

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

Fiscal Year 2013 - Annual Report



Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO)



Interdisciplinary Education for Health Professions Students



Rural Residency Rotations

Training and Continuing Education



*Promoting
Quality of Life
and
Quality of Practice
in the Region*

*Our mission is to improve access to and promote
quality in health care through educational
and other partnerships.*

Clinical Education





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Volunteer Hours: 104

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Dear WMAHEC Friends and Supporters,

Fiscal Year 2013 was once again “The Year of The Move.” After an exhaustive search for new office space and housing facilities, we landed at Windsor Hall on the Downtown Cumberland Mall. We love our location, and the students and medical residents love the housing. We offer many thanks to our landlord, local legend and advocate for the revitalization of the Downtown Cumberland Mall area, Ed Mullaney. Our second move of the year occurred in the spring when we entered into a beneficial partnership with the Garrett County Memorial Hospital to lease its historical Darby House for student and medical resident housing located across the street from the hospital in Oakland, another beautiful space for our program participants. Even with all the moving, a loyal and dedicated staff accomplished much in the year.

We renewed efforts to revise and build new data collection infrastructures that will allow us to manage and access program information and program participants, particularly tracking outcomes.

Working in partnership with our stakeholders, we continued to focus on the health professions education pipeline, specifically through creating new a new curriculum for Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO) that incorporates and sustains quality programs like the Youth Health Service, adds a research component, increases hands-on activities, and moves toward a year-round program.

WMAHEC’s programs and services continued to provide Western Maryland communities with quality continuing education and training programs, advocacy efforts through the Maryland Rural Health Association and our local and national politicians, student clinical education rotations, geriatric education and interprofessional experiences at long-term care sites, and library and medical librarian services and, through a contract with the National Library of Medicine, training on disaster health resources for health professionals, students, and hospitals.

We also strengthened our participation on the Local Health Improvement Coalitions, commonly referred to as LHICs. Through a lengthy planning process, we met the goals of the some of the coalitions in each county and began aligning our activities with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s State Office of Rural Health. Healthcare reform has made Maryland an active and ever-changing environment, as multiple initiatives within the state are in the forefront of implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,



Charlie Breakall

Charles Breakall
Chair, Board of Directors



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Executive Director

Clinical Education



Terri Socha coordinates WMAHEC's clinical education program.

The clinical education program facilitated clinical rotations in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick counties for 132 health professions students representing 19 different health professional programs. Students learn the cultural issues, challenges, and rewards of meeting the health care needs of rural/underserved patients. As part of supporting a "Grow Our Own" health career pipeline, the clinical education program also facilitates opportunities for health professions students from Western Maryland to reconnect with practice opportunities in their home communities. Western Maryland health practitioners provided 27,520 volunteer hours teaching future health professionals. In addition to sharing their knowledge and skills, preceptors share the rewards and opportunities of rural/underserved practice.

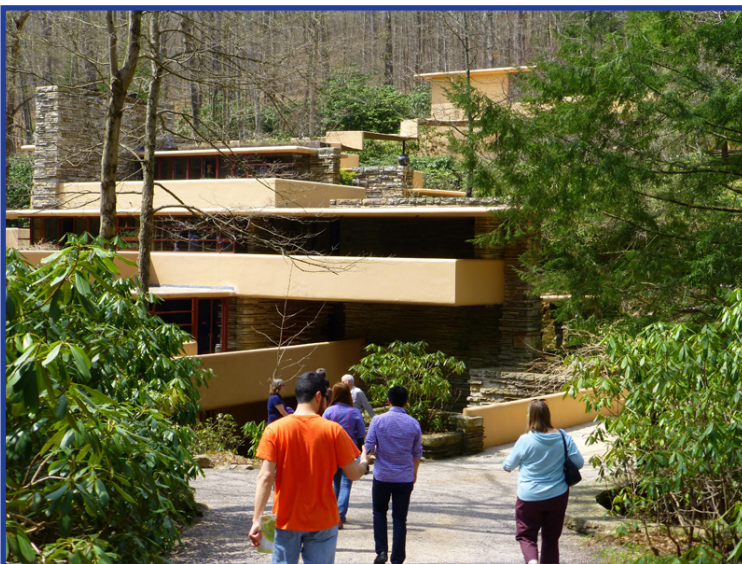
Six hundred and eighty-eight (688) weeks of clinical rotations were completed by students representing Dentistry, Allopathic Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, and Pharmacy from the University of Maryland Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, as well as Duquesne University, Elizabethtown College, Georgetown University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Shenandoah University,



