

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

NEWSLETTER

JULY – OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE 1



We began FY2022–2023 with exciting developments in Family and Community Medicine. The department is involved with new grants funded by the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). I am proud of our faculty's passion for exploring projects to further our research mission areas. [Visit our grant funding web page](#) for a complete list of active awards.

Our department welcomed 18 employees from July through October, including **Aleshia Dumas-Burkhalter**, Business Operations Senior Manager, who joined our administration team. In other personnel updates, two faculty members were promoted to Associate Professor (non-tenured): **Elizabeth Bosquez, M.D.**, Medical Director of the Cypress Health Center, and **Jennifer Okoh, MBBS, MPH, FAAFP**, Medical Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center. Congratulations to Dr. Bosquez and Dr. Okoh on their well-deserved career advancement.

To encourage professional growth, **Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP** facilitated our first-ever Faculty Development Day in September. Attendees gained valuable information on pathways to promotions and networked with colleagues. Dr. Juneja also oversaw our annual Primary Care Update held in October, with support from the event's planning committee and several FCM faculty. [View page nine](#) for a recap of the conference.

The Baylor Family Medicine Clinic in the Texas Medical Center relocated from the building on Main Street to the Fannin Tower at 6624 Fannin St., Ste. 2000. The new location opened to the public on Oct. 3, 2022. I appreciate everyone who helped coordinate this significant move.

I am grateful for the dedication our faculty and staff show to patients and each other. Each FCM unit across Houston operates with the spirit of collaboration. Thank you all for a successful start to the fiscal year.

Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP
Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. Professor & Chair

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RESEARCH

2022 FUELING HOPE CONFERENCE WITH DR. GONZALEZ



Sandra Gonzalez, MSSW, Ph.D. delivered the keynote address together with Sam MacMaster, Ph.D., MSSA, at this year's Fueling Hope conference. Dr. Gonzalez also gave a presentation on co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Family and Community Medicine recently received funding

from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to continue the Fueling Hope project partnership between Baylor College of Medicine and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas. The project aims at increasing care for racial and ethnic underrepresented individuals who have substance use disorders and/or co-occurring mental health disorders and are at risk for or live with HIV/AIDS and receive HIV/AIDS services/treatment. The FCM team will provide training, technical assistance, evaluation services, and facilitation of professional events.

INEBRIA EDINBURGH 2022 CONFERENCE WITH DR. GONZALEZ AND DR. ZOOROB

Dr. Gonzalez, along with Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, attended the International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs (INEBRIA) conference, which took



place in Edinburgh, Scotland. They presented findings from two completed projects focused on providing substance use disorder treatment for racial, gender, and sexual minority populations in the Greater Houston area and the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

GRANT FUNDING WITH FCM FACULTY

Fueling Hope

Sept. 30, 2022 – Sept. 29, 2027
SAMHSA 1H79TI085219-01
\$500,000
Gonzalez, Co-PI (Martinez, PI)

FRONTLINES+ Project (First Responder Opioid Overdose Naloxone Training and Linkage Into Needed Evidence-Based Services PLUS)

Sept. 30, 2022 – Sept. 29, 2026
SAMHSA 1H79TI084774-01
\$500,000
Kowalchuk, Co-PI (Schulz, PI)

Clinical Trial of Bacteriophage for Urinary Tract Infections in Persons with Spinal Cord Injury

July 31, 2022 – July 30, 2025
Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
\$800,000
Grigoryan, Co-Inv (Trautner, PI)

A Cluster Randomized Trial of Two Implementation Strategies to Disseminate a Successful Antibiotic Stewardship Intervention

July 1, 2022 – April 30, 2027
AHRQ 1R18HS028776-01
\$2,490,000
Grigoryan, Co-Inv (Trautner, PI)

COVID – National Hispanic Health Foundation

June 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022
NHFF
\$5,000
Mejia, PI



EDUCATION

Congratulations to Kamna Bansal, M.D., Vanessa Gallien, M.D., and David Lundy-Weiss, M.D., MPH, M.A. for receiving a Power of Professionalism Award from the College, announced at our faculty meeting in October. It was great to see that some of the nominators were medical students who had worked with them.



