

Psychiatry Update: September, 2011

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Chairman's Office

The following four individuals will serve in administrative leadership roles in the Chairman's office. Please note the functions associated with each of the following individuals and contact them when you have specific requests.

Alison Knight: Senior Administrative Assistant

Contact Alison regarding requests to meet with me or to bring general departmental issues to my attention.

Kristen Mulholland: Executive Assistant and Director of Strategic Initiatives

Contact Kristen regarding internal and campus wide issues related to the department. Kristen also serves as the liaison for me in regard to all departmental task force agenda and related special projects.

Jennifer Green: Director of Institutional and Community Partnerships

Contact Jennifer for issues related to public relations, media, marketing, and fundraising.

Caitlin Norfleet: Continuing Education Coordinator

Contact Caitlin for continuing education, conference, and speaker related issues.

Department theme for the academic year: "Communication, Communication, Communication."

- The Department now has a Facebook page. All members of our community are strongly encouraged to "like us" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MUSCpsychiatry. It is a major resource for offering up-to-date information.
- We now have a Twitter account! Follow us at www.twitter.com/MUSCpsychiatry.
- You can follow me on Twitter at www.twitter.com/orexin.

Town ALL (not Town Hall) Meetings

Within the context of this year's department's theme of "communication, communication, communication", Town ALL (not Town Hall) meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm in the Institute of Psychiatry auditorium. Departmental and Hospital leadership strongly encourage all Psychiatry employees to attend:

ALL Faculty
ALL Staff
ALL Trainees
ALL Interns
ALL Residents

These meetings will provide an update on planning and strategic initiatives and, more importantly, offer an open forum for the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to ask questions. Communication lines are open to all members of our community. To guarantee that your questions will be addressed at the Town ALL meeting, please submit any questions you would like addressed during the meeting to psychall@muscd.edu.

Televised Marketing

The Chairman's office is implementing a program to promote the department's clinical trials and events using a televised marketing company. This technology will use "internal loops" throughout our

Psychiatry facilities, including clinics, to make people aware of the department's specific offerings. We have solicited bids/proposals from a variety of vendors, for example Visualive. The company that we select may also use "external loops" that will connect the community with the local happenings by displaying user-submitted event flyers and video promos on a network of TV's around Charleston.

MUSC Comprehensive Depression Center (CDC)

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has joined an elite national group of 22 depression centers called the National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC). The department received this designation due to a national reputation as a pioneer in depression research. Initially, there will be four main areas of research concentrations within the MUSC Comprehensive Depression Center (CDC). The four areas are Brain & Creativity (**Drs. McCurdy & Uhde**), Neuromodulation (**Dr. George**), Depression in Medical Disease (**Drs. Borckardt & Malcolm**), and Women's Reproductive Biobehavioral Health (**Dr. Guille**). I will serve as the Interim Director and **Dr. Connie Guille** will serve as the Associate Director. Within the MUSC CDC are several Task Groups: bipolar (**Dr. Tolliver**), military (**Dr. Hamner**), rTMS (**Dr. George**), suicide prevention (**Dr. Guille**), telemedicine (**Dr. Myrick**), women and mood disorders (**Dr. Guille**), ECT (**Dr. George**), geriatric mood disorders (TBA), intervention dissemination (TBA), and college mental health (TBA). **Dr. Mark George** will serve as the Director of the Scientific Advisory Board and **Dr. Layton McCurdy** will serve as the Director of the Community Development Advisory Board.

Annual Fundraiser

Planning is in full swing for the 2012 Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences annual fundraiser. The format has changed from the event held this past March and will now include a free throw competition and a 3-on-3 tournament, as well as a silent auction. This year's highlighted program will be the National Crime Victims Center's Mental Health Disparities and Diversity Program, but any division within the department can benefit from this effort by soliciting monetary donations or donations to the silent auction on behalf of your division. The annual fundraiser, called **Hoops for Hope: Everyone Deserves a Shot at Good Mental Health**, has been designed to encourage participation from the whole department and is sure to grow each year in popularity. For more information on how your division can benefit and how you can participate, please contact Jennifer Green. Updates will be provided as planning continues.