Timothy Wolfe, MD, second-year internal medicine resident at the University of Maryland (pictured, right), completed a rotation with John Reed, MD (left), at Smithsburg Family Medical Center. Dr. Wolfe, who is from Clear Spring, Maryland, also completed an AHEC rotation in Washington County as a fourth-year student at UMB School of Medicine.

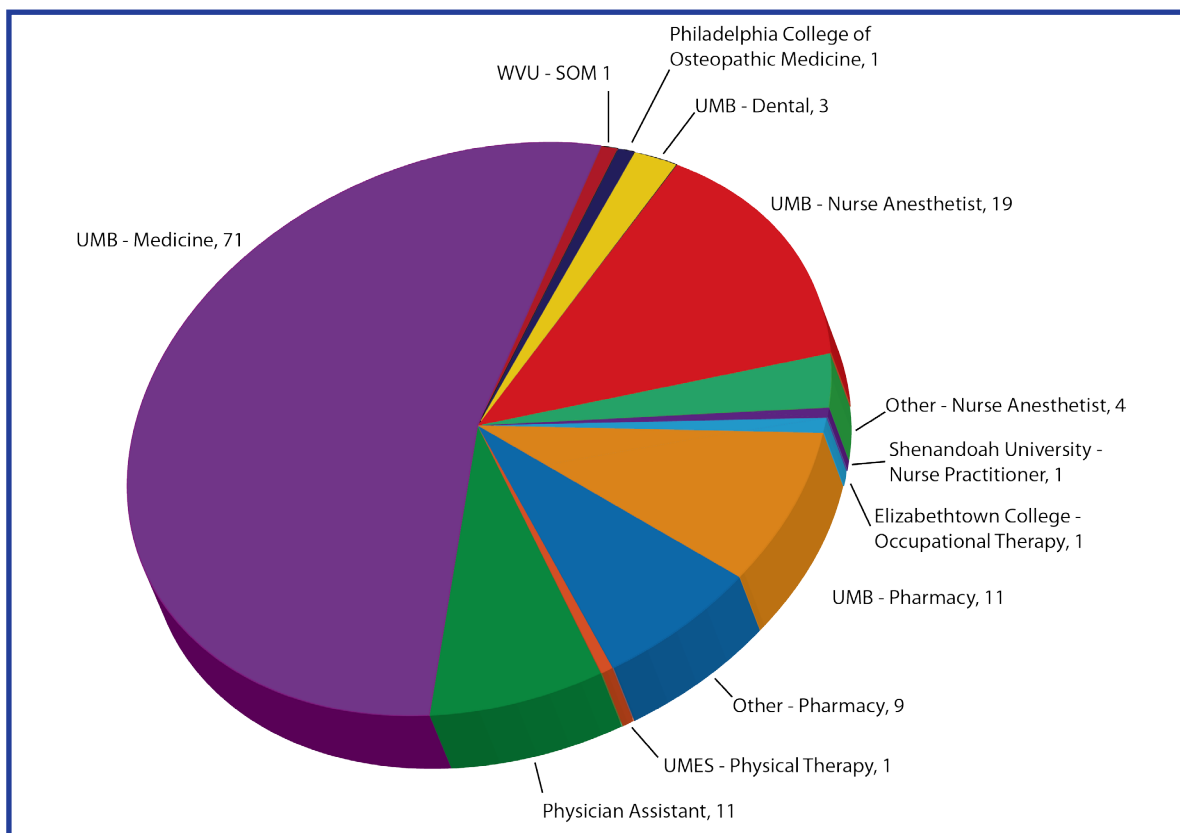
University of Charleston West Virginia, University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, and York College of Pennsylvania.