KAMNA BANSAL, M.D.



VANESSA GALLIEN, M.D.



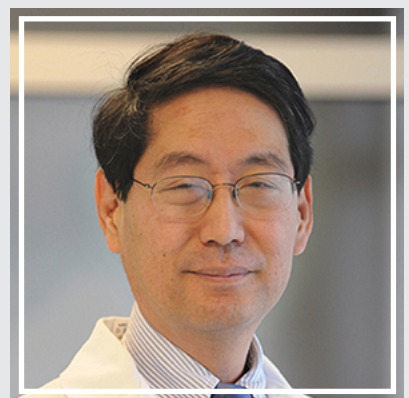
DAVID LUNDY-WEISS, M.D., MPH, M.A.

I am very pleased to report that many other faculty members in our department have also received positive comments on their professionalism from our Family and Community Medicine Clerkship students in their end-of-course evaluations. Helping our students learn professional behavior is an important responsibility for clinical teachers and educators. A review article on teaching professionalism confirms that faculty role-modeling professionalism is a key aspect of teaching it to learners.¹

Baylor College of Medicine's Compact Between Teachers, Learners, and Educational Staff states essential guiding principles and responsibilities for teachers. If you have not read this document recently, [click here](#) to access it and be reminded of the different aspects of professionalism we should demonstrate each day as both clinicians and educators.

*Thank you to all who precept our medical students
and serve as role models of professionalism.*

¹Birden H, Glass N, Wilson I, Harrison M, Usherwood T, Nass D. [Teaching professionalism in medical education: A Best Evidence Medical Education \(BEME\) systematic review. BEME Guide No. 25. Med Teach. 2013 Jul;35\(7\):e1252-e1266](#)



WILLIAM HUANG, M.D.
Vice Chair of Education



KUDOS

FACULTY RECOGNITION INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

**Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award
in Educational Leadership from Baylor College
of Medicine**

Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP

**Northwest Health Center Employee of the Month
from Harris Health System**

Stephanie Nguyen, M.D. (August – September 2022)

Jay Orr, D.O. (October – November 2022)

**2022 Best Doctor Award – Featured Internist Rep-
resenting Houston in the *Best in Texas Magazine*,
Doctor Edition**

Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D., FACP

**2022 Texas American College of Physicians (TX-
ACP) Services Snyder/Chumley Advocate of The
Year Award in Recognition of Leadership in Polit-
ical, Legislative, and Grass Root Advocacy**

Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D., FACP

PEAR AWARD FACULTY RECIPIENT STUDENT-NOMINATED

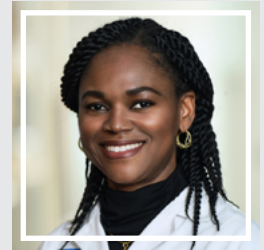
William Huang, M.D. received a Professional Educa-
tor Appreciation and Recognition (PEAR) Award in
July. A Baylor College of Medicine student entered
the following submission acknowledging his superb
work in medical education:

"Dr. Huang is an incredible mentor and teacher. He
takes time to answer questions and goes above
and beyond to support and help students."

FACULTY PROMOTIONS ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS (NON-TENURED)



ELIZABETH BOSQUEZ, M.D.



JENNIFER OKOH,
MBBS, MPH, FAAFP

DEPARTMENT FACULTY AWARDS FOR FY2021-2022

Outstanding Educator

Veronica Torres, M.D.

Samuel John Randall, M.D.

Outstanding Clinician

Susette Arrazolo, FNP-BC

Vanessa Gallien, M.D.

Nneka Okafor, M.D., MPH

Knice Rabara, D.O.

Outstanding Researcher

Sandra Gonzalez, MSSW, Ph.D.

Outstanding Service

Aymer Al-Mutairi, M.D., M.S.

Arindam Sarkar, M.D.

Chair's Recognition Award

Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP



KUDOS

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS ADDITIONAL ROLE AND HONORARY TITLE

Jonnae Atkinson, M.D., M.S., FAAFP

Dr. Atkinson joined Baylor College of Medicine's Inclusion and Excellence Council as an Ex-Officio Member during the 2022-2023 term. In this role, she is encouraged to share her experience and expertise in advising the Associate Provost of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on DEI initiatives throughout the College. The Council is crucial to advancing the College's efforts in creating a workplace environment of respect and inclusion.

