

## **Report of the Center for a Healthy Maryland**

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It's been a busy past few months for the Development and the History of Maryland Medicine Office.

Through a generous gift to the Archives project from one of our members, we are digitizing the pre-1900 Maryland Medical Journals. They will be available on-line and to all researchers, and will be searchable by any word. The digitization is crystal clear and presents the books as they are in their bound versions.

This year's Hunt History Lecture was a rousing success. The title, "Tales from the Medical Examiner's Office" drew a large number of members. Bruce Goldfarb, from the OCME, gave a history of the ME's office, and what they're doing now. The idea for the state-wide Medical Examiner's Office was proposed during a House of Delegates' meeting in 1937, debated during 1938 and adopted at the 1939 HOD meeting. Many members of the ME's office attended the lecture to learn more about their history.

In July, we presented a lecture on "The Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death" a collection of miniature murder scenes held at the Medical Examiner's Office. More than 150 guests registered, 80% of whom were not MedChi Members. We charged \$5.00 per person and were the topic of a radio segment on WYPR-FM and one in Baltimore Magazine.

We will host another lecture on November 2 (All Souls Day) featuring the fact and fiction about our former, long-time librarian, Marcia Noyes. M.J. Toohey, head of the University of Maryland's Health Sciences and Human Services Library will present the lecture.

The Development Office is searching through four boxes of files to see what bequests were made to MedChi over the past 100+ years. Some are large and have had a lasting impact, and others were small, but no less important.

Fundraising for the fall season is beginning shortly. Please keep an eye out for the annual solicitation and be generous with your donation. And think about continuing MedChi's legacy by leaving a bequest to the Center in your will.

Center for a Healthy Maryland – Grants Division

Certificate Program in Physician Leadership

This program is supported by a two-year, \$150,000 grant to the Center from The Physicians Foundation. The grant period is May 2015 to April 2017. The goal of the Certificate Program is to provide physicians with practical leadership skills and tools applicable to any practice environment. The physicians earn 16 CME credits upon program completion and receive a Physician Leadership Institute Certificate. Physicians participate by enrolling in an online virtual classroom consisting of four online courses and two live sessions. Courses include *Quality Leadership*, *Practical Tools for Positive Change*, and *Leading for Improvement*, taught by Johns Hopkins professors, Paul Gurny and Dr. David Joyce. The fourth course is *Leading in the Era of Health Reform*, presented by Gene Ransom.

The first cohort (Spring 2016) graduated 16 physicians, including MedChi President Brooke Buckley. Reviews by course participants are extremely enthusiastic and test scores showed tremendous improvement in knowledge. Long term follow-up evaluation is in process. The Fall 2016 cohort is underway and consists of 44 students, divided into two sections. They will complete the program in December 2016. A third cohort will begin January 23, 2017 and run through April 26. Registration for the January 2017 class can be completed online or by contacting the Center at [410-539-0872](tel:410-539-0872), extension 3337, or email to [center@medchi](mailto:center@medchi). Registration fees for this class will be \$650 for MedChi members and \$1,100 for non-members, which includes a one year MedChi membership.

The Center is seeking sponsorships so that the Certificate Program in Physician Leadership can continue after the conclusion of grant funding. If your group or hospital may be interested in sponsorships, or you know of a potential commercial sponsor, please refer to the flyer in your packet and contact the Center.

#### Maternal Mortality Grant

The Maternal Mortality Workgroup has completed the 33 case reviews for the 2014 maternal deaths. Final recommendations were submitted to DHMH and the annual report will be published by DHMH in January 2017. The first meeting to begin reviewing the 2015 maternal deaths will be held at the end of September. Also, Dr. Lillian Blackmon has decided to retire from her volunteer position as chairperson and the workgroup is currently seeking a replacement.

#### Domestic Violence Project

HealthCare Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Colleen Moore/Audrey Bergin) is an ongoing program to provide resources and training to health care practitioners for screening and referral of individuals to community resources. The Coalition has recently submitted a VOCA grant application to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for a project to provide seminars and on-site training to educate health care professionals on domestic violence issues, focusing on Maryland's Health Enterprise Zones (HEZ), Johns Hopkins Hospitals and database development.

\*Center staff oversees the Addictions Committee (Roberta Herbst) and Public Health Committee (Shayna Banfield). Center staff also continues to partner with the many divisions of DHMH and Physicians for Social Responsibility to promote CME programs.

## Physician Health Program/Professional Rehabilitation Program

Dr. Art Hildreth has joined the Physician Health Program as medical director, replacing Paul McClelland who continues to serve on the Oversight Committee. While serving as medical director, Dr. McClelland completed an audit of the program, identifying strengths as well as areas for improvement. Dr. Susan Bailey serves as the medical director for the Professional Rehabilitation Program.

The Center Board of Trustees has voted to create a new program, the Maryland Health Professionals Program (MHPP), to serve allied health professionals and other healthcare professionals such as veterinarians and chiropractors.

The Programs will host the Northeast Regional meeting of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs at MedChi on October 28, 2016.

Ongoing research to improve quality and on the participation fees, which so far this year have led to additional membership of 7 and a savings of \$5,150 to the members.

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