



About 60% said they come to meetings to connect with colleagues, learn about programs, accomplishments, awards etc and about 53% felt they were getting all they wanted from meetings.

A slight majority of attendees indicated a desire to receive meeting minutes—We are sending these on a trial basis to see if they are helpful. **Please email Denise if you find these minutes helpful.**

We asked the department whether they might be interested in an alternative holiday celebration this December. 80% of those in attendance said they would either possibly or definitely like to attend a 7<sup>th</sup> floor potluck “block party” on Wednesday 12/20/17 from 4-6 PM. *Stay tuned for details.*

- Psychiatry Grand Rounds** – --- The 2016-2017 lecture season ended on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with speaker, Dr. Larry Davidson (*What’s new about recovery?*). The new 2017-2018 season begins on September 14<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by Interim Chair, Dr. Sheldon Benjamin. Please mark your calendars (12:00-1:00p). Of those present at the department meeting, about 30% indicated that they attend grand rounds regularly. **Dr. Benjamin requests increased faculty support of our weekly Psychiatry Grand Rounds by 1) discouraging the scheduling of other meetings during Thursday 12-1 Psych Grand Rounds time and 2) adding the weekly presentations to your schedule.** Many thanks to Dr. Tony Rothschild and the planning committee who have put together an excellent speaker line-up for the new season. Dr. Benjamin or one of the department leaders will meet with each speaker prior to his/her presentation to allow them to learn about our department.
- Staff/Physician Engagement Awards** –Dr. Negar Beheshti (Psychiatry Physician Champion) and Barb Grimes-Smith presented the first Faculty and Staff Engagement Awards to those faculty and staff who received the most votes gathered in response to the poll question, “Which faculty and staff would you like to celebrate and Why?” Congratulations to Rebecca Lundquist, MD (Faculty awardee) and Kelly Chabot and Denise Barrett (Staff awardees) as this month’s recipients. Input will continue to be solicited for future award presentations. If you have questions about this program or are interested in joining the Psychiatry Physician Engagement Committee, please contact Dr. Beheshti.
- Barbara Fisher, UMMHC Senior Vice President of Operations**, polled the audience regarding current EPIC training questions and/or concerns. Your input is critical and appreciated. Thanks to departmental EPIC superusers for coordinated efforts to assist faculty and staff during this transition period. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLINICAL USERS MUST SIGN UP FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL EPIC TRAINING IN E-LEARNING 4-YOU RIGHT AWAY SO THAT THEY CAN BE TRAINED IN TIME FOR THE EPIC GO-LIVE ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.** Ms. Fisher also discussed the anticipated Joint Commission site visit before the end of June.
- Ana Mechlin, UMMHC Projector Coordinator/Patience Experience for the **Standard Behaviors Project**, announced plans to implement standard behaviors for all UMMHC front line caregivers. She and her team are asking for your assistance in creating such standards. If you were not able to complete at the meeting,

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## Announcements

you are asked to fill out a short on-line survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIBTEAM> to gather your input to insure both patients and employees feel most supported and respected. Please take a moment to respond.

- Today's Invited Guests, **Dr. Jomol Mathew, PhD Associate Chief Information Officer, and Vincent Lee, MBA, Manager, Clinical Research Technologies, from UMMS CTMS (Clinical Trial Management System) Data Science & Technology, provided an overview of the OnCore program** as the single source of truth for clinical trial information and direct link to EPIC. Per their attached overview, long-term implementation objectives include help drive standardization of process and data, ensure compliance, increase transparency and provide rapid access to data, integrate with EPIC, and more. Support is available to all clinical research faculty and staff via [ITCTMS@umassmed.edu](mailto:ITCTMS@umassmed.edu)
- **NAMI WALK 2017** – Many thanks to this year's NAMI Walk co-leads, Drs. Ponce Martinez, Aziz, Brown, Vargas-Cruz, and Cui) on coordinating this year's Walk, and to all who contributed to this year's \$3500 total donations! Our team will continue their efforts to win the annual NAMI Walk t-shirt design contest!



#### CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to the following UMMHC departmental employees celebrated at the UMMHC Annual Employee Recognition Reception held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wachusett Country Club.

25 Years – Alan Brown

20 Years – Anthony Rothschild

15 Years – Karl Gustafson, Donna Reed, Suzanne Stelmach, Ellen Sharenow, Tamika Wallen Hearson

10 Years – Jamal Ansah, Robert Button, Lee Ann Collins, Virginia Folger, Kimberly MacDonald, Rony Nkrumah, Joel Strait, Jeannine Whittemore, Ruthanna Rizzi, Mustafa Syed, Doug Ziedonis

5 Years – Christopher Carey, Marjorie Chase, Sureyya Iscan, William Warnken, Venera Xhafa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychiatry Research Day – Please release any November 2017 dates you may have on hold in your calendars (11/2, 11/9 or 11/30). Program Chairs Drs. Jean Frazier and Bill McIlvane are working on securing speaker and date possibilities for 2018. Further information will be forthcoming.</li> <li>• REMINDER... Annual Faculty Evaluation forms (FAR/FAP) have been circulated and reminders sent. Absolute deadline for all Clinical &amp; School faculty for submission to the Chair’s office is Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. <b>Have you scheduled your supervisor meeting yet?</b></li> <li>• Many thanks to Drs. Joe Keating and Delia Bakeman who are coordinating this year’s High School Neuroscience and Mental Health Summer Internship Program! Faculty/Research and to participating mentors. The internship program will run July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Drs. Keating or Bakeman if you are interested in participating in this year’s program activities.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Mary Ahn, MD, who was recently recognized by Dean Flotte for serving as one of the UMMS Onboarding Mentors</li> <li>• Congratulations to Caridad Ponce Martinez, MD, who has been accepted into the 2017-2018 UMMS Junior Faculty Development Program. This 35-week program will run September 7 – May 24<sup>th</sup> and is designed to accelerate the academic and professional development of junior faculty. The title of her project is entitled “A Pilot Study of Medication-Assisted Treatment Initiation for Opioid Use Disorder during an Acute Psychiatric Hospitalization for Patients with Comorbid Psychiatric Disorders.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome New Faculty Hires – (may or may not be in audience?)</b>  <i>Alisha Jaquith, MD – 7/31/17 Worcester Recovery Center &amp; Hospital (ACCUs)</i>  <i>Brian Skehan, MD, PhD – 7/31/17 Community Healthlink, Inc., Associate Child Residency Training Director</i>  <i>Stephanie Stratigos, DO - 8/21/17 Community Healthlink, Inc., Leominster</i></p> <p><b>Welcome New Staff Hires –</b>  <i>Erica Burke, new research assistant to Tony Rothschild (and farewell &amp; good luck to Vanessa Delamara)</i>  <i>Robyn dosSantos, OT, CANDO clinic</i></p> <p><b>NEW SINCE MEETING – Jennifer Hitchcock, project coordinator in CDRO (replacing retired Valerie Buffone)</b></p> <p><b>Faculty Appointments/Promotion recently approved by the Dean</b>          Below are the following Psychiatry faculty appointments and promotions approved by the Dean since January.</p> <p><i>Congratulations –</i></p>	<p><a href="mailto:Joseph.Keating@umassmemorial.org">Joseph.Keating@umassmemorial.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Delia.Bakeman@umassmemorial.org">Delia.Bakeman@umassmemorial.org</a></p>
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Last	First	Degree	M/F	Proposed Rank	Primary site	Effective Date
Munsey	Douglas	MD	M	Instructor	Cape Cod Hospital	5/1/2016
Main, Jr.	Bart	MD	M	Instructor	Cape Cod Hospital	5/1/2016
Murray	Ashley	PhD	F	Assistant Professor	Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital	8/24/2015
Colby	Linda	MD	F	Assistant Professor	8East/PTRC	4/11/2016
Breitholtz	Timothy	MD	M	Instructor	Cape Cod Hospital	5/1/2016
Iskan	Sureyya	PhD	F	<i>Promotion:</i> Assistant Professor	OPD	1/19/2017
Frangieh	Leila	NP	F	Instructor	Cape Cod Hospital	3/16/2017
Ashendorf	Lee	PhD	M	Assistant Professor	Worc VA Med Ctr	3/16/2017
Pittel	Elliot	MD, MPH	M	Assistant Professor	CHL	3/16/2017
Raj	Abita	MD	F	Assistant Professor	CHL	7/1/2017
Falank	Joseph	PA	M	Instructor	Cape Cod Hospital	3/16/2017
Olivero	Adeliza	MD	F	Instructor	Cambridge District Court	3/16/2017
Ronan	Meredith	PsyD	F	Assistant Professor	WRCH	8/1/16
Kelly	Megan	PhD	F	Associate Professor	PROMOTION VA Bedford	5/18/17
Nawrocki	David	MSN,B C-ANP	M	Instructor	Emergency Mental Health Service	5/18/17
Ponce-Martinez	Caridad	MD	M	Assistant Professor	PTRC / Univ Campus	7/18/2016