Jessica Garcia, D.O., FAAFP

Dr. Garcia became a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (FAAFP), and she has been invited to attend the 2023 Fellow Convocation in Chicago.

Victoria McCurry, M.D., FHM, FAAFP

Dr. McCurry celebrated with the 2022 Fellows of the AAFP at a national Family Medicine conference held in Washington, D.C. She received the FAAFP designation last year, and the event in September was the first in-person recognition since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT SERIES DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Eight Family and Community Medicine faculty members were selected to participate in Baylor College of Medicine's 2022-2023 Career Advancement Series:

Aafia Azhar, M.D.

Jenny Khan, MSN

Maria Mejia, M.D., MPH, FACPM

Christina Okusanya, DNP

Mike Ren, M.D.

Cassandra Shipman-Wadley, MSN

Kiara Spooner, DrPH, MPH, CHES

Amna Waqar, M.D.

The program is comprised of virtual sessions in which cohorts will learn how to attain a promotion, as well as mentorship and sponsorship. Additionally, there will be sessions on networking, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and negotiation, plus well-being.



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FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENTS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP



CHRISTINA BABU, M.D.

Dr. Babu and Dr. Mendonca, PGY-3 Chief Residents, were accepted into the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) Resident Leadership Experience. They were chosen to take part as the first group in this program. The comprehensive training aims to enhance their skills for effective communication as future family physicians.



CHELSEA MENDONCA, M.D.

Furthermore, Dr. Mendonca received the Cassie Murphy-Cullen, Ph.D. Scholarship from the TAFP.

RESEARCH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW TRAVEL AWARD



TIFFANY OSTOVAR-KERMANI, M.D., MPH

Dr. Ostovar-Kermani was selected as a recipient of the Judge Travel Award to the 2022 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS) in November. This opportunity contributes to her professional growth as a prospective mentor to underrepresented researchers.

FCM MEDICAL STUDENTS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FCM Clerkship Associate Director, congratulates two medical students for each attaining the 2022 Pisacano Scholarship. Sarah and Rebecca are among 10 awardees nationwide. They are committed to Family Medicine as leaders of the Family Medicine Interest Group at Baylor College of Medicine and former FCM Clerkship participants.



SARAH ANASCO

"I have long appreciated how Family Medicine uniquely values holistic, longitudinal healthcare of patients in their social context. I am passionate about working with and advocating for underserved populations, and I am immensely grateful to BCM and the BCM Department of Family and Community Medicine for encouraging this interest through meaningful clinical experiences and quality teaching in the Harris Health System and beyond."



REBECCA CHEN

"I've benefited enormously from the mentorship of Baylor faculty, from Dr. Rode letting MS1 me bemoan my life in Healer's Art to Dr. Khan taking me under his wing during my core rotation and Drs. Sarkar, Aggarwal, Rode, Nguyen and Nwagwu supporting me in various scholastic and extracurricular pursuits — I truly could not have found my love of Family Medicine without such incredible people to look up to."



WEB WATCH

FCM ON SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

We are officially on Facebook and Twitter! Social media allows us to share departmental information in between newsletters. Visit our pages for updates on faculty and staff activities, job and educational opportunities, and more. Share your post ideas with [Fara Julienne Abordaje](#), Communications Associate for the department.

[Facebook.com/BCMFamilyandCommunityMedicine](https://www.facebook.com/BCMFamilyandCommunityMedicine)

[Twitter.com/BCMFamilyMed](https://twitter.com/BCMFamilyMed)

FCM DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION DEDICATED WEB PAGE ON BCM.EDU

The Family and Community Medicine Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee now has a [dedicated web page](#) on our department's website. Learn more about the FCM DEI Committee's commitment to advocating for respect and acceptance in the workplace, as well as initiatives for lectures, awards, and cultural celebrations. Get to know the team of 12, including new members: **Judith Gutierrez, M.D.**, **Brendon Martin, M.D.**, **Yasmin Uzamere, M.D.**, and **Amna Waqar, M.D.**

Sandra Gonzalez, MSSW, Ph.D. leads the committee as the department's DEI Director. Additionally, Dr. Gonzalez, **Jon-nae Atkinson, M.D., M.S., FAAFP**, **Matthew Horsfield, M.D.**, and **Ashley Siverand, MBA**, have been appointed by the College as Inclusion and Equity Ambassadors in support of institutional DEI goals.

