Changing Practice Patterns in Psychiatry—A Look Backward

Paul Wick, MD

To describe practice changes in psychiatry over the last 50 years, we have to recall the enormous advances occurring in brain science, neurochemistry, psychopharmacology and psychotherapeutic modalities. Our profession has gained strict diagnostic nomenclature, clinical guidelines and evidence-based medicine knowledge. The influences in practice would not be complete without adding the socioeconomic trends of health care financing, managed care and governmental insurance and regulations.

Flash back to the 1950’s when psychoactive drugs were introduced in the U.S. Psychotherapy was predominant in many areas but biological psychiatry had a strong influence on Texas psychiatry. Private and state hospitals utilized somatic treatments such as ECT and longer term inpatient stays were necessary. Psychiatrists practicing outside of the larger institutions were considered pioneers in their communities. Stigma limited access.

Although psychiatrists in 1950 lacked the modern advances in knowledge, facilities and drugs, the practice climate was in some sense almost ideal. There were few outside impediments to providing treatments for patients. Treatment decisions were basically made between the patient and physician. There was no managed care and reimbursement was at fee for service rates. As Yogi Berra commented, “The future ain’t what it used to be.”

As psychiatrists grew in numbers, they settled in various cities throughout the state in the 1960-1970’s generally as solo general psychiatrists splitting their time between seeing patients in the hospital and office. Better drugs, now considered older generation drugs, became available. Payment was mostly fee for service but reimbursement was at fee for service rates. As Yogi Berra commented, “The future ain’t what it used to be.”

The program will be held November 4-5, 2006, at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas, Texas. All Texas psychiatrists, psychiatric consultants from other states and all other interested physicians are invited, and are encouraged, to attend.

T he 2006 CME program is proudly sponsored by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians on the occasion of the Society’s fifty-fifth anniversary of service to psychiatrists and to our patients. Designed in a format consisting of lectures and didactic review sessions, the program will provide clinically-relevant information regarding the history, new developments in treatment, and new directions in research.

On behalf of TSSP, it is my pleasure to formally announce the Golden Anniversary Scientific Program of the Texas Society of Psychiatrists. The program will be held November 4-5, 2006 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas, Texas. All Texas psychiatrists, psychiatric consultants from other states, and all other interested physicians are invited, and are encouraged, to attend.

The 2006 edition of TSSP’s annual scientific program promises to be a special event worthy of TSSP’s 50th anniversary. The program is entitled, “Update 2006: Advances in the Clinical Management of Psychiatric Disorders.” The ten hours of Category I credit may be carried over into the next calendar year. The program will provide clinically-relevant information regarding PTSD, bipolar disorder, alcohol and other substance abuse, child and adult obesity issues, medical/legal/ethical issues surrounding coma, and current approaches to the treatment of major depression. The lecture on coma will, in fact, count for two hours of Category I credit for meeting the annual ethics requirement.

I thank John Bush and Debbie Sundberg for their outstanding efforts in bringing about TSPP’s scientific program every year, and especially this year. I also offer special and personal thanks to our former President, Jefferson Nelson, MD, without whose help I could not have accomplished my job of orchestrating arrangements for this, our Golden Anniversary Scientific Program.
Happy Birthday TSPP!!!

Leslie H. Secrett, MD, President, Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians

August 12-13

Advocacy and Leadership Conference

J. Clay Sawyer, MD, Chairman, Federation of Texas Psychiatry

“This was by far the most valuable educational experience on patient advocacy and influencing public policy that I have had in all my training. I sincerely wish every psychiatrist in the state/country could have this experience.”

“As important wake-up call coupled with empowering information. Excellent training and materials enhanced by Joel’s humor and sensitivity to the different temperaments. Socratic method encouraged critical thinking. Interactive mode built camaraderie. Practical advice for dealing with the media, lay legislators, and public quite valuable. Well worth the time and expense to come.”

