

## **2012 CLM makes a most auspicious start**

A spirited group of MITs, ECPs and Senior WPS members met last evening, January 19th at Sports LA cafe in downtown DC to kick off the *2012 Career, Leadership & Mentorship series*. Many thanks to Dr. Carol Lynn Trippitelli and to Pat Troy and her staff for taking superb care of all of the logistical details...!

It was a very auspicious beginning for our *2012 CLM*....!

We enjoyed together thought provoking and inspiring presentations on *Public Psychiatry* by Drs. Robert Keisling, President of WPS & Medical Director of Pathways, DC, Yavar Moghimi, DC Psychiatric Society President & consulting Psychiatric physician at the Whitman Walker Clinic, and Ricardo Galbis, Medical Director Andromeda Mental Health clinic who spontaneously joined us last evening.

Challenges and opportunities of the diverse populations they serve, the integration of mental health, primary care and public health, clinical and advocacy issues were illustratively presented. MITs from Howard University College of Medicine and Georgetown University School of Medicine, Departments of Psychiatry, joined in the dialogue with enthusiasm and most relevant observations, questions, expression of their professional aspirations, confidence and optimism in the future of our profession in the newly emerging model of collaborative and integrated care. Special insights were offered by Dr. Moghimi, a member of the National Health Corps, at the Whitman Walker Clinic, on the merits of being a member of the Corps by serving in the public sector as well as the significant economic advantages related to it.

We were also privileged to have with us Drs. Ray Wertheim & Phil Seibel to celebrate with us, at last evening's CLM, their recent induction as APA Fellows. They also contributed generously to our robust, CLM dialogue with relevant and sharply focused examples from their public & private practices regarding what it is to be a practicing psychiatric physician in this era of evolving health systems, policies and a reconnection of psychiatric medicine and primary care.

A great and illuminating time was shared by all in this auspicious 2012 CLM debut...!

We are now getting ready for 2012 CLM # 2 with Dr. Stephen Hersh on *Primary Care & Psychiatry Integration in Private Practice*, on March 15th, a perfect continuation of the spirited theme launched last evening.

Look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, March 15th at a place that will be announced shortly....!

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