

## Psychiatry Business & Research Meeting

### MINUTES – September 5 2012 – Faculty Conference Room

**ATTENDANCE: 82 signatures on file: Faculty 21 Residents 14 Admin & Research 24; Support 12; Other 11**

**Please be sure to sign in for each meeting.** Our meetings begin at 12:00 noon. In an effort to cover material on an anticipated full agenda, please be sure to mark your calendars and arrive early so we may begin the meeting as scheduled. **Lunch is available starting at 11:45am.**  
**All faculty, residents, and staff are encouraged to attend.**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 3, 2012**

An agenda reminder will be sent for the September meeting later in August. Faculty and Staff are encouraged to contact the Chairman's Office with agenda items for these meetings at 508-856-3066 or via email at [Diana.Langford@umassmemorial.org](mailto:Diana.Langford@umassmemorial.org)

**Please review the minutes for information and announcement details that may not have been conveyed at today's meeting.**

Topic	Items for Presentation/Discussion	Reference & Contact Information
	<p>Dr. Ziedonis greeted everyone and thanked the department for their hard work over the summer months related to budgets and preparations for the arrival of new students and residents.</p> <p><b>Dr. Eric Dickson, President of the UMass Memorial Medical Group</b> (UMMMG) led off the meeting with updates on the UMMMG, Hospital President Succession Planning, President/CEO Succession Planning, and a Finance/Budget Update.</p> <p>Dr. Dickson addressed the transition from “for service contract” to “shared risk type contract” (distributing the cost of health care services across large number of participants) as we prepare for national healthcare reform through the Affordable Care Act. Our patient population is defined through our primary care base and 2013-2014 will be a major transition year for the way we deliver healthcare. Though it will be a difficult transition, it will be an exciting opportunity to change the way we deliver care and will be better for providers and patients.</p> <p>Next, Dr. Dickson addressed two important ongoing searches: The Board members for the Health System have moved to the second round of interviews for President and CEO (replacing John O'Brien) and hopefully will make a selection in October or November. The search for the Medical Center President (position vacated by Walter Ettinger) is well underway and search committee will narrow down the search to two or three candidates to present to the new Medical Center CEO. Other active searches underway are for CNO and Sr. VP for the Medical Group.</p> <p>Dr. Dickson gave a finance update for the Health System and Medical Group. June, July and August revenues fell off resulting in pressure for FY13 Budget. Operating margin is off due to volume loss. Though ambulatory continues to grow, downsizing will be necessary as volume decreases. There is hope that volume drop off will be good as we prepare for new changes in clinical practice, quality management and financial accountability.</p> <p><b>Diego Vazquez, Vice Provost for Research/Asst Vice Provost RFS</b>, gave an in-depth presentation on Conflict of Interest Training – the new requirement for all PI/Co-PI's which went “live” 8/1/2012. The new UMMS policy covers all sponsored project activity (not just PHS/federal) The purpose of the regulation is</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS ►	<p>aimed at ensuring that the design, conduct or reporting of research funded under PHS grants and cooperative agreements will not be biased by any conflicting financial interest of the investigators responsible for the research. Major changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More inclusive definition of investigator</li> <li>Lower financial disclosure thresholds (\$5K instead of \$10K)</li> <li>New COI training requirement</li> <li>Transparency for travel reimbursement</li> <li>Detailed information reported to PHS when conflicts exist</li> <li>Information accessible to the public</li> </ul> <p>Please link to his presentation <a href="#">here</a> for complete information on this new requirement.</p> <p><b>Dr. Doug Ziedonis provided the following announcements:</b></p> <p>► <b>Andrew R. Tapper, Ph.D.</b>, has accepted my invitation to serve as Interim Director of the UMass Department of Psychiatry's Irving S. and Betty Brudnick Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (BNRI). Dr. Tapper is an Associate Professor who joined the Department of Psychiatry in 2006 and has been extremely productive as a researcher, mentor, teacher, and leader in his BNRI laboratory. The lab focuses on the molecular basis of nicotine addiction, with an emphasis on neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors in addiction and neurological disease.</p> <p>Dr. Tapper and <b>Dr. Paul Gardner</b> co-lead their merged laboratories and are an excellent team. Dr. Gardner will continue to serve as the Associate Director of the BNRI. Dr. Tapper will report directly to Dr. Jean King, who will continue to provide oversight for the BNRI / CCNI in her role as vice chair of research for the Department of Psychiatry.</p> <p>► It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the passing of long-time colleague, friend and mentor <b>Ken Fletcher</b>. Ken died quietly at home on Tuesday after a long illness. For many years Ken provided statistical analysis and guidance to a wide variety of projects for many members of the University community. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, daughter Thies, and twin grand-daughters, Rhys and Celeste. Funeral arrangements are not yet complete, but a memorial service is planned for early September. A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR Ken will be held at the Boundless Way Temple at 1030 Pleasant Street, Worcester on Friday, September 28 at 7:00pm. Condolences from the Department have been sent.</p> <p><b>Dr. Jean King provided the following announcements:</b></p> <p><b>Please complete the CDRO survey monkey for Research Day 2012</b>  <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/83SDCYM">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/83SDCYM</a>  Deadline October 17</p> <p>► On behalf of the Office of Research, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Psychiatry and the Office of Faculty Affairs all are invited to the campus visit of Dr. Ginther, Friday September 28 in the Faculty Conference Room from, 11:30-1:00.</p>	
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Dr. Ginther is a Professor of Economics and the Director of the Center for Science Technology & Economic Policy at the Institute for Policy & Social Research at the University of Kansas. She led the recent NIH study looking at NIH funding and the impact of race and ethnicity. Her findings of disparities fueled an NIH response from the director, Dr. Francis Collins, who has pledged to take action to rectify these inequities. Dr. Collins has fully engaged Dr. Ginther in this process and looks to the study for adequate ways to increase the NIH funding.

