MINUTES

Members present: Drs. Bachmann, Brewer, Cuccurullo, Dhib-Jalbut, Dreyfus, Eisenstein, Gatt, Goodell, Yue (for Haffty), Hegyi, Kipen, Lee, Menza, Rosen, Roth, Tallia, Walworth, Whitley-Williams, Winkelmann

Also present: Drs. Gelinas, Jahn, McCathern, Rabson, Stock, Swee, Terregino and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Fratzola, Green, Kim, Laumbach, Nosher, Pine, Rao, Scardella

1. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2015
   • The minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Cancer Survivorship and Primary Care: Patient Centered Research and Interventions for Enhancing Self-Care – Shawna Hudson, PhD, Associate Professor and Associate Director for Research, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Rutgers RWJMS, provided an overview of her research examining determinants of preventive cancer screening in primary care settings and organizational factors in primary care practices that facilitate increased use of evidence based guidelines.

3. Dean’s report – David E. Swee, MD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development
   The following represents the information contained in the Dean’s report which was not discussed in detail at the meeting

News
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School proudly graduated 128 students on May 18 at its Convocation ceremony at the State Theatre. More than 70 faculty, staff and colleagues participated in the procession to honor and congratulate the students.

The New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians named Dr. Martha Lansing, associate professor and vice chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, as the Family Physician of the Year. Dr. Lansing was honored for her outstanding service to patients, families and communities as a family physician.

Community Access Unlimited honored Dr. Philip Smith, assistant professor and project manager for Community Positive Behavior Supports at the Boggs Center, as Educator of the Year, recognizing the training he provides to ensure the staff of Community Access Unlimited can reach their full potential when supporting individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Naomi Schlesinger, professor of medicine, was appointed to serve on the American College of Rheumatology Leadership Development Task Force, as well as the ACR’s Division Director Special Committee.

Dr. Catherine Monteleone, professor of medicine, spoke with the Asbury Park Press about the “tsunami of pollen” this year in the New Jersey and its effects on allergies and respiratory health. The story was front page of the paper on Monday, May 18.

Dr. Susan Boruchoff, professor of medicine, spoke on camera with Channel 7, Eyewitness News about a case of Lassa Fever in New Jersey. In addition, Dr. Tanaya Bhowmick, assistant professor of medicine, spoke with NJ Spotlight about the case.
Dr. Jill Williams, professor of psychiatry and Dr. Michael Steinberg, professor of medicine, spoke with The Record in regard to the disturbing rise in teenagers “vaping,” or inhaling the vapors from e-cigarettes, which has the potential for significant health problems if the trend continues.

Dr. Anthony Tobia, associate professor of psychiatry held a seminar at the American Psychiatry Associations annual conference, during which, participants discussed mental health behaviors in the movie The Matrix through live tweeting. An example of Dr. Tobia’s course at the medical school, the seminar featured guest speaker, Mr. Joseph Pantoliano, who gave insight to his character, Cypher’s, development.

The White House has announced that Dr. Deborah M. Spitalnik, executive director of The Boggs Center and professor of Pediatrics at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, will be reappointed to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Dr. Spitalnik was appointed to the committee in 2014, having previously served from 2011 to 2013, from 1994 to 2001, and as chair from 2000 to 2001.

From the Office of Community Health

Chandler Health Center has been notified of the following grant awards supporting the Ryan White Unit of the Health Center: the Ryan White Part A for $162,841 through February of 2016; Ryan White Part C for $550,987 through April 2016. This grant renewal was a competitive process. In addition, the New Jersey Department of Health is providing funding through the Patient Navigator Grant Award for $125,000 through June 2016.

From the Office of Research

Dr. Benjamin Crabtree, professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, is part of a team of researchers from across the country, led by investigators at Oregon Health & Science University, that received a $13.4 million federal grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to evaluate efforts to help primary care practices use the latest evidence to improve the heart health of millions of Americans. This initiative, called EvidenceNOW, is the single largest research investment in the agency's history and is aligned with U.S. Health and Human Services' Million Hearts® initiative to prevent heart attacks and strokes. Dr. Crabtree's team will receive a four-year subcontract of more than $2.2 million as part of this effort.

Dr. Claire Philipp, professor of Medicine, was awarded a one year grant of $100,000 from the Hemophilia Association of New Jersey to support the Rutgers/RWJ Hemophilia Treatment Center.

From the Office of Education

The medical school has affiliated with the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook. Twenty-five faculty were trained in improvisation to improve communication skills with patients, families and peers. The Office of Education will be integrating the curriculum throughout the four years and plans to extend training to Graduate Medical Education programs.

The third annual Joining Forces Call to Action – Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Warrior Centric Interprofessional Education Program took place on May 27, preparing the school’s learners with training in awareness, empathy and accessing resources to improve health outcomes for military service members, veterans and their families. Five hundred inter-professional students from throughout Rutgers participated in the day.

In August, we will welcome 195 first-year medical students, exceeding the normal yield of matriculants to acceptances. The class is extraordinarily diverse and the out-of-state component exceeds 10 percent for the first time in many years.

From the Clinical Enterprise
Faculty members in the division of cardiac anesthesia published The Optimal Angle of Head Rotation for Internal Jugular Cannulation as Determined by Ultrasound Evaluation in the Journal of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesia.

Dr. David Mulvihill, resident physician in the department of radiation oncology, was awarded the ASCO 2015 Young Investigator Award from the Conquer Cancer Foundation and received a $50,000 grant in support of “Childhood Radiation Exposure from Interventional Cardiology Procedures and Subsequent Cancer Risk.”

Dr. Iris Udasin, professor of environmental and occupational health, along with colleagues in the World Trade Center Responders Monitoring and Treatment Program, has published World Trade Center Disaster and sensitization to subsequent life stress: A longitudinal study of disaster responders in Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Eunsung Junn, assistant professor of neurology, is the corresponding and senior author on “MicroRNA-7 promotes glycolysis to protect against 1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium-induced cell death” published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

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December-January: Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology
February-April: OB and Surgery were added
Upcoming Events

June 15, 2015 - 6:00 PM
Volunteer Faculty Awards and General Faculty Meeting

Conference Room 1302
Clinical Academic Building
125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information contact: ruthe.geardino@rutgers.edu

August 7, 2015 - 2 PM
White Coat Ceremony
Arlene and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ

4. Old Business
   None

5. New Business
   Carol A Terregino, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education provided the Council with an updated report on student enrollment, the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, and the upcoming accreditation review for the medical school.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tillman
Office of the Dean