I. Greetings from the Chair

Welcome back to everyone. I hope the holidays were festive and safe. We begin 2014 with a thank you as Psychiatry is 100% compliant with the CHIPS training. This year we will continue to progress as leaders and pioneers in mental health. Please be on the lookout for an announcement on an upcoming adolescent substance abuse symposium in 2014 that Dr. Leslie Lundahl will be hosting and moderating. Nationally recognized speakers from Harvard and Dartmouth will be attending as will leadership from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. I ask you all to make every effort to attend. Also, please note that the Faculty Meeting scheduled for today will take place at 1pm instead of 12pm. I look forward to seeing all faculty there. Lastly, some of you have been getting VCE: Online Courses reminders. I thank you in advance for completing them all by or before the due date, February 14, 2014.

News from the Faculty

- Leslie Lundahl, Ph.D., has been chosen to be one of the next group of scholars for the Alcohol Medical Scholars Program in 2014. This program is directed by Dr. Marc Schuckit at the University of California at San Diego. The mission of the Alcohol Medical Scholars Program (AMSP) is to promote optimal education in medical schools regarding the identification and care of people with alcohol use disorders and other substance-related problems. To be part of the program, individuals must be full time academics at a medical school and this year the focus is on faculty who are involved in research.

- Cynthia Arfken, Ph.D., and Alireza Amirsadri, M.D., received a prestigious and competitive 2014 Health Innovation Grant Award from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) "Development of Training Modules for Staff at Adult Foster Care Homes Serving Residents with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities".

II. Research Activities

- Kudos and congratulations to Harinder Rai, WSU 3rd year Medical Student whose abstract for the annual meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry in New York was accepted and scheduled for a highly competitive oral session on "Biomarkers". He is being mentored by Dr. Vaibhav Diwadkar as this is now the 3rd WSU medical student to have an oral presentation accepted at for presentation at a national meeting.

- Pranay Jagtap, medical student mentored by Vaibhav Diwadkar, was one of the 3 winners for Clinical Studies Oral Presentations for “Contextual modulation of frontal-thalamic pathways during sustained attention: Dynamic causal modeling reveals separate bottom-up and top-down effects in schizophrenia offspring.” Wayne State University School of Medicine students showcased their research with 57 poster and oral presentations at the 2014 Medical Student Research Symposium, held Jan. 9-10 in Scott Hall.
III. Office of Education and Training

Congratulations to Drs. Klisz-Hulbert and Balon who filled all three of their open positions for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Match!

- **Hanna Saad, M.D.** is a native of metro Detroit and attended WSU for medical school. He left us briefly to do his general psychiatry training at Michigan State University, where he is currently completing his 3rd year. Dr. Saad is particularly interested in medical student education and we are excited to welcome him back to WSU for fellowship!

- **Divya Vemuri, M.D.** was also raised in southeast Michigan. She attended Sri Ramachandra Medical College in India before returning to the metro area to do residency at Henry Ford. Dr. Vemuri is currently a 3rd year resident and remains devoted to serving the metro-Detroit population. I am confident that her mission will align perfectly with the strengths of our program!

- Drs. Saad and Vemuri will join **Shama Faheem, M.D.,** who accepted an early entrance position. A graduate of Dow Medical College in Pakistan, Dr. Faheem is currently in her 3rd year of general psychiatry training at St. Mary’s in Livonia.

- Four medical students were chosen for the Jerrald Maxmen Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship was established to support on the basis of scholastics a potential academic career in psychiatry. **Gina Papke, Autumn Schultz, Pauline Smith, and Jennifer Sprague** were selected.

Pauline Smith is a Native Detroiter whose interest includes Child Psychiatry, mood and anxiety disorders. Ms. Smith has been mentored by Drs. Dr Beth Ann Brooks and Dr. Mary Morreale

“I am grateful and honored to have received this scholarship. “

Jennifer Sprague’s interests within psychiatry include public psychiatry, medical education and psychosomatic psychiatry. Currently she is finishing up her electives and will be doing an away rotation in Haifa, Israel for the month of February. Dr. Balon, Dr. Morreale and Dr. Waineo have been a great support system and mentors during my medical school career.

Gina Papke became interested early in her medical school career, interning with Mark Greenwald, PhD and first authoring on a paper, “Motivational assessment of non-treatment buprenorphine research participation in heroin dependent individuals”. Ms. Papke interests in psychiatry are psycho-oncology and child psychiatry. She has been mentored by Drs. Mary Morreale and Victor Ajluni.

Autumn Shultz’s interest include child and adolescent psychiatry, particularly outpatient, and the growing interest and need for evidenced based support for complementary and alternative medicine in the field. Her mentors include Drs. Evan Waineo and Mary Morreale. “I just want to thank the faculty for nominating me for this award. It means the most coming from the department because it means they believe in me as a future psychiatrist. I hope to make them proud.”

IV. VA News

The Detroit VA Healthcare System will host a Veterans Networking Fair on January 29, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (flyer below) as part of their follow-up to last summer’s Mental Health Summit. The VA will provide information regarding services available to Veterans, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Community providers are invited to share information regarding their services, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Veterans will also be invited and be able to register, along with receiving medical and dental screenings at the Fair.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Benn-Burton, (313) 576-1000, ext. 63437 or Michelle Abela, (313) 576-1000, ext. 64201.