal year. The process will start in March and this year’s final deadline for submission to Faculty Affairs will be June 3rd.

- Dr. Fain explained several amendments being made to the Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) bylaws. A vote on the final bylaws will be on the agenda for the next Faculty Council meeting. A copy of the proposed bylaws can be found on the Faculty Council website.

- Drs. Artenstein and Baldor described changes being made at the UMMS Baystate campus. UMMS Baystate will now have its own Family Medicine Department. Faculty in that department may also have secondary academic appointments at the medical school.