The Federation of Texas Psychiatry, along with its partners in the Mental Illness Awareness Coalition (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Texas, Mental Health Association in Texas, NAMI Texas and Texas Mental Health Consumers), is pleased to announce that Joel Roberts, the subject of the above rave reviews from his 2004 program for the Coalition, will be hosting its Advocacy and Leadership Conference. “Together, We Do Make a Difference: Advocating With Impact.”

On Saturday morning, Joel Roberts will teach the basics of “communicating with impact.” During the afternoon session, participants will apply what they have learned to perfecting their talking points on key legislative issues. A luncheon program featuring a member of the Texas Legislature, yet to be confirmed, and a reception at the conclusion of the program on Saturday is also planned.

On Sunday morning, psychiatrists will meet and participate in a legislative planning meeting and help launch the Federation’s Political Action Task Force, a grassroots program to encourage psychiatrists to become involved in the election cycle. Relationships formed with legislators and candidates during the election cycle will pay dividends during the next Legislative Session, beginning in January 2007.

This conference will be educational, inspiring and fun at the family friendly Westin La Cantera Resort. We hope you will attend. You will be glad that you did! ■

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Treating the Consequences of Trauma and Other Disorders

A great speaker? Then Corpus Christi at the coast, mixed with a little CME by the sandy shores and a variety of nighttime entertainment and much more!

TSCAP Educational Programs

Patrick Holden, MD, President, Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

LOCATION
Omniplex Corpus Christi Hotel
Bayfront Tower
900 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
(800) 843-6664

Reservations Conventionally located downtown in the Marina District, the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel is just minutes from the USS Lexington, Texas State Aquarium, Museum of Science and History, miles of sandy shores and a variety of nightlife entertainment and much more!

$125 single or double occupancy/$135 triple or quad occupancy

Check-in: 3 pm  Check-out: Noon

Hotel reservation deadline is Friday, July 14, 2006.

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel at (800) 843-6664. Please refer to the group and meeting name when making your reservation. Reservations must be made on or before July 14th to guarantee room rates and availability.

Hotel provides complimentary shuttle to and from the Corpus Christi International Airport for hotel guests.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Discounted Registration Deadline is July 14, 2006.

Advance registration for the conference is required to guarantee attendance for sessions and welcome reception. Discounted registration fees are available if registration is received by TSCAP prior to July 14th. Registration after July 14 and on-site will be accepted at the higher registration rate.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) through the Joint Sponsorship of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians and the Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians designates this educational activity for a maximum of nine (9) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*. Participants should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The presentation "The Worth of a Child: An Ethical Reflection" has been designated by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians for two (2) hours of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TARGET AUDIENCE / PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary target audience of the program consists of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, Psychiatrists and other specialties of medicine. This continuing medical education activity will be presented in a classroom style format, with didactic lectures supplemented with audiovisual presentations, case presentations and question and answer discussions. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to:

- Identify the impact on and most effective interventions for children and their families following a major trauma such as a natural disaster.
- Identify and discuss the consequences of trauma for children, families, the health care system.
- Identify and discuss interventions that work and those that don’t.
- Describe the role of pharmacological agents in ADHD.
- Identify the use of new agents for the treatment of ADHD.
- Describe the current approach to eating disorders in children and youth through a case presentation and discussion.
- Describe the psychiatric and medical evaluation of a suspected eating disorder in children and youth, both females and males.
- Describe the current treatment approach for children and youth with an eating disorder.
- Describe the role of antidepressants in relapse prevention and learn psychotherapeutic techniques for preventing relapse.
- Understand the role of antidepressants in relapse prevention.
- Learn psychotherapeutic techniques for preventing relapse in pediatric depression.
- Discuss societal, institutional, individual dimensions of the care of children.
- Fulfill the ethics requirement by identifying and developing an ethical framework in caring for children with mental illness.

