

## Chair's Column

April 27, 2016

To the DFM Faculty, Residents, Staff and Friends of the Department,

In this edition of the DFM Newsletter, I would like to highlight the value of our relationship with the Boston HealthNet Community Health Centers. CHCs are an important part of health reform. Across the US, 1,400 CHCs create a safety net for over 24 million patients. But challenges remain. Manny Lopes, CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center points out at a recent National Association of CHCs (NACHC) meeting that recruitment and retention of clinical providers remains an issue. Click [here](#) to read the AAFP article "**Community Health Centers Play Major Role in Protecting Safety Net**".

The March issue the NACHC newsletter reports that almost all health Centers (95%) are experiencing at least one clinical vacancy today. The positions that CHCs report to be most commonly vacant are those for family physicians [click [here](#)]. More than two-thirds of health centers indicate that they are currently recruiting for at least one family physician!

Our Boston HealthNet–BU Department of Family Medicine collaborative is working together to successfully recruit to our CHCs the kind of doctors America needs. I am proud to report that 6 of the 10 of residents in our graduating class this year are staying within the Boston HealthNet CHCs this year. They will be working at Mattapan CHC (2), South End CHC, Codman Square CHC, East Boston NHC, and BMC FM. Over the past 16 years, now 60% of all our 103 graduates have chosen to work in the BHN CHCs or in the DFM [click [here](#)] and the retention of these graduates is remarkably high.

Finally, elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter is an announcement of the first year residents who will be joining our program in June. You will notice that we now have expanded to 12 residents per year – and we are very proud that this group of newly matched BMC Family Residents -- who are 50% underrepresented minority students – begin to look like the community we serve.

By these measures, this is the most successful teaching CHC – academic health center alliance in the US – benefiting the people of Boston. This is something for which we should all be proud.

-Brian Jack, MD



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## Highlights & Achievements



**Doug Comeau** and the Ryan Center is featured in the article **"Tell Me Tuesday: All About the Black Toenail"**

by Maureen Dempsey

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



Dr. Ron Iverson, Certified Nurse Midwife Catherine Walker and our own **Dr. Rick Long** were featured in the Beacon Hill Times article **"Bringing the city to life, one baby at a time"**. Click [here](#) to read more.



**Laura Goldman** represented DFM while supporting students in Cambodia to take an online course in medical education.

Congratulations to **Jeff Markuns** and the **BUFM Global Health team** for being featured on the Atlantic Philanthropies website for the enormous work done in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. On the day this was posted, Jeff wrote from Vietnam that he spent a portion of his day sitting next to Le Nhan Phuong who is featured in the video on this video [link](#).

Congratulations to **Carol Mostow LICSW** who gave a national webinar on April 21, 2016 for the Institute of Healthcare Improvement Expedition on cultural competency, sharing the RE-SPECT model to improve communication with patients, providers and teams.

Congratulations to **Suzanne Mitchell, MD, MSc** for presenting a national webinar to America's Essential Hospitals on the topic of "Project ACHIEVE: Results From Phase 1".

The Yawkey 5 Family Medical Center has successfully recertified as a NCQA Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home. This was a huge effort by a small group of people to put together but a collective win thanks to the entire **ACC staff**. Thanks to our team who really made this happen: **Alysa, Kristin** and a huge shout out to **Danielle**, as our resident NCQA expert, who did most of the heavy lifting. Great job to everyone else who helped with data collection and new systems we needed to meet the requirements for Level 3. Special thanks to our NP's: Jessica, Kristine and Dana, also Ellen, Doria, Mark and Krystyna.

## Faculty Publications & Presentations

### CommonWealth



#### **“Emergency Department Visits for Adverse Events Related to Dietary Supplements”**

In the NEJM article on dietary supplement adverse events in the ED; (among the 39 citations listed, four of them were first authored papers of **Paula Gardiner** in the DFM). It's a powerful sign of the impact of her work. Congratulations Paula! To read the full article [here](#).

#### **Insularity & Impenetrability: What Happens to Health Funding and Policy When Voters Can't Reach Lawmakers**

**Bayla Ostrach** (Boston University), **Ashley Houston** (Boston University), and **Merrill Singer** (University of Connecticut)

To read the full article, click [here](#).