A University of Maryland Baltimore internal medicine resident who had completed a rotation as a fourth-year medical student returned for an elective internal medicine residency program rotation in Washington County.



In addition to gorgeous scenery and four-season outdoors recreation, Western Maryland and its environs boast many historical sites and buildings to explore. Pictured, left, are WMAHEC clinical education students with coordinator Terri Socha as they walk toward Fallingwater, a residence designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and built in the late 1930s that is now open to visitors. Located near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Fallingwater is approximately 1.5 hours from WMAHEC's Cumberland office by car.

Clinical Education



133 Students, 9 Disciplines, 19 Schools/Programs

688 Rotation Weeks, 27,520 Hours of Volunteer Teaching

- Does NOT include UMB Internal Medicine Resident who completed a rotation as a 4th year medical student and returned for an Elective Internal Medicine Residency Program rotation in Washington County.
- Does NOT include UMB Family Medicine Residents and the UMES Physician Assistant student who completed rotations in Allegany and Garrett County with GAHWDN program.

27,520 Volunteer Hours

FY 2013 Preceptors

Jacquelyn P. Bauer, CRNP
 Anthony Bollino, MD
 Ken R. Buczynski, MD
 Peter Bui, MD
 Julie Caler, PharmD, CGP
 Thomas Chappell, MD
 Jill K. Cicarelli, MD
 James Crable, RPh
 Wayne Crowder, MD
 Robert J. Dawson, MD
 Ruth Dwyer, MD
 Kandy Fink, CRNP
 Carla M.C. Fritz, CRNP

Joe Glass, RPh
 Rosario Gonzaga, MD
 Robert Goralski, MD
 Patricia Gotsch, MD
 B. Allen Haworth, DO
 Debra B. Hurtt, MD
 Erica Itnyre, CRNA
 Margaret Kaiser, MD
 Shiv Khanna, MD
 Michael Levitas, MD
 Jennifer Long, CRNA
 Steven Lowery, PharmD
 Karen Mencer, CRNP

Celestino Menchavez, MD
 Julio J. Menocal, MD
 Anita Meyers-Vagnoni, MD
 Mary Money, MD
 Susan M. Nuber, MD
 Ghazala Qadir, MD
 John Reed, MD
 Lance Rhodes, PharmD
 Donald Richter, MD
 Brent Robertson, PT
 Laura Robinson, OTR/L
 Diane D. Romaine, DMD
 Sanjay Saxena, MD

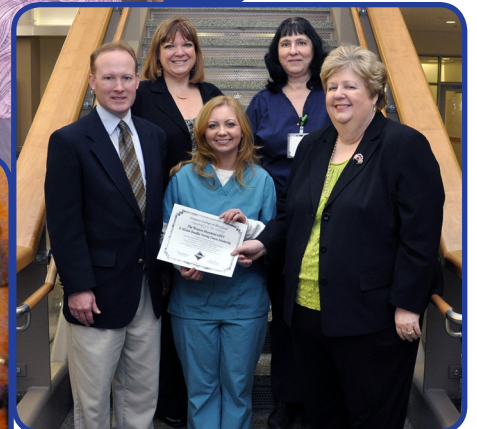
Manzar Shafi, MD
 Sanjay Saxena, MD
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 Huma Shakil, MD
 Amy Sines, PharmD
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 Christine Sturtz, CRNA
 Gary Wagoner, MD
 Leon Weaver, MD
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Caucuses



Joy Taylor coordinates activities, including continuing education courses, for ten of WMAHEC's twelve caucuses, with Terri Socha facilitating the two other caucuses.