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TOTAL REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, JULY 28
10:00am-12:00pm Exhibits Set-Up / Nueces A
2:00pm-4:00pm Executive Committee Conference / Matagorda Room
6:30pm - 8:00pm Welcome Reception with Exhibitors / Nueces A

SATURDAY, JULY 29
7:00am-2:00pm Exhibits / Nueces A
8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast w/Exhibitors / Nueces A
9:00am-10:30am Scientific Program / Nueces B  5 Hours Category 1 Credit
9:00am-10:10am Welcome / Introductory Remarks
11:10am-11:30am Katrina and Other Catastrophies, Treating the Consequences of Trauma, Martin J. Drell, M.D.
11:30am-12:00pm Refreshment Break w/Exhibitors
12:00pm-1:00pm New Psychopharmacological Agents for the Treatment of ADHD: Steven R. Piñuka, M.D.
12:30pm-2:00pm Membership Business Meeting / Luncheon w/Exhibitors
2:00pm-4:00pm Resident Case Presentations: Current Approaches to Treatment of Eating Disorders in Children & Youth, Paul Croarkin, DO, Resident Tyler Wooten, MD, Discussant
4:00pm-4:10pm Closing Remarks
4:15pm-7:00pm Free Evening to Enjoy Host City

SUNDAY, JULY 30
8:30am-10:00am Continental Breakfast / Nueces B
8:30am-8:15am Opening Remarks
8:30am-10:30am Relapse Prevention in Pediatric Depression, Graham J. Emslie, M.D.
10:45am-12:45pm The Worth of a Child: An Ethical Reflection, Thomas F. McGovern, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
12:45pm-1:00pm Closing Remarks

TSCAP Educational Programs

Patrick Holden, MD, President, Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Have you thought about a weekend down at the coast, mixed with a little CME by some great speakers? Then Corpus Christi is the place for you.

The TSCAP Summer Conference will be held there the last weekend in July. We have a variety of topics from trauma to eating disorder, from psychopharmacology to ethics. Dr. Marry Deel, a former member of TSCAP and now returned to New Orleans, will deal with the diagnostic and treatment issues for families and staff following Hurricane Katrina. He will answer the question, “is it really PTSD?” and discuss the treatment of children exposed to such trauma.

In addition to a case presentation by a resident about a youth with an eating disorder, Tyler Wooten from UT Southwestern will describe current treatment approaches for youth with eating disorders. Graham Emslie, speaking on Relapse Prevention in Pediatric Depression, will share recent information about the role of medications and CBT on relapse prevention and Steve Pliszka will talk about new agents in the treatment of ADHD. Your ethics CME this year will be provided by Dr. Thomas McGovern from Texas Tech Medical School who will discuss ethical issues involved in child treatment.

Make your plans now to spend the last weekend in July in Corpus enjoying the beach, listening to some great presentations and catching up with your colleagues from around the state. You can visit www.txpsych.org to get a copy of the registration and other information about dates, times and location. See you there.

REGISTRATION FORM

Fax Back (512) 478-5223 or Mail: 401 West 15th Street, Suite #675, Austin, TX 78701; Questions or Special Assistance: Call Debbie Sundberg (512) 478-0605 or E-Mail: tscapof@aol.com

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Before July 14
After July 14
TSCAP Member Physician $175 $195
Non-Member Physician $250 $270
Allied Health Professional $160 $180
Trainee / Member / Non-Member No Fee $29

FRIDAY Welcome Reception

# Attending (Provide Guest Names if applicable)

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Welcome Reception
You will enjoy visiting with your colleagues and friends from all areas of Texas at the TSPP Welcome Reception, the first social event on Friday evening, November 3 beginning at 6:30 pm. There will also be an opportunity to visit with Exhibitors to learn more about products and services and to thank Exhibitors for their support of TSPP. A silent auction is planned for the evening to benefit the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research and gifts will be given to members through drawings that will occur throughout the evening.