HOMES CLINIC IMPROVED WEBSITE

HOMES Clinic has unveiled its new website: www.homesclinic.org. The new design aims to increase transparency, improve outreach to patients and the community, and better coordinate with volunteers. As the only student-run clinic in Houston, HOMES Clinic provides free primary healthcare and social services to people with unstable housing. The clinic operates within Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston, a Federally Qualified Health Center, and several faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine generously volunteer as physician preceptors. **Dana Clark, M.D.**, FCM Assistant Professor, has served as a Faculty Advisor at HOMES Clinic for over 20 years.

With cooler months ahead, HOMES Clinic is promoting "Give Thanks," its fall fundraising campaign. Please consider spreading the word and donating, which will help the clinic continue to provide hand warmers, sleeping bags, blankets, and insulated socks, in addition to medications, crutches, walkers, and other critical supplies for people in need. Be a part of the change, and together we can help shape a healthier, happier Houston!



NEWSMAKERS



MARIA MEJIA, M.D., MPH, FACPM

During the summer months, Houston experienced record highs. Dr. Mejia shared vital information on [staying cool](#), [beating the humidity](#), and [being safe](#). She listed limited exposure, hydration, proper attire, and sunscreen for protection against the heat.



MIKE REN, M.D.

Dr. Ren contributed to various topics, including [ways to kick-start the day](#), [at-home cold remedies](#), and [practicing the "vampire cough."](#) Additionally, his experience [growing up Baylor](#) was the faculty spotlight in Baylor College of Medicine's alumni newsletter.



PAOLO DUGO, M.S., PA-C

Paolo described his [healthy habits](#) involving sleep, diet, exercise, and hobbies in the College's Momentum blog.



JESSICA GARCIA, D.O., FFAFP

Dr. Garcia was the featured Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) [Member of the Month](#) in September.



LUIS RUSTVELD, PH.D., R.D., L.D.

Dr. Rustveld explained the [Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes \(TLC\) diet](#) and its benefits in U.S. News & World Report online.



IVONNE BOETA, M.D.



KARLA GONZALES, D.O.



DORCAS OMARI, MBChB

The Lufkin Daily News covered our [Family Medicine residency's expansion into rural health](#), introducing the first PGY-1 Residents on the Lufkin track. After their first year of training in Houston, the residents will spend the next two years engaging in patient care with underserved populations in the East Texas communities.

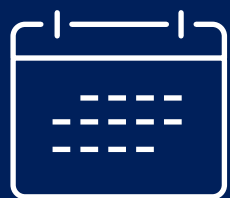


HAPPENINGS

PRIMARY CARE UPDATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Family and Community Medicine sponsored the Primary Care Update held at Baylor College of Medicine's main campus in October. The conference featured reputable speakers and engaging topics such as clinical artificial intelligence, atypical diabetes, long COVID syndrome, and point-of-care ultrasonography. In addition, workshop sessions allowed attendees to practice various procedures in primary care. Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP led the event with support from Hammad Mahmood, M.D., vice host; Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP and Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP, workshop hosts; as well as the FCM CME Committee faculty and planning committee staff with Shaira Mae Ulangca, MHA/MBA, Janet Luke, Lisa Lopez, Anna Perales, Aleshia Dumas-Burkhalter, and Linda Dinh.





HAPPENINGS

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

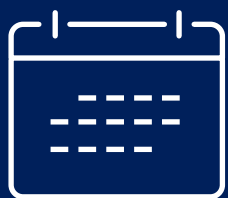
The department hosted its first-ever professional development event in September at the Kirby office. In collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine's Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development, Family and Community Medicine faculty were invited to a day of presentations on advancement, work-group sessions with mentors discussing pathways for growth, and opportunities to network with peers. The conference was organized by **Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP**, with staff support from **Shaira Mae Ulangca, MHA/MBA** and **Janet Luke**.



