Caring for Patients in a Time of Change

William H. Fleming III, MD, President, Texas Medical Association

The health system reform bill is now law. While the legal and political wrangling will go on for years, the physicians of Texas remain committed to our patients. We want to keep what’s good and fix what’s broken in our health care system.

Frankly, we cannot allow our political views or the new law to get in the way of what medical care is all about: physicians taking care of our patients. Patients and their doctors must work together to take advantage of this change. We cannot waste this opportunity to improve the access and care we provide to our patients. We also must keep a constant eye out for opportunities to improve the new law.

We have begun a massive new education campaign to help Texas physicians and their practices survive and thrive in this new environment. Our patients depend on that. And lucky for them, no organization is better prepared to help doctors in the post-reform jungle than the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Because of its immense size and scope, the new law contains many provisions that neither we nor our patients fully understand. We’ve asked some of the best health care minds in the state to give us a complete analysis. Right now, here are three good things about the new law soon to happen – and three things the physicians of TMA already know must change.

Three Good Things

1. Prevention is covered. Health plans must cover services like vaccinations and screening tests without charging a copay or deductible. Flu shots, childhood immunizations, and cancer screenings will keep us all in better health. And, in the end, they keep down the cost of medical care.

2. Uninsured Texans with current illnesses are covered. A new insurance pool will allow the uninsured to buy coverage if they have a preexisting condition. It will allow uninsured Texans – even cancer survivors or those with chronic illnesses like diabetes or high blood pressure — to get the coverage they need. They will be able to receive care and ensure their health doesn’t get even worse.

3. Coverage should be easier to understand. Volumes of legal jargon from the health plans are replaced with summaries and simple labels. No more wondering if certain services or treatments are covered or if you can afford the copay or deductible.

Three Things That Must Change

1. We remain terribly concerned about the Medicare system. Medicare is the largest government health plan we have right now. It is the foundation for many of the changes the new law will bring. The current system is forcing some doctors to make a horrible choice to stop seeing Medicare patients if they want to keep their practices open in order to see any patients at all. We must work together to stop the Medicare meltdown.

2. We need to protect the patient-doctor relationship from outside interference. No government agency and no insurance company should come between patients and their doctors. As the bureaucrats work to implement this new law, we promise to fight to ensure doctors and patients can make health care decisions that are best for our patients.

3. We need to protect Texas’ health care liability reforms. In 2003, Texas voters adopted important medical liability reforms for the state. These changes have made it easier for sick and injured Texans to get the care they need. Dozens of rural and medically underserved parts of the state now enjoy the services of high-risk specialists, such as emergency physicians and obstetricians. Physicians who once turned away high-risk patients for fear of a lawsuit are now expanding their practices and offering new, life-saving treatments. We need to make sure nothing in the new law takes away the tremendous progress we’ve made in Texas.

Since 1853, the physicians of TMA have worked to improve the health of all Texans. Medicine has changed tremendously over those 157 years. The health reform law is just the most recent change, and we now must move forward to ensure that it benefits our patients.

Commissioner’s Roundtable

For decades, members have met on a regular basis with the Commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and now the Texas Department of State Health Services. These regular meetings have encouraged a productive dialogue between psychiatry and the state agency responsible for public mental health. Pictured at a recent meeting of the Commissioner’s Roundtable are (left to right): Joseph Burkett, MD, Co-Chair, TSP Public Mental Health Services Committee; Daryl Knox, MD, Co-Chair, TSP Public Mental Health Services Committee; Mike Maples, DSHS Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; David Lakey, MD, DSHS Commissioner; Emilie Becker, MD, DSHS Medical Director for Behavioral Health; Les Secrest, MD, Chairman, Federation of Texas Psychiatry; and Paul Crumkin, DO, President, Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

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A Great Year... A Bright Future

George D. Santos, MD, President, Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians

My term as TSPP President is coming to an end this month and it has been an honor to serve. I have had the opportunity to witness the growth of TSPP and our efforts to improve the practice of psychiatry, particularly telepsychiatry, at the Spring Meeting. We would have been in a much more difficult position if we were not for the tireless work from our lobbyist Steve Bresnen and has coordination with John Bush and our members. There have been several members directly involved in meeting with the Texas Medical Board to advise on the revision and refinement of the new rules. We have been very successful in informing them of the special needs and circumstances of psychiatric assessment and treatment via technology. I think the final outcome is positive and reasonable as a product of collaboration between the Medical Board and medical and consumer stakeholders around the state.

Of course, there is a great deal of work to come in participating in the implementation of healthcare reform as it takes shape in Texas. We will be at the table and take an active role in ensuring that TSPP does best. There are also growing challenges within Medicaid and Medicare that may affect us all. The Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor program, or RAC audits, are underway and coming to a community near you. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 made the Medicare RAC audit program permanent and expanded it to cover all providers. This is intended to identify “improper” payments, both overpayments and underpayments. Of course, in the three-year demonstration period, only 4% of the identified payment problems were underpayments, which provided for any additional funds to the provider. The rest led to and facilities receiving returns funds to Medicaid. The RACs, i.e., the auditors, are paid on a contingency fee basis. They receive a percentage of the “improper” overpayment collected from providers. The RACs may review the last three years of a provider's facilities claims and medical records. I think we all agree there is a need for appropriate oversight, but we have to monitor the potential conflict of interest inherent in the contingent fee nature of such an audit program. I am sure there will be future advocacy work in this area from a variety of organized medicine and healthcare facility organizations. Stay tuned.