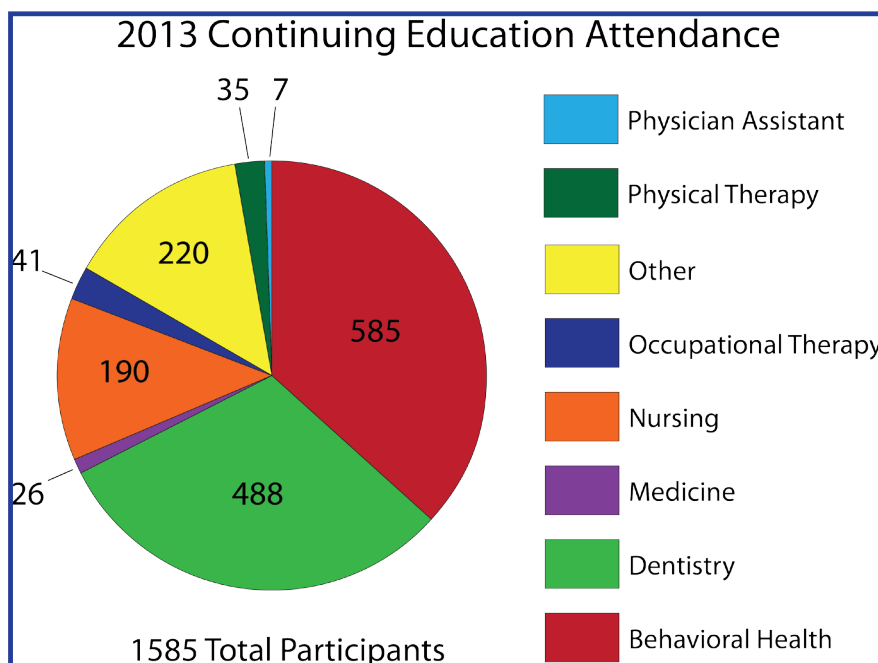
The dedication and commitment provided to WMAHEC from the members of the twelve health professional caucuses continues to be the core of the continuing education program success. The disciplines represented by these caucuses include Dentistry, Dietetic, Massage Therapy, Medical, Nurse Practitioner, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Psychology and Professional Counseling, and Social Work. Because of the collaborative relationships established among these caucuses, health care organizations, and educational institutions, continuing education programming continues to serve the needs and interests of our local providers. In cooperation with these partners, training needs are assessed and programs are developed and conducted using national, regional, and local experts as lecturers and consultants.



Caucuses with members pictured here include, in clockwise order from top left, Washington County Social Work, Dietetic, Psychology/Professional Counseling, Allegany/Garrett Social Work (with Diana Loar, Executive Director of Western Maryland Food Bank, first row, right, to acknowledge Caucus donation), Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Nurse Practitioner. More information about the Nursing Caucus's D. Michele Beaulieu Nursing Scholarship can be found on page 6.

Continuing Education

During Fiscal Year 2013, 40 continuing education courses were sponsored or co-sponsored with 89 credit hours awarded to a total of 1,401 health professionals. Another 8 non-credit programs were conducted for 184 participants. Presentation formats included seminars, workshops, lectures, video conferences, and telecasts. By providing quality, diverse, and affordable educational opportunities, WMAHEC is assisting with the retention of health professionals in the region as well as helping to improve the health care provided to the citizens of Western Maryland. During any given fiscal year, the number of programs conducted and professionals served is commensurate with the amount of available grant funds.



D. Michele Beaulieu

Nursing Caucus Scholarship

The first nursing student to receive the D. Michele Beaulieu Scholarship created by the WMAHEC Nursing Caucus is Allegany College of Maryland student Brianne Peck, pictured on page 5 after receiving her certificate. Shown with her are, first row, from left, David Jones, Executive Director, Allegany College of Maryland Foundation, and Bea-Himmelwright Lamm, RN, EdD, Nursing Caucus Chair; back row, left, WMAHEC's Joy Taylor, and right, Angela Spataro, RN, BSN, Nursing Caucus Treasurer. The Caucus awards the scholarship to worthy students in honor of Michele, a bachelor's-prepared nurse, who facilitated the Caucus as part of her responsibilities at WMAHEC during her 20-year tenure. Michele succumbed to ovarian cancer in 2010 just before her 49th birthday and is deeply missed by her WMAHEC co-workers and friends, as well as her family, to whom she was devoted.

Behavioral/Mental Health of Veterans/Service Members and Their Families

Western Maryland AHEC participated with the National AHEC Organization (NAO) initiative to conduct continuing education training programs for health professionals in a course titled "Behavioral/Mental Health of Veterans/Service Members and Their Families." This funding was made possible through Health Resources and Services Administration contract HHSH250200900063C to NAO.

