



# NEWS from the Consortium

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## PRIMARY CARE TRAINING IN NEW MEXICO: STATEWIDE SUMMIT

Join us for a summit to determine priorities for planning and expanding primary care physician training in New Mexico

**AUGUST 10 – 11, 2015**

Please register on line by July 27; registration is free but space is limited

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The purpose of this summit is to:

- \* Discuss how community based primary care training is important to the future NM health care;
- \* Examine the Medicaid Funding option for residency training in NM;
- \* Describe the components of graduate medical education from funding to training to accreditation;
- \* Evaluate local communities for interest in and readiness to train family medicine residents

### Guest Speakers:

**Brett Earnest**, NM Secretary of Human Services

**Retta Ward**, NM Secretary of Health

**Howie Morales**, NM State Senator

**Arthur Kaufman, MD**, Vice Chancellor for Community Health, UNM

**John Hummer**, CEO, Burrell School of Osteopathic Medicine

### NMPCTC gratefully acknowledges the following summit sponsors:

Community Health Initiatives; New Mexico Health Resources; Mexico Hospital Association;  
New Mexico Primary Care Association; Burrell School of Osteopathic Medicine; University of New Mexico

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## University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

UNM recently hosted an orientation for the 19 new interns that start July 2015. Many of the new interns moved here from out of state and we all did our best to make them feel comfortable in their new hometown. The first day of orientation was capped by a barbecue at Dr. Waldman's house, where current residents and faculty joined in the celebration. The second day the new interns visited the clinics they were assigned to, and the third day featured the "White Coat Ceremony" where the interns receive their long white coat, traditionally associated with physicians in the hospital.

The most logistically complex event was the structured "initial assessment" for members of incoming class, utilizing standardized patient encounters as well as a "skills station." This was a large effort, requiring the involvement of more than 10 faculty, 15 standardized patients, and multiple administrative staff. Thanks to everyone's involvement, including Dr. Nelson and Dr. Rigales, Program Directors for the Silver City and Santa Fe programs respectively, who came to Albuquerque to participate.

Intern orientation is fun but also a time for reflection; it's a time when we start the process of really getting to know the people we only briefly met during the interview season, or during a short medical school rotation. It's always humbling to see what amazing and thoughtful people choose to come and train at our residency, and as part of the 1+2 programs. Orientation also occurs at the same time that we prepare to say goodbye to our current third-year class. It's quite a cycle to behold, seeing the look of trepidation on the faces of the incoming group, while mixing in one-on-one exit interviews with the outgoing residents and seeing their confidence as they prepare to take the next step, perhaps the hardest step in medical education, independent practice.

### UNM INTERN CLASS OF 2016



## Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program, Las Cruces

The Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program celebrated the graduation of our 2015 Class of Residents on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This fine group of physicians has been well-trained under the leadership of Dr. John Andazola, Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program Director, faculty and staff. It was a special time to share the culmination of years of education and hard work as we send these new doctors out into the world. In 1996, Memorial established the residency program to train much-needed family doctors in hopes that they would stay in the area. We are pleased to report that 4 of the 6 graduates will be practicing in New Mexico.

We are very proud to congratulate these outstanding, new family physicians on their graduation joined by Drs. John Andazola, Residency Program Director and John Harris, CEO Memorial Medical Center:



William "Glen" Adkins, MD  
Lawrence DeVolld, MD  
Jason Lee, MD, MPH  
Eric Sandoval, MD  
Clayton Smith, DO  
Benjamin Wilson, MD

We are also excited to welcome our Class of 2018: Dawn Drumm (UNM), Dickie Romero (UNM), Martha Montanez (Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez), Marco Maldonado (Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez), Mai Oushy (Ain Shams University), and Alaa Ahmed Hussain (University of Baghdad).

## Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency - Silver City

### Introducing!

#### **PGY2 Resident Dr. Lynda Labranche:**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Lynda Labranche to the Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Labranche will join Dr. Ramirez as a PGY2 Resident Physician, Class of 2017!

Dr. Labranche is a graduate of Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, OH where she received her medical degree in 2014 as well as her MSPH- Health Behavior and Health Promotion in 2009. Dr. Labranche is up her internship at Summa Barberton Hospital specializing in Family Medicine and will join us here in Silver City at the end of June.

Dr. Labranche aspired to become a family doctor from her desire live out both her passion about human physiology and responsiveness to better the health of others. Dr. Labranche hopes to engage with people of all walks of life, and utilize her passion for people to make a difference in their lives.

**PGY1 Resident Dr. Brandon Ferguson:** We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brandon Ferguson to Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program as a PGY1 Resident! Dr. Ferguson will begin his residency training at the University of New Mexico and will join us here in Silver for PGY2 & 3.

Dr. Ferguson grew up in Orem, Utah. As a teenager he spent as much time as possible outdoors hiking, biking, climbing, fishing and snowboarding. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from BYU-Hawaii on the beautiful island of Oahu, he spent 2 years on the island of Grenada and 2 years in Brooklyn, NY completing his medical degree which he received from St. George's University.