Jason Richard Pressley Visiting Professorship

The Jason Richard Pressley Visiting Professorship is entering its 4th year as **Dr. Fred Goodwin**, from George Washington University, will present as the lecturer on Friday, November 18th as part of the Visiting Professorship. Jackie and Richard Pressley chose to sponsor the annual Professorship in memory of their son Jason, whose diagnosed Bipolar Disorder ultimately lead to his untimely death. Please join us in supporting the Pressley family by attending Dr. Goodwin's keynote presentation. Participating in associated activities of this event will allow for an opportunity to meet with Dr. Goodwin in small group format. Those interested in meeting with Dr. Goodwin should contact Caitlin Norfleet.

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) recently released a new definition highlighting that addiction is a chronic brain disorder and not simply a behavioral problem involving a lack of willpower or self-control. The new definition is a long overdue recognition of addiction as a primary disease, and has resulted from an intensive, four-year process involving more than 80 experts, including top addiction

authorities, addiction medicine clinicians, and leading neuroscience researchers from across the country. Many basic and clinical scientists throughout MUSC, especially in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (**Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs and Clinical Neuroscience Division**) and the **Department of Neurosciences** have made seminal contributions for advancing knowledge in addiction medicine. Thank you for your contributions, which have advanced our understanding of addiction as a brain disorder.

Neurology Chair Search Committee

I have been named Chair of the Neurology Chair search committee. The search is underway. If you know of any potential candidates for the Chair of Neurology, please email their name to uhdepsych@musc.edu and Bev Carson at carsonb@musc.edu with a cc to Kristen Mulholland at mulhollk@musc.edu.

SEASIDE

A task force, appointed by Dean Pisano, has been formed to develop a strategic proposal for the development of an autism center of excellence. This task force has identified the name SEASIDE (Southeast Autism Spectrum Institute Dedicated to Excellence) as its namesake. Task force members include **Dr. Frampton Gwynette, Dr. Lindsay DeVane, Dr. Jane Charles, Dr. Jane Joseph, Dr. Joe Helpern, Jennifer Nall, Dr. Michelle Macias, Dr. Eve Spratt, Dr. Laura Carpenter, Walt Jenner, Drs. Mona and Cat Buhusi, Dr. Gary Aston-Jones, Dr. Stephen Kinsman, and Dr. Sammanda Ramamoorthy.** SEASIDE would be an independent center under the Dean's authority, comprised of world-class faculty from multiple departments across the MUSC campus.

Update in Psychiatry Conference

The 2011 Update in Psychiatry, "Mental Illness, Victimization and Criminal Justice: A Forum for Clinicians, Policymakers, Judges, Attorneys and Law Enforcement" was another well-attended event. Thank you to the following presenters for informative and insightful presentations: **Dr. Susan Knight, Dr. James McDonagh, Dr. Markus Kruesi, Dr. Ned Higgins, John Magill, MSW, Bill Lindsey, Dr. Ed Kantor, Deborah Blalock, MEd, Mark Binkley, Esq., Dr. Gregg Dwyer, Dr. Dean Kilpatrick, Judge Roger Young, Dr. Steve McLeod-Bryant, Jennifer Shealy, Esq., SLED Major Patsy Lightle, Major Patricia Garrison, and keynote speaker Judge Steven Leifman.**

Departmental APT Committee

The following faculty members have agreed to serve on the department's APT committee: **Drs. Peter Shiromani, Peter Miller, Gregg Dwyer, Connie Guille, Sarah Book, and Pat O'Neil.** **Drs. Karen Hartwell and Suzanne Thomas** have agreed to serve another 3 year term. The remaining members of the department APT committee include **Drs. Bernadette Cortese, Robert Malcolm, Deborah Deas, Kevin Gray, Sudie Back, Peter Tuerk, Tara Wright, Michael de Arellano, Darlene Shaw, Alvaro Giraldo, Kelly Barth, Pat Randall, and Mark Wagner.** **Dr. Carrie Randall** has stepped down from her position on the APT committee. We appreciate their contribution to the department and their willingness to serve on this important committee.

Research

As of September 1, 2011, the department started the new fiscal year with an impressive acquisition of 15 awards totaling \$2,965,376. Of those, 2 were competing continuations, 2 were new applications, 7 were non-competing continuations, and 4 were sub-awards or contracts. Congratulations to **Drs. Alyssa**

Rheingold, Jeff Borckardt, Rochelle Hanson, Ron Acierno, Sudie Back, Kathleen Brady, Therese Killeen, Elizabeth Letourneau, and Ashli Sheidow on their hard work.