► Pilot funds are available to increase collaboration related to the UMMS Department of Psychiatry and Assumption College Collaborative Pilot Research Program initiative which hopes to establish partnerships between our faculty that will increase our understanding of brain disorders and behavior and foster and accelerate joint submissions for larger federal and non-federal funding.

► Thank you & Farewell to **Meghan Heffernan** who left at the end of August to attend graduate school.

► **Registration for Research Day 2012 is now open on line.** The **2012 Psychiatry Research Day** will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, with the Administrator of SAMHSA, **Pamela Hyde**, as our keynote speaker and a focus on "Creating Healthier Communities: Integrative Behavioral Health." In an effort to better expose Department faculty and staff to the variety of research, scholarly and clinical programs our faculty are involved with, and to encourage networking and collaboration, we are announcing a Call for Abstracts. Young investigators and trainees are strongly encouraged to participate.

We will be limiting the number of poster submissions for this year and they will be accepted on a first come, first accepted basis. Dr. King encouraged all to register a poster...hope to fill the lobby!

Due to the quantity limit, posters can only be 4 x 4.

We are specifically requesting that the abstract be related to one of the (8) SAMHSA Strategic Initiatives and we ask that you tell us which category your abstract falls under at the time of submission. Ideally we will try to have several posters from each category.

The categories are as follows:

- Prevention of Substance Abuse & Mental Illness
- Trauma & Justice
- Military Families
- Health Reform
- Health IT
- Public Awareness & Support
- Data, Outcomes & Quality
- Recovery Support

► **Call for Nominations** In recognition of Outstanding Individual Faculty Contributions to the Department three awards will be given at the annual Research Day on October 31st:

\***New Award** - Department of Psychiatry Award for Clinical Excellence

Steven Banks Award for Research Mentoring

Doug Ziedonis Award for Career Development Mentoring

► Barbara Grimes-Smith, Program Director, Wellness Initiative, announced the upcoming **Cancer Walk** OPD will be selling raffle tickets again this year to win fabulous baskets! All proceeds go to the UMass Cancer Center of Excellence. The annual UMass Medicine Cancer Walk will be held on Sunday, September 23, on the University Campus. Now in its 14th year, the walk has raised more than \$7 million since its inception.

► Laura Myers, Associate Director, Family and Community Engagement, announced the fifth ***Be Mentally Well Lecture Series*** on "***Adolescents at Risk: The Challenge of Substance Abuse***" which will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 in Amphitheater 1 at the University campus. Speakers include Gerardo Gonzalez, Lisa Fortuna, MD, MPH, M.Div., Elizabeth Belliveau, MSW, LICSW, Greg DiGirolamo, PhD, Jennifer Carey, MD, and Ms. Emily Myers. Exhibitors will be in the old medical school lobby from 5:00-6:30pm preceding the event.

Maryann Davis announced

► **UMass Psychology Day** on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 to network with colleagues and share your academic or clinical projects. Psychology Day will be held on the University Campus of UMass Medical School.

More specifically, the Psychology Day Planning Committee is organizing an active day of events with an opportunity for UMass psychologists to share their academic and innovative clinical work in a "Poster Session" to be held in the afternoon.

We invite you to submit your work to be shared in a poster to be displayed in the Medical School Lobby on November 7th. Please note, this is intended to be a collegial exercise that allows for the UMass psychology community to share ideas and connect with colleagues. We encourage as many submissions as possible. Please feel free to submit a poster that has been previously presented at national or regional meetings. Feel free to keep it simple and share your innovative clinical work by organizing PowerPoint slides that could be printed out and tacked to a poster board (i.e. the old fashioned way of doing posters) Please note, it's not the beauty of the poster that counts, it's the innovative contents!

The following categories are general ideas for organizing the posters. If your work does not fit into one of these categories, please email us so that we may add your topic area to our list.