As I reflect over the year, it has been very encouraging meeting members and young physicians around the state. I see a growing enthusiasm and willingness to engage in advocating for our profession and our patients. Growth in our membership could not come at a better or more exciting time. Regardless of where one stands politically on healthcare reform, it is an exciting and historic period. This is the time to get involved and add your voice to inform and shape the process.

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to spend a year as President of TSPP. I look forward to working with Dr. Richard Nee as he takes over this leadership role. It all works only because of the dedication of John Bush, Debbie Sandberg, Steve Bresnen, and of all the members. Please stay involved and keep up the support.

On January 1, 2010, TSPP launched an appeal for members to contribute $100 to the TSPP Advocacy Fund. As of April 21, 2010, almost 60% of members have already responded with their payment of $100. TSPP’s goal is to reach 100% participation by year-end.

TSPP’s Executive Council approved a one-time $100 assessment in November to be applied to all members except for residents in 2010. The assessment even applies to inactive members and life status members who have earned the privilege of being “dues exempt.” A similar action was taken by TSPP in the mid-1980s, which contributed significantly to the establishment of TSPP’s Advocacy Fund, a fund not included in TSPP’s usual annual operating expenses. As provided for in TSPP’s Bylaws, the Executive Council has the duty and responsibility of maintaining this fund. The governing body would not have made this second request for an assessment in over twenty years if it were not because of serious financial issues. The measure was also taken in lieu of a dues increase, which would be permanent and would be a requirement to maintain membership in TSPP, as well as the APA and Chapters because of past membership requirement.

While the Executive Council does not consider: requires mandatory maintenance of membership, the Executive Council chose instead that payment of the assessment be voluntary and not be mandatory. However, there is an expectation that members will voluntarily be supportive of their professional association, even during difficult financial times.

Significantly, TSPP’s annual dues of $35 for most members do not cover all of TSPP’s dues. For example, over the past 5 years, dues income was only 71% of TSPP’s operating budget. This means that dues were to cover all TSPP’s dues, dues would need to be about $355 instead of $385. The Advocacy Fund and members’ dues revenue generated by TSPP have allowed TSPP to maintain its dues structure constant for many years, avoiding dues increases to require payment of the $100 assessment to maintain membership, the Executive Council chose instead that payment of the assessment be voluntary and not be mandatory. However, there is an expectation that members will

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Following up on Paul Croarkin, DO’s, excellent article, “Antipsychotics and Young Children” in the February/March, 2010, Texas Psychiatrist, Dr. Croarkin has heightened our awareness of House Bill 2161 (81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009) which mandated that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall perform a study and submit a report in 2010 regarding the “appropriateness and safety of providing antipsychotic medications through the Medicaid vendor drug program to children younger than 16 years of age.” The review is to consider the various factors relevant to that issue.

The involvement of government bodies in the psychiatric care of patients is not new to Texas psychiatry. The RAI vs. the Commissioner of Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR) was my own introduction to this phenomenon. This case was under the auspices of Federal District Judge Barefoot Sanders. The court ruled in favor of RAI, the initials of a State District Judge. Judge Sanders directed David Pharis, MSW, to implement a sophisticated plan designed to improve the entire system. I participated with a team of professionals including psychologists, social workers, nurses, specialists in Internal Medicine and psychiatrists. The “Judge’s Team” interfaced with the TXMHMR team and teams from the Texas State Hospitals. Each team also had a Consumer Advocate on board representing patients and their interests. Compliance with goals stipulated by Federal District Judge Barefoot Sanders was the goal.

Over time, the teams worked together identifying areas in each State Hospital where there was “room for improvement” in patient care. My own team’s experience was shared by others and the gradual move toward “improved care” for indigent mentally ill in Texas was accomplished. The reduction of the use of polypharmacy was one of the major improvements. The lay people on our team characterized this as “the removal of chemical straight jackets.” Of course, our teams were also looking at over use and/or abuse of “seclusion and restraints” which was another of the multiple issues Judge Sanders ordered us to examine and to improve as the need arose.

Just like my colleague Dr. Croarkin, I often wondered why this task came our way. I remember when John Bush contacted me to be on the Judge’s Team because a Federal court had found patient care in our State Hospitals lacking. Now pediatricians and child/adolescent psychiatrists face a wake-up call from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. It is painful to have a Commission looking over our shoulder or, worse, telling us what to do. But there is something amiss. As Clinical Director of a therapeutic school for children ages 5-15, I discover that 90% of the children come to us on psychotropic medications. The number of different psychotropic medications taken by children as young as five ranges from a minimum of two to a maximum of eight. Often, these medications include more than one modern antipsychotic drug. Parents report they believe the antipsychotic medication “will take the edge off.” While it is lamentable to report polypharmacy among children who, with appropriate care, have been able to reduce or eliminate the use of antipsychotic drugs, our experience underlines the need for vigilance in providing state of the art care for all children, including those the HHSC study is intended to protect.

