MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE

COMMUNITY RESOURCE ELECTIVE 2003

The Community Resource Elective (HM 591) is a 1-credit elective offered in Spring 2003. It meets once a week on **Tuesdays from 12-1 PM in A-219 Clinical Center**. The Community Resource Elective seeks to answer the questions:

-What would community resource/social agencies want physicians to know about their services, and the populations they serve?
-What is the public health/epidemiological impact of paying attention to these resources, and knowing these populations?
-What is the role of social competency in providing health care?
-How does knowledge of community resources assist you in delivering complete and efficient care, regardless of specialty or practice setting?

The topics covered will investigate the role of collaboration in improving efficiency and breadth of patient care. The goal is to demonstrate that being aware of the social needs of your patients-and taking a role in meeting those needs- will improve your medical practice.

January 7th **Overview /Social Competency**
Course Goals and Objectives

January 14th **Poverty**
Effects of poverty on health status, health care relationships, "compliance", homelessness

January 21st **Obesity**
Nutrition resources, weight loss counseling, social/environmental factors

January 28th **Face of Medicaid**
Legislative issues, implications for patients, reimbursement issues for physicians, access for patients

February 4th **Mental Health/Collaborative Care**
Integration of Mental Health Care & Primary Care

February 11th **Seniors**
Support, Medicare, Social Resources

February 18th **Complementary and Alternative Medicine**
Homeopathic and Naturopathic, Midwifery, Acupuncture

February 25th **Refugees/Immigrants**
Cultural competency, Eligibility for federal aid, immigration status, community resources available.

March 11th **The Uninsured**

Safety net resources, options for coverage, who is eligible for what, MI-Child, County Health Plans, Free health care clinics

March 18th **Domestic Violence**

Emergency Medicine Physician and Community Assistance Agency Representative

March 25th **Oral Health**

Oral health resources, dental disease prevention education resources, public dental clinics

April 1st **Families at Risk**

Parenting resources, Child Abuse Prevention Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

April 8th **Tobacco Use**

Clinical Practice Guidelines, Cessation Counseling, Community Cessation Programs

April 15th **Health Policy/Political Advocacy**

Practical advocacy Resources, advocating for your patients

April 22nd **Student Reflections**

Facilitated discussion about course experience and social competency

~Bagged Lunches from Goodrich's Deli are provided at each lecture (registered students only).

~All students who participate in the elective will receive resource directories for their Block III communities- in Palm pilot programs, or printable files. Students will also have access to the Community Resource Initiative website, which is a comprehensive local, state, and National directory of resources.

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Requirements of Class:

1) Mandatory Attendance- Attendance will be taken, and students are expected to attend all lectures. There are no excused absences, but students may miss two sessions without penalty.
2) A 4-hour field experience with a community service/health resource agency (Faculty Course Director must approve 1 page write-up of the experience)

TO SIGN UP:
Contact Shelly Nyquist in the College of Human Medicine to register for the Community Resource Elective
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