ALSO® PROVIDER COURSE YEARLY PROGRAM



Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP oversaw the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO®) training that took place throughout the Kirby office in August. Several FCM faculty and administration staff members assisted with the two-day program. More than five dozen participants learned how to handle obstetric emergencies, such as maternal resuscitation, breech delivery, shoulder dystocia, and other situations. The course received stellar feedback, including: "Fantastic teachers! Very encouraging and supportive."



HAPPENINGS

FACULTY AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

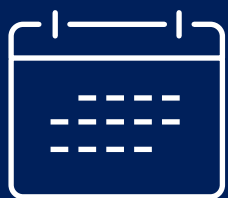
VARIOUS WORKS

Mónica M. Alzate, Ph.D., LCSW delivered a presentation on common mental health concerns to 100 college students at Rice University a day after a student's death on campus. She also gave a behavioral health consultation to Monroe Clinic providers, assessing the management of domestic violence cases in the clinic. This experience is being used to develop a quality improvement project. In addition, Dr. Alzate read her essay during Baylor College of Medicine's Hispanic Heritage Month poetry/essay reading.

Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D., FACP offered her clinical expertise to the Houston Health Department on contact tracing, testing, and TPOXX prescription in response to the Monkeypox outbreak. As Co-Chair of the Texas American College of Physicians (TX-ACP) Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC), she presented the committee's work to the Board of Directors during the American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting in October. Furthermore, she wrote, produced, and directed a video project titled "[The Person at the Center.](#)"

Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP hosted a virtual training session for primary care providers in August on Lung Cancer Screening and Prevention in Primary Care: Updated Guidelines & Best Practices. Additionally, Maria Mejia, M.D., MPH, FACPM presented at the Family and Community Medicine Grand Rounds in September on lung cancer screening (low-dose CT) and tobacco cessation program services and referrals for PCPs. In October, Dr. Mejia discussed the program and referral process with a group of medical directors from the University of Texas.

Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) faculty, Sandra Gonzalez, MSSW, Ph.D. and Dr. Alzate, have trained 549 people from July through the beginning of October. In July, MHAT faculty exhibited a mental health poster at a health fair in Northline Houston, which is a predominantly Hispanic community. During Domestic Awareness Month in October, a two-part training on domestic violence was offered to the public and Dr. Alzate wrote about [the topic in the BCM Momentum blog](#). Current and upcoming MHAT trainings involve providers with the Monroe Clinic as well as the Cypress and Casa de Amigos Health Centers, school counselors from Pearland ISD, Harris County Community Supervision & Corrections staff, mental health professionals affiliated with the Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP), and FCM residents. Other clinics interested in joining the one-hour Motivational Interviewing training on Nov. 18, 2022 can email [Dr. Alzate](#) to receive the Zoom link.



HAPPENINGS

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

FUN IN THE SUMMER AND FALL



CASA DE AMIGOS - HEALTH CENTER WEEK



BAYLOR FAMILY MEDICINE HAPPY HOUR



ADMINISTRATION TEAM RETREAT



DIWALI CELEBRATION



ASTROS SPIRIT DAY



WALK WITH A DOC



HOUSTON HALF MARATHON



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shaira Mae Ulangca, MHA/MBA, Business Operations Senior Associate, is an adventurous and active member of our administration team. Shaira recently celebrated her one-year anniversary with Family and Community Medicine. Four years prior, she initially moved from the Rio Grande Valley – McAllen, Texas area to complete a master's program in Healthcare Administration/ Business Administration at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. However, her career with Baylor College of Medicine has made Houston her home.

Shaira's journey at the College started in November 2018 with a temporary Administrative Assistant position in the Office of Graduate Medical Education. She quickly became a Business Operations Senior Coordinator for that department and then moved forward to the Department of Anesthesiology. In September 2021, she joined our department prepared with institutional knowledge.

Shaira has expressed appreciation for the department's culture, for which she feels that faculty and staff are ambitious, respectful, supportive, and forgiving. She enjoys the complexity of her current role as she is involved in human resources, finance, and operations. She is appreciative of her experience, growing professionally along the way.