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Galindo, Evelyn, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) Temple
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Shorter, Daryl, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) Houston

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Evans, Jason, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) Dallas
Garcia-Pittman, Erica, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) San Antonio
Golden, Christina, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) El Paso
Hsu, Lu Kang, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) El Paso

Transfer to TSPS
Baird, Farris, MD (GIM) (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) El Paso
Bentz, Dintwe, MD, PhD (GIM) San Antonio
DelBois, Holly, MD (GIM) San Antonio
Farno, John, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) Houston
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Murdy, Stella, MD (F) (Attorney, former Med Student) Houston

Arthur J. Farley, MD, President, Texas Academy of Psychiatry

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To tackle this issue, TSCAP’s Annual Meeting and Scientific Program “Addressing Substance Abuse in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment” will focus on augmenting our collective knowledge base and clinical skills in this area. The program will be conducted in Galveston at the Moody Gardens Hotel on July 23-25.

Our keynote address on Saturday, “Best Practices for the Assessment and Treatment of Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders,” will be presented by a national expert in this area, Oscar G. Bukstein, M.D., MPH. This will be followed by a presentation from Steven R. Pliszka, MD regarding the optimal treatment of ADHD in patients with comorbid substance abuse. Our annual fellow case presentation, “Working with an Adolescent with Substance Abuse: Focus on More Factors,” will be presented by Peter Eyg, MD and Dawnelle L. Schatte, MD. Louis M. Jordan LCSW, LCDC, a therapist and long-time director of substance abuse treatment centers will discuss Attachment Disorders and Substance Use Disorders. Ms. Jordan has over 20 years experience in treating individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders and is a nationally recognized speaker who has made multiple appearances on television programs such as the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Saturday’s presentations include a review of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for adolescents with substance abuse. The program will culminate with our annual ethics session which this year is entitled “Ethical and Legal Issues in the Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Substance Abuse” presented by Christopher R. Thomas, MD, a national expert in child and adolescent forensic psychiatry. Please make arrangements to attend now and do not miss this important education event. All TISP and TAP members are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this meeting as it is relevant to those who treat young adults or family members impacted by substance use disorders as well. This is also a great time of year to come to Moody Gardens to catch up with colleagues, enjoy ample family time, spend time in Galveston, and to “recharge your batteries” for the year ahead. Please encourage students and trainees from your communities to attend as well as this is a great chance for networking and mentoring.

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(includes Scientific Program & Syllabus, Saturday continental breakfast, Saturday & Sunday refreshment breaks)

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Friday Welcome Reception
- Friday Welcome Reception

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Program Speakers

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Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh

Medical Director, Adolescent Substance Abuse, Treatment Program Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Medical Director, ADHD Specialty Program Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Pittsburgh, PA

Lois M. Jordan, LCSW, LCDC
Owner and Program Director Solutions Outpatient Services, Intensive Evening Outpatient Treatment Program for Alcohol/Drug and other Addictive Disorders Former Executive Director of the Chemical Awareness Council Past Board Member of the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Dallas, TX

Peter Ly, M.D.
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Steven R. Pliszka, M.D.
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The Annual TSCAP Business Meeting will be held Sunday, 8:00 am – 9:00 am in the Rural Hall A1 Room. All members are encouraged to register and attend.

Scientific Program Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 25 [3 HOUR CATEGORY] 1
8:00 am - 8:40 am
Scientific Program Welcome and Opening Remarks
Evidence-Based Psychosocial Interventions for Adolescent Substance Abuse Joy M. Schmitz, Ph.D.

10:15 am - 10:30 am
Evidence-based Treatment for Adolescents with Substance Abuse Disorder Christopher R. Thomas, M.D.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Legal and Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Substance Abuse Disorder Dawnelle J. Schatte, M.D.

TSCAP Annual Business Meeting Breakfast

Monday, July 26
9:00 am - 10:30 am
Scientific Program

10:30 am - 10:50 am
Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

1:10 pm - 1:30 pm
Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
What is the Relationship Between Attachment Disorders and Substance Use Disorders? Luis M. Jordan, LCSW, LCDC

Opening Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
Check in early and join your friends and colleagues for an complimentary Welcome Reception for all TSCAP attendees! Visit with the exhibitors in a relaxing atmosphere and become eligible for special door prize drawings to be awarded throughout the meeting!

Meeting Syllabus in COLOR
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Target Audience/Program Goals & Objectives
This CME program is designed with didactic lectures supplemented with audiovisual presentation and direct discussion, panel discussion and a case study presentation in multiple educational sessions. The program is designed to provide its’ primary target audience of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, General Psychiatrists and other specialties of medicine in the State of Texas, with clinically-oriented information to advance the physicians’ competence and effective use of targeted skills so that they may develop strategies to apply the key skills and judgment of the information presented in the educational activity into their practice.

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