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The Intersection

**PMCH Moving toward Missional Functions—
“Growing PMCH Together”**

The Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health is preparing for a bright future and along with that comes strategic changes in our vision, our objectives, and our plans – “Growing PMCH Together.” The Department plans to reorganize and redeploy resources to meet mission goals in education, research, clinical service and community outreach. Over the next 18 months, everyone is invited to take part in this wide ranging strategic planning effort. The Department is investing resources toward faculty development and leadership development, expanding quantitative sciences and research infrastructure. Strategic recruiting will occur in the near future to support two FTE for the MD/MPH educational program. Over the next five years, PMCH will recruit 10.5 FTE’s from existing lines expected to open as our faculty turns over. While there will be changes in organizational structure there will remain groupings that provide for a “disciplinary home” for faculty. A group is currently meeting to discuss ways to recommend modifications to better align a portion of the incentive plan to support mission goals and objectives (education, research, clinical and community). PMCH will continue to seek new funding from UTMB and external sources. The Strategic Planning model will consist of two phases:

Phase One:	Phase Two:
Mission	Strategy Implementation
Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT)	Measurement and Feedback
Analysis	
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Strategy Formulation	

PMCH is preparing for its future; implementing these strategic changes will allow tremendous growth and opportunities for the faculty, staff and students.

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SOM Elections

Dr. Jonathan Ward has been elected to the School of Medicine Curriculum Committee and Susan Weller, has been elected to the School of Medicine Nominating Committee.

The Freeman Award

The Freeman Endowment Fund for Development of Minority Faculty inaugural recipient is Mabel E. Caban, M.D., Assistant Professor Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Drs. Daniel and Jean Freeman endowed this award to promote support for programs and activities encouraging the development of minority faculty in the School of Medicine through guidance and mentorship. The program assists in the development of and increasing the number of underrepresented faculty.

Best Of The Best

Congratulations to Karl Anderson, M.D. for being named “Best of the Best” by Medical Journal-Houston in the April 2008 issue. Those recognized are the ‘go-to’ physicians in their field. Dr. Anderson’s work in battling porphyrias is recognized across the region and around the nation .

Master Teachers

Dr. William Au and Dr. Laura Rudkin have been selected as members of the UTMB Academy of Master Teachers. The induction ceremony to honor this achievement was June 26, 2008. Our congratulations to Drs. Au and Rudkin!

Dr. Ward Named Mary Gibbs Jones Distinguished Chair

Jonathan Ward, Ph.D. was named the Mary Gibbs Jones Distinguished Chair in Environmental Toxicology as part of his role as Director of the NIEHS Center. Congratulations to Dr. Ward!

Dr. Johnson Elected as VP and President of ASAMS

Dr. Robert Johnson was named Vice President and President elect of The American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists (ASAMS). The organization focuses on physician issues for ASMA. Current prime issues are MOC (Maintenance Certification), generation of CPG’s (Clinical Practice Guidelines) and the development of policy relating to the practice of Aerospace Medicine. Dr. Johnson has served on the ASAMS Board of Governors for the past 2 years. Congratulations to Dr. Johnson.

Congratulations

Dr. James Grady won the “Fun in the Sun” basket benefiting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that was held on Friday, April 25th at Moody Gardens.



UTMB set to join America on the Move



America on the Move is a UT System program aimed at encouraging employees to become more physically active and make better nutritional decisions. The six week program began on May 28. UTMB is competing with other system components for highest employee enrollment. Employees can track their activities by registering via the web site. Details about the event and the process to sign up can be found at <http://www.hr.utmb.edu/tfl>. Each participant will receive a Training for Life T-shirt and will help bring the first UT System trophy to UTMB. Let's get on the move! For more information contact Gerald Cleveland at gtclevel@utmb.edu.

Pilot Project Funding

Jeff Wickliffe, Wolfgang Maret and V.M. Sadagopa Ramanujam received funding from the NIEHS Center Pilot Project Program at UTMB for research entitled “Cadmium disrupts epigenesis and increases sensitivity to genotoxins” The work explores the relationship between cadmium exposure during early embryogenesis and sensitivity to environmental genotoxins later in life.