Shaira finds work-life balance with various pastimes that nurture her mind and body. She volunteers at the Hermann Park Conservancy to explore nature and learn how to preserve the environment. She also engages in physical fitness by running, doing Pilates, and taking walks through parks and on beaches during sunrise or sunset. In addition, she likes to travel and try new food while dining at restaurants. Shaira is up for new challenges, such as sky-diving at 20,000 feet!



Family keeps Shaira grounded, especially Meekah — a Shih Tzu who she lovingly refers to as her daughter. At nine years old, Meekah still shows her a burst of welcoming energy whenever they are together. Other members of Shaira's family include her father, mother, and older sister, who all work in healthcare as nurses.



WELCOME TO FCM

**IJEOMA ANYAKORAH, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Casa de Amigos Health Center

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Anyakorah hopes to grow as a newly minted physician, build lasting relationships with patients and colleagues, and nurture her additional interest in integrative medicine.

**PETER BAEK, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Baylor Family Medicine – Kirby

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Baek hopes to develop close relationships with his patients by applying BCM's values of respect, integrity, innovation, teamwork, and excellence.

**MUDIT GILOTRA, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Gilotra hopes to develop primary care relationships with people who are homeless and advance the equity of the care they are provided.

**LILY LUC, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Baylor Family Medicine – River Oaks

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Luc hopes to provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and compassionate care to all her patients.

**CHINWE NWOKOCHA, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Baylor Family Medicine – Texas Medical Center

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Nwokocha hopes to provide excellent primary care through evidence-based practice and research collaborations.

**TERESA RIVERS**

Senior Medical Social Worker, Research – Kirby Office

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

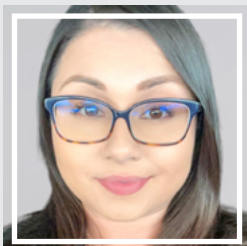
Teresa hopes to aid and support individuals in need of assistance by educating and empowering them to become the best possible versions of themselves.

**YASMIN UZAMERE, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Baylor Family Medicine – Texas Medical Center

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Dr. Uzamere hopes to empower her patients to be the best version of themselves.

**CHRISTINA VILLARREAL**

Community Health Worker, Research – Kirby Office

AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE:

Christina hopes to grow with the College for many years to come.



WELCOME TO FCM



ALESHIA DUMAS-BURKHALTER is a Business Operations Senior Manager in our administration team at the Kirby office. Aleshia has been with Baylor College of Medicine for five years, starting in October 2017 as a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Department of Medicine's administration. By October 2018, Aleshia took on the role of Section Administrator for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. Prior to her career at the College, Aleshia worked for 12 years at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in several positions, such as an Accountant and a Management Analyst.

PRIYA GHAEL M.D. is an Assistant Professor with the Community Health Programs, seeing patients at the Vallbona Health Center. Dr. Ghael has moved from New York, bringing many years of experience in an outpatient setting primarily catering to the underserved population. While in her new position, she hopes to continue to provide comprehensive medical care in a multidisciplinary approach.

NAGA SRIVANI KAMBALA is a certified Medical Assistant at Baylor Family Medicine - Kirby, and she prefers to go by Srivani. Previously, Srivani was a Patient Support Senior Coordinator for Baylor OHP. She has been with Baylor College of Medicine for the last nine years and is happy to join her new team. She hopes to work with everyone in a friendly environment. She will try to put all her strength into delivering good quality work and the best patient care. Outside work, she spends time with family and friends, participates in community volunteer service, loves to cook and garden, and enjoys walks.