Our department ranks 9th out of more than 125 academic departments of Psychiatry in NIH funding. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is clearly “a punch above our weight class” in that we were among the top departments in the nation with respect to NIH funding notwithstanding the fact that, unlike our major competitors, we do not have the benefit of large endowments.

The South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute (SCTR) has announced a new funding opportunity that would apply to many faculty in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. A total of \$1.2 million has been allocated from institutional funds to support new pilot projects in the 2011-2012 academic year. Details can be found on the SCTR website at <https://sctr.musc.edu/index.php/programs/pilot-projects>.

KUDOS/WINS

Appointments:

Libby Riddle, MSW, LISW: Director of Psychotherapy Education for the Residency Programs

Dr. Elliott Levy: Associate Training Director for the Psychiatry Residency Program

Dr. Michael de Arellano: Appointed to the College of Medicine Diversity Committee for a 3 year term

Dr. Andy Huchingson: accepted a job at the VA in our Compensation and Pension division.

Sallie Campbell, LISW, LMFT/S: Took over as manager of the Children’s Day Treatment Program as of July 1.

AWARDS:

Dr. Alyssa Rheingold: Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar as nominated by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Medicine.

Dr. Alyssa Rheingold: Outstanding Clinician Award presented at the Faculty Convocation

Dr. Angela Begle: AAMC Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar as nominated by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Dean’s Office.

Dr. Layton McCurdy: Awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in the state of South Carolina, for his lifetime achievements and service to the state.

Dr. Connie Guille: Awarded a 3-year BIRCWH Fellowship for studies related to improvement of women’s health. This NIH-sponsored Fellowship will support Dr. Guille’s research on biomarkers that predict post-partum depression.

Dr. Gregg Dwyer: Awarded a Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile of Delinquency Prevention grant of \$766,574 to conduct a 3-year study entitled “Protecting Children Online: Using Research-Based Algorithms to Prioritize Law Enforcement Internet Investigations.”

SERVICE AWARDS:

40 years: Dr. Dean Kilpatrick

20 years: Theresa Barnes, Dr. Kathleen Brady, Dr. Therese Killeen, Claudia Davis-Dickerson, RN, BSN, Deborah Doucet, RN, MSN, Bonnie Jones RN, BSN, Linda Jordan, RN, BSN.

10 years: Dr. Owen Shoemaker, Mary Lou Shoemaker, MSW, Christine Hamolia, RN, CS, Dr. Markus Kruesi, Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau, Dr. Aimee McRae-Clark, Bob Peiffer, Steve Ratliff, Chryol Smith

RECOGNITION:

Dr. Steve McLeod-Bryant: recognized as the Medical Director of the Quarter at the Medical Executive Committee. He was recognized for his unique ability to bring different groups together in order to improve patient care.

Dr. Hugh Myrick and colleagues: acknowledgement by Dr. Greenberg in the annual report for their work in telehealth.

US News & World Report Rankings: The MUSC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences was recognized as High Performing by US News & World Report for the first time.

Forensics: Accredited for a 4-year cycle by the ACGME (**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education**)

Patient Satisfaction Survey Results: IOP raw overall score of 79.6, 3rd highest of all service lines and a 4.3 point increase over 2010. 2N won the patient satisfaction banner for the 3rd quarter, with a score of 90.8. Seasons won for the outpatient areas, scoring 97.04.

Ronald Clark and Sherman Olsen: Two Children's Day Treatment Program employees were among 10 finalists for Hospital Employee of the Year.

9/11 Commemorative Lecture: Thank you to **Dr. Dean Kilpatrick** for providing the closing remarks at the 9/11 Commemorative lecture on September 20th, and also to **Dr. Ron Acierno** and **Dr. Connie Best** who joined Dean on the planning committee. Psychiatry faculty members and trainees **Dr. Mark Hamner, Dr. Heidi Resnick, Melissa Milanak, Dr. Matthew Yoder, Dr. Peter Tuerk, Dr. Kristy Center, Dr. Anouk Grubaugh, Kate Walsh, Kristin Gros,** and **Dr. Ken Ruggiero** presented posters at this memorial event.