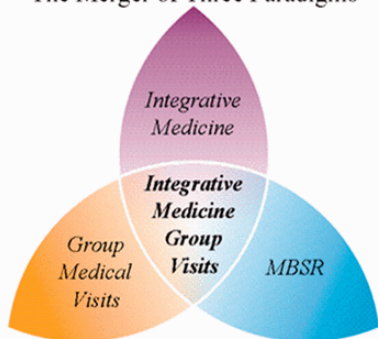
#### **A 10% fare hike is too much**

Anything above 5% is a social inequity

By Katherine Gergen Barnett

Click [here](#) to read more.

BMC Integrative Medicine Group Visits:  
The Merger of Three Paradigms



#### **Presented at the CUGH Annual Global Health Conference April 9-11 San Francisco.**

**Title: Contributions to health workforce in Cambodia: A self-administered survey among the graduates of University of Health Sciences who graduated between 1999 and 2012**

Keovathanak Khim, Laura Goldman, Kristin Shaw, Jeffrey Markuns, Dyna Khuon, Sovannara Cin, Vonthanak Saphonn

#### **The One Minute Learner: Evaluation of a New Tool to Promote Discussion of Medical Student Goals and Expectations in Clinical Learning Environments**

Miriam Hoffman, MD; Molly Cohen-Osher, MD

To read the full article, click [here](#).

#### **Listening to Their Words: A Qualitative Analysis of Integrative Medicine Group Visits in an Urban Underserved Medical Setting**

Danielle Dresner MPH, Katherine Gergen Barnett MD, Kirsten Resnick BS, Lance Laird ThD, Paula Gardiner MD, MPH

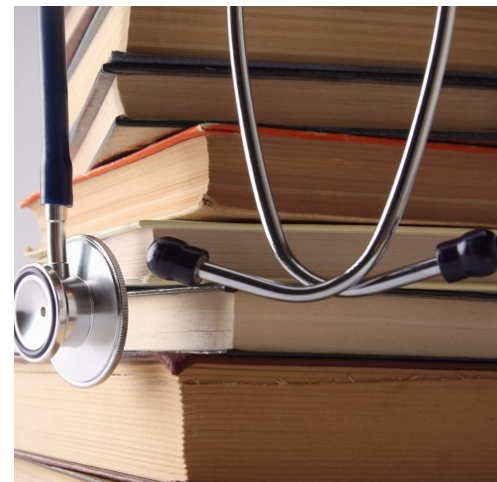
Click [here](#) to read more!

#### **Syndemics and Legislative Outreach**

**An Experiment in Educating Congress about the Health Effects of War**

Society for Medical Anthropology, Ostrach B., Houston A., Singer M.

To read the full article, click [here](#).





## Residency Highlights

**Welcome the amazing BMC Family Medicine  
Intern Class of 2016-2017!**



**Lizzeth Alarcon**  
Boston University  
School of Medicine



**James Carter**  
Wake Forest  
School of Medicine



**Chandler Christophe**  
Rutgers New Jersey  
Medicine School



**Katrina Ciraldo**  
Boston University  
School of Medicine



**Matthew Eckstat**  
Northwestern University  
School of Medicine



**Madeline Haas**  
Albany School  
Medical College



**Khai-El Johnson**  
Meharry Medical College



**Julia Randall**  
UMASS Medical School



**Milan Satcher**  
Brown University  
Medical School



**Katherine Standish**  
Yale University



**Whitney Stansbury**  
Meharry  
Medical College



**Adi Rattner**  
Johns Hopkins University  
School Medical College

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## Residency Highlights

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> was the Mass  
AFP's Family Medicine Advocacy Day!



In the picture from left to right – Maria Wusu, Kate Kilbourn, Aimee Williams, Maude Gorman, Anne Toledo, Maria Bachman.

Congratulations to DFM's 2016-2017  
Chief Residents!



Marielle Baldwin



Bradley Buchheit

The Massachusetts Advocacy Day provided an educational experience in legislative advocacy and a chance to raise awareness of Mass AFP's legislative agenda. It was also an excellent opportunity to establish presence and relationship with Massachusetts lawmakers. Dr. Hines as well as a few residents attended this exciting opportunity.

