Shared Discovery Curriculum Update: The Poster Session, Town Hall and Boot Camp Week were highly successful as students and faculty gained a better understanding of the goals and structure of our next curriculum. During the Boot Camp, faculty and students worked together for 4 very productive days creating multiple end-competency documents that will guide the development of specific experiences in the Early and Middle Clinical Experiences. All the posters as well as the Town Hall can be seen on the Shared Discovery Curriculum website: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/.

Newsy Note: Students in the Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved program are currently in Uganda and Costa Rica, helping to deliver care to impoverished populations. In Costa Rica, the students are in Alajuelita. This has been a lesson in understanding culture and health beliefs. For example, in many families where one member is undergoing treatment for a chronic disease, such as diabetes, the whole family starts taking the medication prescribed to the patient. Students are developing educational “charlas” (lectures) for the local population (see the picture below). If you would like to follow the adventures of the LMU group, here is the link: http://msuchmlmu.blogspot.com/. We're so proud of all of our students!

Kudos: Kudos goes out to Brian Ulrich from the Office of Admissions in Grand Rapids for piloting our new Health Careers Pipeline Program, which uses existing College resources and community partners in providing a step-wise health-career mentoring program for inner-city and underserved high school students at the Grand Rapids Academy of Health Sciences and Technology. Pre-medical students from Grand Valley State University serve as local mentors, while MSU College of Human Medicine students assist with many of the learning activities. Initial feedback from students participating in the program has been overwhelmingly supportive. The program has aspirations of expanding to other high schools in Grand Rapids, with eventual goals of establishing similar pipeline curriculums in Lansing and Flint. To quote Brian: "As a community-based medical school, we are really committed to expanding our efforts to identify, recruit, retain and develop a robust pipeline of students from disadvantaged backgrounds and from communities that [are] medically underserved who desire to work within the health profession."
**Academic Affairs People You Should Know:** Amy Fowler is the Student Events and Activities Coordinator for the College of Human Medicine. She started at CHM eight years ago after being a travel agent for 18 years. Amy enjoys working with medical students as they enter CHM and then seeing them go on to graduate. She is responsible for student immunizations, room requests, planning the events that are held by the Office of Student Affairs and she assists the Student Council. 

Amy married her high school sweetheart, Dave, and has been married for 25 years; they have three wonderful children.

![Amy Fowler](image)

**Continuous Quality Improvement Focus:** This month’s CQI focus is on:

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<td>CHM is a part of a national pilot to better understand how to teach and assess 13 core skills for entering residents. In addition, CHM has developed a voluntary “Boot Camp” for 4th year students that will be offered for the second time this spring.</td>
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**Tips for Students:** The Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) is sent to graduating students at every allopathic medical school in the country to gather input about their medical education experience. The feedback is provided anonymously and is reported in aggregate back to the College of Human Medicine benchmarked to the national aggregate data. We encourage our seniors to take the 20 minutes to complete this web based survey that opens in February and closes in May. The information is an important part of the continuous quality improvement efforts of the college.

**Patient Care Pearl:** As of early February, a total of 125 measles cases with rash were confirmed in U.S. residents. Of these, 110 were California residents, about a third of which had visited one or both California Disney theme parks during the holiday season in late December. Another third have an unknown exposure source, and the last third are secondary cases. Large theme parks with international attendance such as Disney parks (with annual attendance estimated at 24 million) can expose the population to measles, and international travel to countries where measles is endemic is a well-known risk factor for the contraction of measles. This outbreak illustrates the continued importance of ensuring high measles vaccination coverage in the United States. Patient and family beliefs and public health may come in to direct conflict around issues such as measles, or any other, immunization.

**Publications and Presentations:**

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