NAOMI GITTENS

Medical Assistant, Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston

TIERRA HAMILTON

Medical Assistant, Baylor Family Medicine - Kirby

SHARON NCHONKO-SUBE, FNP-C

Instructor, Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston

SAM SMAILE, FNP-C

Instructor, Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston



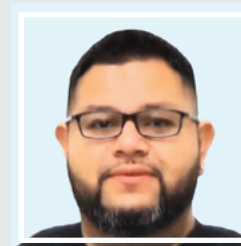
MAGDALENA BROOKS, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Northwest Health Center



KEISHA CARTER

Front Desk Specialist, Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston



JAMES ESPITIA

Radiological Technologist, Baylor Family Medicine - Kirby



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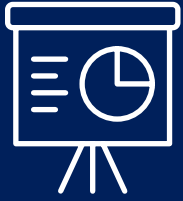
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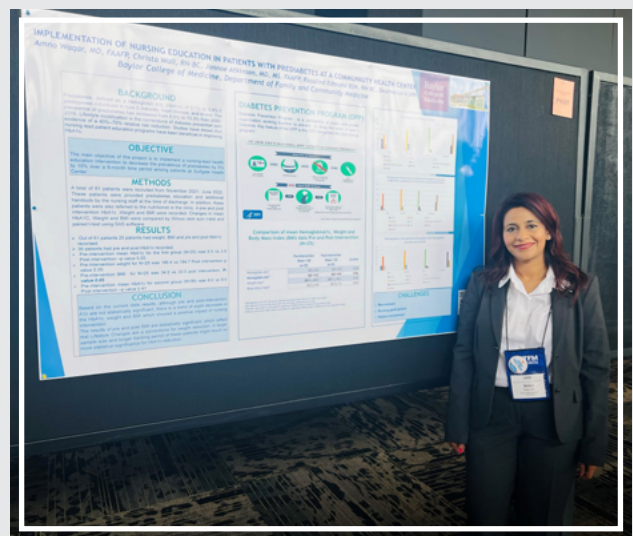
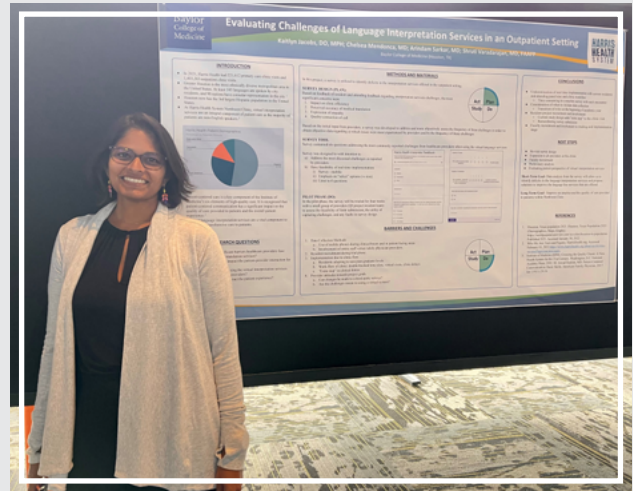


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RICE UNIVERSITY – RICE ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS (RAMHA) STUDENT GROUP

Oct. 5, 2022

Alzate M. Common mental health concerns among college students.

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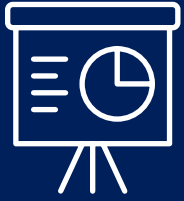
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2022 BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ANNUAL ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS SHOWCASE OF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sept. 15, 2022

Sarkar A, Nguyen S, Aggarwal A, et al. Using learning communities to incorporate climate change and environmental determinants of health into the curriculum.



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2022 FUELING HOPE CONFERENCE

Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2022

Gonzalez S. Screening and treatment for co-occurring disorders.

MacMaster S, Gonzalez S. Keynote – Fueling Hope: Reviewing our progress & looking forward to the future.

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ICEID)

Aug. 7-10, 2022

Mahony WL, Rupp RE, Gonzalez S, Zoorob R, Hirth JM. Non-physician medical worker stress and SARS-CoV-2 infection prevention.

2022 BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH SUMMIT

May 17, 2022

Peoples N, Fang M, Clark D. Rationale and design of a phased “social liaison” volunteer program to improve identification of psychosocial concerns among patients experiencing homelessness.

2022 NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE AND POLICY SYMPOSIUM

May 11, 2022

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2022 GOLD HUMANISM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE – HEALING THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: REIMAGINING HOW WE LISTEN, CONNECT, AND COLLABORATE

April 21, 2022

Peoples N, Fang M, Clark D. Phase 1 results of using “social liaisons” to improve identification of psychosocial concerns among homeless patients: A QI study at HOMES Clinic.



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