Also, a poster session chronicles the history of TSPP and Texas Psychiatry will be available for viewing.

Westin Galleria Hotel
Located within the impressive Galleria (13340 Dallas Parkway), the Westin Galleria Dallas offers instant access to more than 280 exclusive shops, restaurants and entertainment options. Settle into your luxuriously appointed accommodations. Dine, or relax with a drink and catch the big game at Options Restaurant and Bar. Step outside and you’re in the Galleria, the best shopping experience in Texas. Stroll down to Saks Fifth Avenue or start your wish list at Tiffany & Co.

The award-winning Westin is renowned for its luxurious guest rooms and for helping you manage your travel needs. Enjoy the extensive meeting facilities and comprehensive services at the business center. Guests also appreciate the on-site car rental agency.

At the Westin Galleria Dallas, every guest room features a coffee maker, 2 dual-line telephones with data ports and satellite television with movies on command.

To receive TSPP’s discounted room rate of $139, you must register with the Westin Galleria Hotel by October 12 by calling 972/934-9494 or 888/627-8536. Refer to the Group and Meeting Name: Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians’ 2006 Annual Convention.

History of Texas Psychiatry
Over the years, Dan Creson, MD of Houston has video taped interviews with the pioneers and leaders of Texas Psychiatry. Dr. Creson will present highlights from these video interviews which will reflect on the development and growth of psychiatry in Texas. You will not want to miss his historical presentation during the Membership Luncheon on Saturday, November 4 at 12:00 noon.

Special Programs for MIT Members
The Member-in-Training Section is planning a special program for members entitled, “Stress Management: Burnout Prevention,” which will be conducted on Friday, November 3.

Following the Welcome Reception on Friday evening, the MIT Section is planning an “After Hours Social” for members and their families.

Annual Business Meeting
The Annual Business Meetings of TSPP and the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research will be conducted at the conclusion of the Scientific Program on Sunday. During the luncheon program, members will be entertained by a visual presentation of photos taken during the many events of the Annual Convention. Each registrant will receive a CD copy of the presentation as a memento of the 2006 TSPP Annual Convention and 50th Anniversary Gala. ■

Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians
50th Anniversary Gala Convention & Scientific Program

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 2
2:00 pm - Golf Outing Arranged by Dallas Members

Friday, November 3
7:45 am - 8:00 am
Registration/Information
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Committee Meetings
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Member Luncheon
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Executive Council Meeting
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
8:00 pm -

Saturday, November 4
7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Registration/Information
7:30 am - 8:15 am
Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Program Registrants with Exhibitors
7:30 am - 2:00 pm
Exhibits
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Scientific Program
10:15 am - 10:30 am
Scientific Program
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Membership Luncheon Featuring Video Presentation by Dr. Creson
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Refresher Break with Exhibitors
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
50th Anniversary Gala Reception
7:00 pm - 12:00 am
50th Anniversary Gala with Entertainment

Sunday, November 5
7:45 am - 1:00 pm
Registration/Information
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Program Registrants
8:00 am - 10:30 am
Scientific Program
10:15 am - 10:30 am
Scientific Program
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Annual Business Meetings’ Luncheon

ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

- Sunday
- November 5
- Westin Galleria Hotel
- Dallas, Texas

50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

- Saturday, November 4
- Westin Galleria Hotel
- Dallas, Texas

PROGRAM LUNCH

- Profiles of Texas Psychiatry
- Saturday, November 4
- Westin Galleria Hotel
- Dallas, Texas

50TH ANNIVERSARY SANQUET

- Saturday
- Westin Galleria Hotel
- Dallas, Texas

ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

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The presentation "Medical, Legal, and Ethical Issues in Serious Brain Injuries and Severe Mental Illnesses" has been designated by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians for two (2) hours of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TARGET AUDIENCE AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
This CME program is proudly sponsored by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians on the occasion of the Society's fiftieth anniversary of service to psychiatrists and their patients. Designed in a format consisting of lectures and direct discussion, the program is designed to provide its primary target audience of Psychiatrists, as well as other specialties of medicine with clinically-relevant information regarding ethics, new developments in treatment, and new directions in research.