As the course description stated, the U.S. military has been deployed to combat in Iraq or Afghanistan for over 15 years. Everyone deployed returns with adjustment issues to some degree, and about half choose to seek care in the civilian community. However, the civilian community generally knows very little about the military lifestyle and the issues facing returning service members and their families.

Western Maryland AHEC facilitated two offerings of Behavioral/Mental Health of Veterans/Service Members and Their Families" in the region, as follows:

- On July 9, 2012, for the Washington County Social Work Caucus and CE meeting with 14 social workers in attendance.

- On June 28, 2013, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center with 77 healthcare professionals in attendance. CME and CE certificates were awarded to the nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental hygienists, psychologists, professional counselors, and social workers attending. Certificates of attendance were provided to attending dietitians, radiation technicians, mental health therapists, veteran representatives, case managers, and health care quality personnel.

Partnerships included the Veteran's Administration, the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, and Frostburg State University.

Annual Awards 2013



Diane D. Romaine, DMD, MAGD, received the Jane A. Fiscus Community Health Leadership Award for her remarkable leadership, dedication to interdisciplinary education, and commitment to improve health throughout Western Maryland.



Richard Colgan, MD, received the John M. Dennis Award for his contributions to the Western Maryland AHEC through the Allegany-Garrett Health Workforce Development Network.



R. Anne Sheetz, RN, MS, MA, LCPC, received the Distinguished Service Award for her longstanding service on the Western Maryland AHEC Board of Directors and her commitment to strengthening partnerships throughout the Western Maryland region.



John Kenney, MSW, LCSW-C, received the Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Award from the University of Maryland program of that same name (GGEAR) and from WMAHEC for his dedication and leadership in enhancing the quality of services for older adults in the Western Maryland region.



Lisa McCoy, MS, RD, LDN, received the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award from the Dietetic Caucus for exceptional service and commitment to clients, the community, and the profession. Also pictured are Dietetic Caucus members Meredythe Barrick, MS, RD, LDN, and Jennifer Hoover, RD, LDN, last year's winner.

Annual Awards 2013



Audra Houser, FNP, received the Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award from the Nurse Practitioner Caucus for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence.



Angela Spataro, RN, BSN, received the Nurse of the Year Award from the Nursing Caucus for her tireless work ethic, innovative ideas, caring and committed attitude, and compassion.



Kelsey Wilkes, LCSW-C, received the Outstanding Social Worker of the Year Award from the Washington County Social Work Caucus. Wilkes is pictured with last year's winner, Fred Hirsch.



Judyth Altemus, PsyD, received the Mental Health Professional of the Year Award from the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus for outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Altemus is pictured with R. Anne Sheetz, RN, MS, MA, LCPC.



Jennifer Glotfelty, LSWA, was named the Outstanding Social Worker of the Year from the Allegany-Garrett County Social Work Caucus for outstanding service to clients, the community, and the profession.

Mountain Health Alliance



**Rhonda Rosley
became MHA's
Network Director
in Fall 2012.**

The Mountain Health Alliance (MHA), a Rural Health Network funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, serves five counties in three Appalachian states--Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties in Maryland, Bedford County in Pennsylvania, and Mineral County in West Virginia. MHA's members work together to address health disparities in the region, with oral health as its current focus.

- Collaborated with the Maryland Oral Health Literacy Association and Allegany Health Right through its Regional Oral Health Pathway grant to hire and train a community health worker on oral health issues, with full training completion scheduled for December 2013.
- Led fundraising efforts and participated in planning for the Mission of Mercy free two-day dental clinic to be held at Allegany County Fairgrounds in October 2013 during which over 800 uninsured persons are expected to receive dental work by volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, and nurses. Over 600 community volunteers will supply operational support.

MHA accomplishments in fiscal year 2013 include the following highlights:

- Purchased equipment totaling \$10,000 for Garrett County Health Department's dental clinic.
- Purchased equipment totaling \$63,000 for the Hyndman Area Health Center's (HAHC) dental clinic, replacing equipment more than 25 years old.
- Secured an in-kind grant from National Association of Counties for a study which assessed the economic impact of MHA partners as employers and proposed additional dental services in MHA's service area.