Dr. Guevara Presents . . .

Dr. Edilma Guevara will be presenting her abstract ‘Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities Through an Academic-community Partnership’ as a poster presentation at the 136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition this October in San Diego.

Congrats to GSBS Grads

GSBS Commencement was held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, in Levin Hall. PMCH had a large number of graduates and was well represented by faculty and students at the ceremony. Jim Goodwin, a PMCH graduate faculty member, was presented the Distinguished Faculty Research Award. Erin Glynn, the Graduate Student Organization President and a PMCH graduate student in Rehab Sciences introduced the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award.

PMCH Graduates included:

MPH -- Josh Grant, Matt Hoefler, Steve Lamb, Kjell Lindgren, Blake Lollis, Neal Taylor, Hal Walker, Katrina Hall, Sean Hollonbeck, Jon Johnson, Ed Rodriguez, and Joe Dervay.

MS (Clinical Science) -- Bincy Abraham, and Eliana Ochoa.

PhD (PMCH) -- Yafei Huang, Frank Lemus, Max Otiniano, Taylor Riall, and Meredith Masel. (Also Carla Kinslow in Cell Biology who worked with PMCH faculty).



Residency Corner

The Preventive Medicine Residencies had a busy six months. New resident interviews were held in December. General Preventive and Occupational Medicine residents, faculty and staff attended the American College of Preventive Medicine annual conference and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The Aerospace Medicine (ASM) Residency held its eighth annual Aerospace Medicine Golf Tournament. ASM residents, faculty and staff attended the American Medical Association in Boston and the residency office held its annual graduation celebration and recognition May 20th.

New Residents are: Dr. Farzana Walcott, Dr. Gregory Shaskan, Dr. Leigh Lewis, and Dr. Elizabeth Vaughan.

Congratulations to Kjell Lindgren who has been selected as the Outstanding Overall Resident at UTMB! Congratulations also to Yael Barr who received the William K. Douglas award for outstanding resident in the PMCH program.

Our residents actively participated in a number of conferences.

Techsell "Teka" McKnight and Carlos Martinez presented posters and panel discussions at the American College of Preventive Medicine annual conference. Dr. Martinez presented



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Student Corner

Yuan Li, PMCH Graduate Student, presented a lecture at "Zinc Signals 2008" (Cook's Branch Conservancy, Montgomery County, Texas) during their international meeting May 2-5, 2008. She was the only graduate student invited to present her research and her lecture was very well received.

Welcome new GSO Officers: Chris Messenger, Kristin Sheffield, and Erin Glynn!

Jean-Marc Moulis, Ph.D., group leader, laboratory for the chemistry and biology of metals, University J. Fourier, Grenoble, France visited PMCH from 4/8 to 4/19. The purpose of his visit was to explore future collaborations with Wolfgang Maret, Ph.D.

Steve Lamb, an MPH alum (summer 2007), was recently recognized by the Galveston County Health District for his contributions to Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention in Galveston County which he conducted for his capstone and practice experience.

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at the Texas college of Occupational and Environmental Medicine conference in May.

The Aerospace Medicine residents attended the Aerospace Medical Association Annual Meeting in May. Residents presented Grand Rounds and participated in a panel discussion. David Cole won the Jeffrey R. Davis Scholarship Award to attend the conference!

The four U.S. Aerospace Medicine residency programs including UTMB, Wright State University, U.S. Navy/Army and the U.S. Air Force participated in the first annual Residents in Aerospace Medicine knowledge competition. The "RAM BOWL" traveling trophy established in honor of Louis H. Bauer, M.D. travels with the winner. We are proud to report that UTMB brought home the trophy. Congratulations to Jon Riccitello, Richard Cole, Kjell Lindgren, David Cole and Nicole Powell-Dunford for an outstanding victory!

The Aerospace Medicine Residency and the Society of US Army Flight surgeons are hosting the 3rd Annual Medicine in Challenging Environments (M.I.C.E.) conference in partnership with the TRUE Research Foundation. The conference will be in Galveston February 2-6, 2009.