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Dear Mary,

Many thanks for sharing with the Longwood Psychiatry community yesterday your Grand Rounds on Open Dialog.

You brought to an audience with little prior knowledge an area of innovation that is in some ways new, and in other ways brings us back to some important traditions in our field.

The mix of the personal and the scholarly in your presentation was a model for other Grand Rounds presenters!

I also appreciated this chance for the Longwood Departments to hear from our sister Department in Worcester. Although Doug Ziedonis was not able to attend, we appreciate his role in advocating for exploring the possible contribution to Massachusetts Psychiatry of Open Dialog. We know that he welcomes closer ties with the Boston Departments.

The feedback from the community has been uniformly positive. It ranges from, "We need twenty Grand Rounds like this!" to, "Thirty years ago, this is what we did at Mass Mental. It's good to hear it's coming back!"

I look forward to continuing collaboration, to explore how the principles and practices you demonstrated can be implemented, evaluated, and adapted in Massachusetts.

Thanks again,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon".

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