Volunteer Hours: 884



Pictured above with Walnut Street Community Health Center's mobile dental van are current and former MHA directors, Rhonda Rosley, left, and Jen Thomas, right, with founding MHA member David Stewart of Hyndman Area Health Center.

Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR)



**Terri Socha coordinates GGEAR
programs (including Geriatric
Assessment Interdisciplinary
Team (GAIT) projects) in
Western Maryland.**

The Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore directs a University System of Maryland Redeployment Grant that, in partnership with WMAHEC, supports local collaboration to initiate and implement projects to address the educational needs of health care professionals and students, geriatric care providers, and older adults. This year, the partnership facilitated the following four continuing education programs:

- Pain Management and the Older Adult;
- Improving Health Outcomes through Attention to Health Literacy;
- Maryland Health Care Decisions Act and MOLST; and
- Co-Occurring Disorders: Behavioral Health and Substance Use Problems in Later Life.

Two hundred seventy-five (275) participants, including nurses, physicians, professional counselors, psychologists, social workers, and other geriatric care providers, attended the programs in Allegany and Washington counties. Collaborating co-sponsors included GGEAR, Western Maryland Health System, Johns Hopkins Geriatrics Education Center Consortium, WMAHEC Social Work Caucus, Frostburg State University Masters in Counseling Psychology Program, and Western Maryland Hospital Center.

Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research

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In addition, GGEAR provided the following training and resources:

- Dementia training for 79 staff from five geriatric care sites and additional presentations to seniors, caregivers, and family in Allegany and Garrett counties, co-sponsored by the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Egle Nursing and Rehab Center, and Lions Center.
- Educational outreach and resources shared with 1,090 geriatrics service providers, health professionals, caregivers and older adults in Garrett and Allegany counties and to 130 clinical education students completing rotations through the WMAHEC in Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, or Washington counties.
- Aging awareness activities and career opportunities in geriatrics shared with 51 health career pipeline (ECHO) students.

Western Maryland AHEC's FY 2013 Award for Excellence in Geriatrics and Gerontology was presented to John Kenney, MSW, LCSW-C (see photo on page 8) in recognition of his collaboration with the Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research program at the University of Maryland Baltimore, WMAHEC, the Washington County Social Work Caucus, and Western Maryland agencies and elder service providers to develop affordable, accessible, and timely educational programs for health professionals. His dedication to interprofessional geriatrics education has enhanced the quality of care for older adults in Western Maryland.



Pictured at the CE program, "Co-Occurring Disorders: Behavioral Health and Substance Use Problems in Later Life" are, from left, Reba Cornman, MSW, Director GGEAR; Georgia L. Stevens, PhD, APRN, BC, Baltimore Mental Health Systems; Kim Burton, Director of Older Adult Programs, Mental Health Association of Maryland; and Cynthia Pellegrino, Chief Executive Officer, Western Maryland Hospital Center, the host site for the event.

During a GAIT project at Homewood of Williamsport Independent Living, student teams interview the residents they have been assigned by the staff to assess.



Geriatric Assessment Interdisciplinary Team (GAIT) Projects

GAIT projects are funded by a University System of Maryland Redeployment Grant to the Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR) program at the University of Maryland Baltimore to provide an interdisciplinary geriatric team training opportunity for students in health professions programs at University System of Maryland schools.

Each project is focused on a topic in geriatric care and is hosted by a geriatric care site in Western Maryland. Students complete activities designed to increase their understanding of challenges faced by older adults as they age and to enhance their interdisciplinary geriatric assessment and health care team skills. Each small interdisciplinary team of students reviews the records of and interviews/assesses the older adults assigned to them by the staff to assess. Each team then presents its assessment and suggestions to staff at the host site. This year, health professions students participated in one of four GAIT projects in Western Maryland:

- Normal Aging: Health and Wellness in Independent Living, Homewood at Williamsport;
- Pain Management in Geriatric Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Western Maryland Health System;
- Supporting Staying at Home: Adult Medical Day Service, Diakon Adult Day Services at Ravenwood;
- Community-Based Hospice Care in a Rural Community Hospice of Garrett County, Inc.