**NEW MEETING SCHEDULE**

MONTH/YEAR	MEETING DATE	AUDIENCE	UNIV CAMPUS LOCATION
July 2017	Wed., July 5, 2017	<b>CANCELED</b>	<b>No meeting</b>
August 2017	Wed., August 2, 2017 11:45a-1:00p	Open to all with Special Guest, Eric Carpenter, new CEO for WRCH	Faculty Conference Room
September 2017	Wed., September 6, 2017	<b>CANCELED</b>	<b>No meeting</b>

October 2017	Wed., October 4, 2017 11:30a-1:00p	<b>Faculty Only (1<sup>ST</sup> FACULTY MEETING)</b>	Psychiatry Classroom – S4-325 (videoconferencing available – further details to follow)
November 2017	Wed., November 1, 2017 11:45a-1:00p	Open to all	Faculty Conference Room
December 2017	Wed., December 6, 2017 11:30a-1:00-	<b>Faculty Only</b>	Faculty Conference Room (no videoconferencing available)
Also December 2017	Wed., December 20, 2017 4:00p – 6:00p	Open to all <i>7<sup>th</sup> Floor Block Party!</i> <i>Details to follow</i>	<b>Would you attend?</b>  <b>Any suggestions for possible location?</b>  <i>Please Respond to:</i> <a href="mailto:Denise.Barrett@umassmemorial.org">Denise.Barrett@umassmemorial.org</a> with your input.
January 2018	Wednesday, January 3, 2018 11:45a-1:00p	Open to all	Faculty Conference Room
February 2018	February 7, 2018 11:30a-1:00p	<b>Faculty Only</b>	Psychiatry Classroom – S4-325 (videoconferencing/ZOOM available – further details to follow)
March 2018	March 7, 2018 11:45a-1:00p	Open to all	Faculty Conference Room
April 2018	April 4, 2018 <b>CANCELED - PASSOVER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>No meeting</b>	<b>No meeting</b>
May 2018	May 2, 2018 11:30a-1:00p	<b>Faculty Only</b>	Psychiatry Classroom – S4-325 (videoconferencing/ZOOM available – further details to follow)
June 2018	June 6, 2018 11:45a-1:00p	Open to all	Faculty Conference Room
July 2018	July 4, 2018 <b>CANCELED – HOLIDAY</b>	<b>No meeting</b>	<b>No meeting</b>
August 2018	August 1, 2018 11:30a-1:00p	<b>Faculty Only</b>	Psychiatry Classroom – S4-325

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<p><i>MISSION -- Our mission is to promote and conduct state-of-the-art and recovery-informed patient care, research, training, and community engagement in an effort to enhance the mental health of all citizens in Massachusetts and beyond. To accomplish our mission, we must work to unlock the mysteries of the causes, treatment, and prevention of mental illness and addiction across the life span and guide the development of enlightened public health policies.</i></p>					