Miss Massachusetts World 2016, Maude Gorman, happened to be at the state house on the same day and a few of the residents were able to meet her and get a picture with her!

## Medical Student Education

MSE was thrilled to present **Dr. Mike Edwards**, one of our core superstar community preceptors, the BUSM Family Medicine Community Preceptor of the Year Award. Below are some of the words from one of the students who nominated Dr. Edwards. It exemplifies the dedication and expert teaching that our community preceptors provide to our medical students, and for which we are so appreciative!

### One of Dr. Edwards' nominations:

"I would like to nominate **Dr. Edwards** for the **BUSM Family Medicine Community Preceptor of the Year** because he is truly one of the **best** – if not **the best** – clinical preceptors I have ever worked with. He is a clinical educator who is **unbelievably dedicated** to the training of his students, one who **invests** a staggering amount of time to make BU students **compassionate, knowledgeable, and committed** to a **life of evidence-based patient-centered community practice**. He told me, quite seriously, on my first day of the 6-week rotation, "I don't want you to be a good doctor; I want you to be the **best** doctor." It's one thing to aspire to train the best future doctors, but this is a clinical preceptor who strives for such a **goal in every patient interaction, every day** – and has for many years. He meant those words of advice, and backed them up with a **tremendous amount of his own time, investing** in my training as a **future physician**. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to train with him, and know that my patients will someday directly benefit from the 6-week rotation I had with him; it was, to say the least, a **very formative experience**."

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## Medical Student Education



### Department of Family Medicine Medical Student Education Honors & Faculty Awards



#### Faculty Awards:

**BUSM Family Medicine Community Preceptor of the Year:** Dr. Mike Edwards

**BUSM Family Medicine Office Manager of the Year:** Donna Moran, Cape Cod Hospital

**Department of Family Medicine Medical Student Education Preceptor of the Year:** Dr. Alysia Green

**Department of Family Medicine Medical Student Education Teacher of the Year:** Dr. Joanne Wilkinson

#### Student Awards:

**Thomas T. Gilbert, MD, MPH Award in Family Medicine:** Vanessa Wu

**Family Medicine Leadership Award:** Rima Shah

**Family Medicine Research Award:** Katrina Ciraldo

**Timothy J. Pollard M.D. Medical Humanism Award in Family Medicine:** Lizzeth Alarcon and Bryan Pardo

We were particularly honored to have **Turin Pollard, Dr. Tim Pollard's son**, with us. As many of you know, Tim was faculty in the Department of Family Medicine, and was a family doc who had done it all (from Alaska, to Maine, to the South Pole, to Boston!), and passed away a few years ago at too young an age. As you can read below, our FM Humanism award is named in his memory.

We were thrilled to honor an exemplary and dedicated teacher, **Dr. Alysia Green** for her amazing teaching and mentorship in many aspects of clerkship and MSE teaching.

And, we honored and said a bittersweet goodbye to our core MSE faculty, **Dr. Joanne Wilkinson**, who has played a central role in medical student education at BUSM.

We are still in pretty dire need of FM Clerkship spots – if there is any way you could take a clerkship student in Block 1 or 2 (May/June or June/July) - please email me as soon as possible ([Mhoffman@bu.edu](mailto:Mhoffman@bu.edu)).

## Medical Student Education

### MSE Family Medicine Match List

Student	Residency	Clerkship Site
Lizzeth Alarcon	Boston Univ Medical Center	East Boston NHC
Katrina Ciraldo	Boston Univ Medical Center	Uphams Corner CHC
Vivian Fan	McMaster University- Hamilton, Ontario	Trailside Health
Ashley Kong	Hilo Medical Center-HI	Dr. Edwards
Erica Li	Thomas Jefferson Univ-PA	South Boston CHC
Anuja Oza	UPMC St Margaret-PA	Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center
Bryan Pardo	Jackson Memorial Hosp-FL	East Boston NHC
Rima Shah	Kaiser Permanente-Los Angeles-CA	Dr. Chitra Vijayaranghavan (North Shore CHC)
Veronica Torres	U Massachusetts Med School	Dr. Lowney
Vanessa Wu	UCLA Medical Center-CA	Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center
Michael Yee	Loma Linda University-CA	Dr. Pandey (North Shore CHC)

