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Hello LCOM community,

We hope you are all having a wonderful end of your summer! The Medical Education Anti-Racism Task Force (MEAR) has begun its work and would like to take some time to introduce ourselves and our mission to you. The task force reports to both the Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DACDEI) and the Medical Curriculum Committee (MCC) and our charge is as follows:

“Acknowledge the history and culture of racism within the institution of medicine and its impact on learners, healthcare providers and patients. Conduct a longitudinal exploration of our curriculum in partnership with the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) Office of Medical Student Education and Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Participate in the development of an intentional and longitudinal curriculum to dismantle the impact of racism on medical education and prepare our future physicians to address healthcare inequities.”

The task force consists of the following members:

- Leigh Ann Holterman, Ph.D., Chair
- Jason Bartsch, M.D.
- Steve Berns, M.D.
- Ellen Black, Ph.D.
- Rebecca Wilcox, M.D.
- Cara Simone, M.A.
- Kiana Heredia (co2024)
- Krisandra Kneer (co2023)
- Hakeem Yousef (co2022)
- Ashta Narain (co2023)
- Anneliese Lapides (co2024)

Our monthly meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Our meetings will be in person with a Zoom option. Please email Dr. Leigh Ann Holterman for the meeting room or the Zoom link if you are interested in attending. We welcome and appreciate hearing any ideas, suggestions, questions, or concerns that faculty or students may have. If you are unable to make a meeting but would like to email our task force instead, please contact leigh.holterman@med.uvm.edu.

2021 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, Sept 23, 12-1pm
Thurs, Oct 28, 3-4pm
Thurs, Nov 18, 12-1pm
Thurs, Dec 16, 3-4pm

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best,
The MEAR Team