In FY 2013, 55 University System of Maryland students representing nine disciplines participated in GAIT projects. Disciplines included Counseling Psychology, Gerontology, Health Promotion, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, and Social Work from six universities/schools: Frostburg State University, Towson University, and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO)



**Jen Thomas
coordinates the
ECHO program.**

Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO) experienced record-high participation during the summer 2013 week-long residential health career camps. A total of 70 students participated, resulting in a 20.7 percent increase from 2012. Participants represented each and every high school in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties, as well as neighboring West Virginia schools and home-schooled students.

ECHO 2013 was enhanced with new events including a college-level research activity instructed by our very own medical librarian, a personality screening activity, a fitness activity with a wellness coach, volunteering at the local food bank, forensics presentations at universities, and a parent/student reception on the final day to showcase the students' accomplishments and experiences. ECHO evaluations revealed that 56 out of the 66 participants felt that ECHO helped them decide that they were interested in a health career. This year's ECHO students had good things to say about the program; a few of their comments are highlighted below.



*"I learned how proper
first aid and CPR work."*



*"I discovered careers in the medical field
that I'd never heard of before."*



"I learned how to live in a dorm and experienced college life."

Garrett Allegany Health Workforce Development Network (GAHWDN)



Martha Bird serves as GAHWDN Network Director.

Garrett Allegany Health Workforce Development Network (GAHWDN) continues to meet its workforce objectives with the backing of community and university partners. Supported through grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Rural Health Policy, the Network provided training opportunities and experiences within culturally competent, community-focused rural

settings. The Network is committed to reinforcing and growing its ties among medical residents, students, and stakeholders to meet the Region's ongoing health workforce needs.

GAHWDN's video *Quality of Life/Quality of Practice* is ready to go on the road and is currently featured on the Network's Web site at <http://www.gahwdn.org>; it is also accessible to Network members for Web sites, outreach, and recruitment.

Network member contributions included in-kind housing, in-kind preceptors, in-kind scheduling, volunteer time, and collective thinking and planning led to successful program activities. Our partnerships made it possible for the following accomplishments this year:

- Ten family medicine residents from the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMB SOM) Department of Family and Community Medicine completed month-long rural community medicine rotations;
- Nine medical students from the UMB SOM's Primary Care Track program participated in a two-day rural shadowing rotation;

Volunteer Hours: 2,997

GAHWDN participants said:

- *Touring the hospitals and the FQHC's and hearing about their pros/cons and realities was great!*
- *The opportunity to talk casually with providers is always illuminating, and the opportunity to see rural practice sites was also helpful.*
- *[My favorite activities were] meeting students in other fields and talking with area doctors.*

- Eight Frostburg State University Counseling Psychology program graduate students were given the opportunity to visit Garrett County to learn about behavioral health internship opportunities in the local health department;
- Nine family medicine residents participated in a community engagement weekend to learn about the area, meet Network members and preceptors, and engage in team building;
- Fourteen (14) health professions students attended a weekend program with site visits to local health departments, hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and to ride the zip line at the Wisp resort in McHenry, Maryland. Student were introduced to what it means to live and practice in a rural community.



Pictured above during third-year medical resident Dr. Tracy Givens' rotation in Garrett County are Dr. Robert Goralski, left, and Dr. Givens, of the University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Learning Resource Center



Mary Spalding, WMAHEC's medical librarian, oversees the Learning Resource Center and library contracts. She also coordinates WMAHEC's Safe Seniors contract with the National Library of Medicine.

The Learning Resource Center processed Docline and Loansome Doc requests this fiscal year for local health professionals as well as others accessing WMAHEC's Learning Resource Center, a Primary Access Library of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region. Christina Mackereth, WMAHEC Administrative Specialist, took over daily Docline/Loansome Doc responsibilities during FY 2013 after attending on-line training offered by the National Library of Medicine.