## Medical Student Education

### Community Preceptors

Site/Preceptor	Number of students in 15-16	Site/Preceptor	Number of students in 15-16	Site/Preceptor	Number of students In 15-16
Steven Frank, DO (Rehoboth)	4	Joseph Horan (Foxboro)	4	Subroto Bhattacharya, MD (Danvers)	16
Bill Medwid, MD (Hamilton)	3	Patricia Fater, MD (Cotuit)	2	Alain Chaoui, MD (Peabody)	14
Hugh Taylor, MD (Hamilton)	3	Ted Herwig, MD (Yarmouth Port)	2	Michael Edwards, MD (Beverly)	11
Stan Sagov, MD (Arlington)	3	Rumford Community Family Health Center	2	YACC Family Medicine	9
Laura Zucker, MD (Arlington)	2	Damien Archer (North Shore CHC)	1	Manet CHC	8
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center	2	Chitra Vijayaraghavan (North Shore CHC)	1	Michael P. Lowney, DO (Hyde Park)	8
Upham's Corner CHC	2	Davis Square Family Practice	1	Central Maine Med. Ctr. FM Residency (Lewiston, ME)	7
Fitchburg & Lawrence CH	2	Ruth Potee, MD (Greenfield)	1	Kaiser San Jose	7
Parul Desai, MD & Leonard Finn, MD (Wellesley Hills)	2	Tina Waugh, MD (Beverly)	1	John Ragucci, MD	6
Mike Guidi, DO	2	Goodwin Comm. Health	1	Lowell CHC	6
Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center	6	East Boston NHC	5	South Boston CHC	5.5
Stephen Lane, MD (Scituate, MA)	4	Codman Square CHC	4	Irina Kogan, MD (Needham)	4



## Upcoming Events

- ♦ **STFM Annual Spring Conference, Minneapolis, MN**  
April 30th-May 4th  
Click [here](#) for the DFM Presentation Schedule
- ♦ **Nurse's Week**  
May 6th-12th
- ♦ **Spring Resident Retreat**  
May 11th
- ♦ **BU School of Medicine Graduation**  
May 14th
- ♦ **Faculty Meeting Site Visit: Mattapan CHC**  
May 17th
- ♦ **Seventh Annual Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecture**  
May 24th, BU Med School, Room L110, 12:00-1:00pm  
Click [here](#) for more details.
- ♦ **Memorial Day**  
May 30th
- ♦ **Intern Welcome Reception**  
June 14th at 8:00am
- ♦ **DFM Residency and Fellow Graduation**  
June 17th



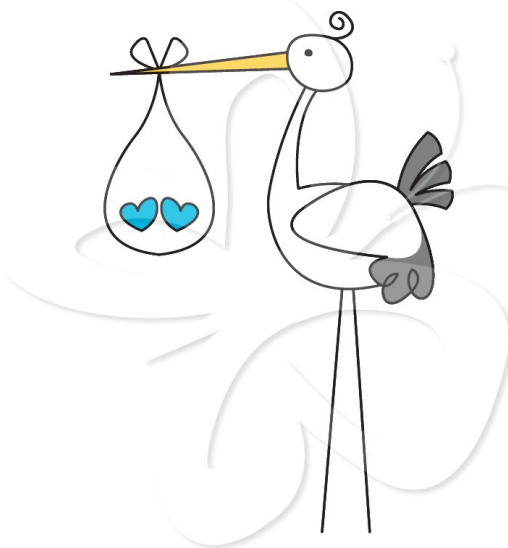
A patient who we have taken care of for years in the ACC Family Medicine Clinic and was with us on her LONG AND HARD journey towards sobriety and wellness has now written a MUSICAL where she talks about getting treatment and her process. Click [here](#) to read her story and buy tickets [here](#)!

## New Beginnings in the DFM Family



Weighing in at 5 lbs 9 oz, Nana Adom, was born at 12:47 am on Thursday April 7th.

**Congratulations to Dr. Brian Penti on his growing family!**



Edjah Ayeyi, was born 3 minutes later at 12:50 am, weighing in at 4lbs 2 oz.