Dr. Ferguson chose a career in Family Medicine because he hopes to practice a broad spectrum of medicine with patients of all ages. He loves the clinic, the hospital and the emergency room and has a particular interest in Rural Medicine.

Dr. Ferguson chose the Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program for three reasons. First, the people. He and his wife immediately felt at home both in Albuquerque and Silver City. Second, sunny New Mexico felt like the perfect match for his wife and 3 children who love to be outside every chance they get. Finally, he was thrilled by the idea of working in both a University Hospital and a Rural Community Health Center and is looking forward to the hands on rural

## Northern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Santa Fe

"Blending Maya Q'eqchi traditions with Western Medicine" Written by, Brian Smith, 2015  
Graduate of the NNMFRP

I started the Chila Inc clinic (abbreviation for "Ch'ina Us li Amaq'ink"—Translation: "*Beautiful is Life*") after completing 2 Peace Corps terms in the town of Chisec, Guatemala, a region heavily affected by the 36 year civil war that ended in 1996. I decided to begin my education from scratch and study medicine, while constructing the clinic in my free time with some close friends and colleagues.

Our mission is to provide high-quality primary care which is nearly absent in the region. Most patients purchase as many doses of any medication that they can afford from untrained pharmacists in town.

We also aim to strengthen and maintain traditional Maya Q'eqchi herbal and spiritual medicine practices. There is an epidemic of sham homeopathic and supplemental vitamin products on which Guatemalans spend a large portion of their already limited income. Ricardo, our herbal medicine partner, provides treatments based in herbs he's been collecting in the surrounding jungle for more than 40 years in our clinic in sessions once/week.

Our organizational partners, Q'ana Tz'uul Taq'a ("*The Women of the Hillside Spirit*") are a Q'eqchi Maya women's group that is a proud, well organized entity in a community where women don't traditionally work outside the home or hold any leadership roles. Their passion and projects include preserving traditional Mayan organic farming methods, diversifying crops for nutritional and added income, vaccination of small home animals, production of traditional medicines (for which they do not charge a fee), organization of the Chisec Indigenous Marketplace, land rights and title issues and promoting natural and traditional Maya Q'eqchi medical practices.

We also aim to strengthen existing medical facilities in the region, while we vow to avoid duplication of existing services.

## Congratulations to 2015 Family Medicine Residency Graduates

The NMPCTC extends its congratulations to all the graduates of the four New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Programs. This year has been a tremendous success for all our FM residencies, with over 68 % of graduates staying in New Mexico!

- Four out of six graduates from the Southern New Mexico FMRP have positions in NM.
- La Familia Medical Center in Santa Fe has successfully recruited two of the graduates of the Northern New Mexico FMRP and the third will be practicing in Lovington;
- Silver City will see one of its graduates move to Las Cruces for an ED Fellowship and the other graduate will be joining La Clinica in LC
- UNM has 13 graduates and with such a big class we can expect a wide selection of practice outcomes. That being said, 8 out of the 13 graduates will be staying here in NM!!

And, of course, as residents graduate, we welcome a new group of Interns into the NM programs and wish each and every one a successful and meaningful training experience!

## Presbyterian Medical Services Rural Rotation

Sherry Weitzen, MD, a new faculty at the UNM Family Medicine Residency Program spent her last rotation as a resident in June 2015, rotating in Farmington with the PMS clinic. The purpose of her rotation was to assist PMS develop a rotation that provides current NM residents with an experience based out of the PMS system, taking advantage of it's variety of programs while allowing for exposure to inpatient experiences in the very community oriented IHS system in Shiprock. This experience will also serve as a first step to exposing the providers and specifically the PMS System in Farmington to residency training in preparation for starting their own residency program. **Special thanks** to Dr. Gensini, Medical Director and Laura Ann Crawford, Clinic Manager in the in PMS Farmington clinic as well as to Dr. Kovick, Chief of Staff, Shiprock IHS for their work with Dr.

## Updates / Odds and Ends

### ECHO COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION

May 6 the New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium completed our second collaboration between all the family medicine programs and the UNM ECHO program. The topic was Rheumatology and it was hosted by the Northern New Mexico Family Medicine Program. Over 60 residents, students and faculty participated and this was the first session with a formal evaluation component. Results of the evaluations will be forthcoming and assist the consortium in designing the August and November sessions.

### Academic year 2016 will bring the following joint conferences with the UNM ECHO program:

August 5: HIV  
November 4: Chronic Pain

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please don't miss upcoming family medicine activities around the state and nationwide:

**NMAFP Annual Conference – Ruidoso**  
July 16 – July 19, 2015

**AAFP Annual Conference – Kansas City**  
July 30 – August 1, 2015

**Primary Care Training in NM: Statewide Summit**

**August 10 – August 11, 2015**  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque

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