Research:

Basic science

Addictions & addictions treatments

Mental health and mental health treatments

Developmental disabilities and interventions

Intellectual disabilities and interventions

Wellness

Clinical Services

Addictions

Mental Health

<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<p>Developmental Disabilities Intellectual Disabilities Wellness Medical Settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Ziedonis introduced Dennis Nealon.</b> Please join me in welcoming Dennis Nealon to the UMass Department of Psychiatry where he is now serving as Associate Director of Communications, Continuing Medical Education and Global Initiatives. Dennis brings a great deal of communications skill and leadership, including past work as a public affairs professional, media relations officer and journalist.</li> </ul> <p>Dennis can be reached at 508-856-2199 or Dennis.Nealon2@umassmed.edu, and welcomes your input and suggestions. He will collaborate with senior communications leaders at UMass Memorial Health Care and UMass Medical School, and lead strategic communications planning for the psychiatry department to expand public and media awareness of our cutting-edge research and our focus on treatment and prevention of mental illness and addiction. He also will coordinate internal and external communications and oversee the department's Web site, newsletter and public education materials.</p> <p>Dennis earned a bachelor's degree at UMass Amherst, majoring in journalism and English, and a master's degree in Politics from Brandeis University.</p> <p>He previously worked as a writer/editor and communications consultant in the Center for Health Care Financing at UMMS' Commonwealth Medicine division, and as a communications specialist at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, Mass. He also worked at Brandeis University as Executive Director, Media and Public Affairs, and served as the school's chief spokesperson for many years. As a reporter for award-winning daily newspapers in New England earlier in his career, Dennis covered education, municipal government, and a wide range of major breaking stories. He has been an occasional contributor to the Associated Press in Boston.</p> <p>Welcome Dennis!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maryann Davis, PhD introduced <b>Mary Bates</b>, Administrative Assistant in Transitions RTC. She has a background in health care administration at Fallon.</li> </ul> <p>Jack Terry, PhD introduced the <b>Incoming Psychology interns for 2012-2013</b>. They are:</p> <p>Sheresa Christopher – Pacific Graduate School (Palo Alto, CA) Carina Iati – Indiana State University Jill Rosenbaum – University of Alabama Matthew Stimmel – Fordham University</p> <p>Incoming Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Residents are at a mandatory orientation meeting today and will be introduced in October.</p>	
<b>Awards and Recognition</b>	<p><b>Welcome Two New Babies</b> to our Psychiatry Department Family ....</p> <p><b>Wendy Marsh</b> welcomed the latest addition to her family, <b>Mureil Louise</b>, born on Tuesday Aug 7th. 8lbs 3 oz, 19.5 in and healthy! (picture)</p> <p><b>Entela Baoli</b> welcomed <b>Samuel Luke</b>, born 7:03 AM August 31st.</p>	

	<p>at 6 lbs and 3 oz and 19 " long.</p> <p><b>Wendy Marsh</b>, received <b>NARSAD Young Investigator Award 2012</b> for her study "Randomized Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Pilot Study of Vitamin D Supplementation for the Treatment of Bipolar Depression". ( Dr. Marsh, in a search for a well tolerated and safe option that would reduce depression symptoms in BP, believes vitamin D supplementation might be that treatment. Vitamin D acts in parts of the brain known to be involved in mood and also affects several of the key neurotransmitters targeted by antidepressants and mood stabilizers. In a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled pilot trial of vitamin D supplementation, participants will have BP depression and low vitamin D levels in their blood. Their mood and vitamin D levels will then be followed to see if an increase in vitamin D blood levels is associated with improved mood, and in particular less depression.)</p>	
Faculty and Staff News	<p><b>New Faculty:</b> Karla Rodriguez, MD      09/18/12      C/L Service</p> <p><b>Faculty Terminations:</b> M. Bijoy Mathew, MD MPH</p>	
Important Dates for your Calendar!	<p>September 6 – <b>Opening Psychiatry Grand Rounds</b>( tomorrow) ... DZ – "Open Dialogue and Recovery"</p> <p>September 28 – <b>Donna K. Ginther, PhD</b> – Race, Ethnicity, and NIH Research Awards, Faculty Conference Room 11:30am-1:00pm</p> <p>October 31 – <b>Research Day 2012</b>, Administrator of SAMHSA, Pamela Hyde, "Creating Healthier Communities: Integrative Behavioral Health."</p> <p>November 7, 2012 <b>UMass Psychology Day</b></p> <p>November 8, 2012 - <b>Commissioner Barbara Fowler</b> will be giving Psychiatry Grand Rounds</p> <p>December 20, 2012 – <b>Dr. Debra Pinals</b> will be giving Psychiatry Grand Rounds</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOCATIONS AND DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR'S DEPARTMENT MEETINGS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psychiatry Department Meetings Schedule – 2012-2013</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Meetings will take place in the Faculty Conference Room from 12:00-1:00pm)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!)</b></p> <p>October 3 November 7 December 5 (Extended Holiday meeting <u>4:00-6:00pm</u>) note time change</p>	