Safe Seniors: Appalachian Disaster and Emergency Information Outreach

Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, WMAHEC and key partners in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties worked together to improve access to reliable disaster and emergency health information by health professionals, first responders, emergency planners, and others interested in disaster preparation and management. Due to the relatively high percentage of seniors living in these counties, resources developed for professionals working with seniors, as well as resources for seniors themselves and other vulnerable populations, were highlighted.

WMAHEC developed and offered training courses and presentations featuring NLM's Disaster Information Management Research Center, a Web directory and portal to disaster health information selected by medical librarians after undergoing a rigorous evaluation process. The site has been designed to quickly and easily locate relevant items, saving users the need to evaluate results for quality and reliability. Trainings also included state and local emergency/disaster preparation resources and those specifically relevant to the participants in each audience.

By the end of this fiscal year, six continuing education courses, informational courses, and presentations had been provided to 85 members of target audiences.

The LRC continued its contracts for medical librarian services and document delivery with local hospitals including Meritus Health in Hagerstown and Western Maryland Health System (WMHS), and, on a limited basis, for Somerset Hospital in Pennsylvania. The WMHS contract also includes data entry and database reporting by WMAHEC's administrative specialists.

Mary Spalding continued serving as the Meritus Health System's medical librarian through May 2013, when the contract was terminated by WMAHEC to re-direct her efforts to grant writing and other priorities. For most of Fiscal Year 2013, Ms. Spalding responded throughout the week to frequent requests by Meritus physicians and other health professionals for literature searches, document access/delivery, and other librarian services. She also traveled to Hagerstown once a week, where she maintained the medical library in the brand-new Meritus Medical Center while overseeing the library's budget, collection development, document delivery, interlibrary loan, and other duties. She also served on the Medical Continuing Education/Library Committee, the Nursing Research Council, and the Nursing MAGNET Committee at Meritus, where she reported to the Chief Medical Officer.



National Library of Medicine's Disaster Information Management Research Center's Web site provides easy access to disaster resources for health professionals, first responders, and others interested in disaster management. Free resources are available, including toolkits, sample disaster plans and other documents, free continuation courses and educational videos, and much more. The site is a directory to materials created by reliable organizations, each of which has been evaluated by medical librarians before being selected for the site. DIMRC can be accessed at <http://disaster.nlm.nih.gov>, or simply google "NLM" and "disaster" to find the site.



Martha Bird	<i>Program Coordinator</i>	Rhonda Rosley	<i>Program Coordinator</i>
Dorian Birkholz	<i>Community Health Worker (Contractual)</i>	Scottie Samples	<i>Program Coordinator through August 14</i>
Jackie Booth	<i>Administrative Specialist</i>	Terri Socha	<i>Program Coordinator</i>
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Financial Statement

Maryland Statewide Medical Education & Training System (MSMETS)	\$324,000.00
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)	\$97,395.00
Geriatric Assessment Interdisciplinary Team (GAIT) Project, University of Maryland	\$42,500.00
Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR), University of Maryland	\$25,000.00
Point of Service AHEC Funding, Maryland AHEC Program	\$71,268.00
LRC Contracts - pending contracts	\$27,247.00
Mountain Health Alliance - HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Network Development	\$163,285.00
GAHWDN - HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Workforce Network Development	\$168,935.00
National Library of Medicine contract - Safe Seniors	\$17,592.00
Maryland Asthma Control Program	\$795.00
Telehome Care Network, University of Maryland School of Medicine	\$942.00
Local Administrative Account (LAA)	\$14,380.00

Total FY 2013 Budget: \$953,339.00

Our New Digs!

In December 2012, WMAHEC's offices moved to Windsor Hall "on the bricks" (Cumberland's downtown pedestrian mall). WMAHEC's space in the historical building also includes housing for clinical education students completing rural rotations in Western Maryland, including twelve dorm-style rooms, several kitchens, and common rooms with television, computer, library, and other amenities such as those in Suite 303, shown below.



WMAHEC also entered into a beneficial partnership with Garrett County Memorial Hospital to lease the historical Darby House, below, for clinical education students completing rounds in Garrett County. The house is located just across from the hospital in Oakland, Maryland.



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