

## **MS Medical Development Educator Program Celebrates First Class of Graduating Fellows**

The Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce (OMPW) hosted the first Mississippi Statewide Medical Educator Development (MS MED) Program graduation where five fellows were awarded certificates to commemorate their successful completion of the program.

The MS MED program, created in response to the increased need for ongoing faculty educator development across Mississippi, is available to all interested medical educators, with priority to those who are community-based.

The graduating first class includes: Y. Melissa Chan, MD, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, UMMC; Tobe Momah, MD, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, UMMC, Dennis Rau, Jr., DO, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Teresa Camp-Rogers MD, MS, Assistant Professor, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Tanvir Rizvi, MBBS, MD; Assistant Professor, Radiology, UMMC.

“Hospitals that provide community-based residency training programs need educators that can effectively serve as teachers, coaches/mentors, and leaders at all academic levels,” said Dr. John Mitchell, OMPW Director. “MS MED is designed to augment, not replace, local programmatic faculty development. Our goal is to create a quality statewide resource for medical educator development.”

Designed for working professionals, the 2017 curriculum included quarterly in-person learning retreats, bookended with preparatory and extended learning activities; quarterly one-hour web-based learning forms that reinforce and apply learning; a self-selected medical education applied practice project; and monthly faculty-peer coaching teleconferences.

Courses enhance participant skills in a variety of professional areas through real life professional application and scholarship. Topics include educational and management leadership skills, problem solving, communication and negotiation, organizational development, scholarly productivity, and research and evaluation.

Mentors who offered guidance and encouragement included: Sheila Chauvin, PhD, MEd, Director, Academy of the Advancement of Educational Scholarship, Louisiana State University School of Medicine; University of Mississippi Medical Center faculty: Nicole Borges, PhD; and Shirley Schlessinger, MD; and William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty Elizabeth McClain, PhD, MPH, and Makayla Merritt, PHD, MPH.

The MS MED program is supported by the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce (OMPW) in cooperation with the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s Office of Academic Affairs (UMMC-AA) and the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM).

Interested medical educators may contact OMPW Chief Education Officer, Research and Scholarship [Nicole Borges](#), PhD, for details or through the [OMPW website](#).