GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award Winners

Mary Liberty
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Nominators had this to say:

Mary’s grasp of graduate and undergraduate medical education is well known and respected in the larger hospital community, and she has been a valuable resource for other program coordinators at Maine Medical Center. On the national scene, she has worked with the National Center for the Evaluation of Residency Programs as a faculty member, presenting workshops at national meetings of this organization.

Mary’s contributions to quality improvement in our clinical and didactic curricula are too numerous to list. She has been intimately involved in departmental strategic planning and is a constant source of better ways to do things. By way of example, she both conceived of and operationalized an active program of outreach to the alumni of our program. Our graduates seem to take pride in keeping Mary abreast of their accomplishments and to delight in returning to Portland with the primary intention of visiting Mary.

Mary has long taught parts of our curriculum related to orientation and administrative aspects of our residents’ work. This past year, our chief resident came to me to discuss a less than inspiring experience with our “History of Psychiatry” seminar. The discussion came around to which of our faculty might be better suited to lead the next iteration of the seminar, and the chief resident, without missing a beat, suggested Mary Liberty. Mary has accepted the challenge, and it is my belief that her intellect, combined with her love of the field and our residents will lead to a terrific outcome.