At the conclusion of the program, CME participants will be able to explore, to describe, and to discuss the following areas and topics:

- Causes of PTSD, with an improved ability to accurately diagnose and to implement appropriate treatment.
- The diagnosis, prognosis, and current effective treatments for bipolar disorder.
- Evaluation and treatment of alcohol abuse and abuse of other substances, with emphasis on realistic treatment outcomes.
- Recognition of obesity in child and adulthood and effective means of intervention.
- The various classes of coma and the implications of each on treatment and prognosis.
- Dealing with ethical dilemmas faced by the families, and the physicians, of patients in coma.
- Current strategies for achieving symptom remission and recovery in major depression.

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Strange Encounters
Spencer Bayles, MD

Recently I wrote a copy of THE OBSERVER (a British newspaper) for “Saturday 9 April 2006” (as the British write their dates). The cover article was an expose of the Church of Scientology. The article was based on a nine month study by Janet Reitman, said to be “one of America’s leading writers.”

The story brought to mind my own encounters with the organization and its predecessor over the last 53 years.

My first strange encounters began during my first job. I was Student Health Psychiatrist for the University of Colorado in Boulder. I had started there in 1950 fresh out of completing my psychiatric residency in Denver. During late ’51 and early ’52 I began to notice an increase in the number of students coming to the Student Health Service with typical and atypical symptoms of early schizophrenia. They complained of unreal feelings, had ideas of being watched, of others having bad thoughts about them. Some even had beginnings of delusions and hallucinations.

I was aware that schizophrenia may be present in about one percent of the adult population and that the illness regularly begins to show up in the late teens and early twenties, but I had not seen such a large number of students with such symptoms during my first year on the job. The Health Service records for past years showed much fewer frequent complaints.

My social worker associate who had worked in the Student Health Service for several years talked with friends of the patients and began to discover that many of the new patients had been talking to a few students who had set themselves up as “auditors” who for a fee would listen to the students talk about themselves. The students were obliged to report everything that came to their minds and were promised many sorts of great improvements.

We soon learned that the “professional education” these “auditors” possessed was that they they had taken Dianetics.

The Modern Science of Mental Health had just been published (1950) by L. Ron Hubbard who was at that time one of the most successful science fiction writers in the world. Hubbard was an expert in the handling to some real fact, or theory or discovery from legitimate science and elaborating on that information a little farther than had been proved or demonstrated. The skillful manipulation of “what if” led to fascinating stories that could claim at least some basis in legitimate science.

Dianetics was just such a fantasy. Hubbard took much of Freud’s theories of the unconscious, the long term influence of repressed or hidden memories the person does not know exist, along with the mathematical speculations of Norbert Weiner who was developing mathematical models of brain function. Hubbard described the brain as a massive data storage area with messengers racing back and forth with packages of data as needed. Hubbard invented new language to label these functions and activities. The person who listened to all the patient reported was appropriately called the auditor. The patient who talked long enough would eventually get rid of all those harmful forgotten memories and become “clear.” The former sufferer would then be able to listen, to become an “auditor” and help the next person to become “clear.” Fees were of course necessary for the listening to become really effective.

By 1955 Dianetics was spreading so rapidly that problems began to arise. Hubbard identified his invention as a religion. Some speculate this was to avoid interaction with medical licensing boards. Others suggested it was a move to avoid taxes on the considerable sums the movement was beginning to accumulate. He renamed the new religion Scientology and the name has become famous. Not least has been the attraction of the movement to many rich and famous entertainers.

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Mental Illness Awareness Week – 2006

Planning should be underway in each TSPP Chapter for Mental Illness Awareness Week 2006, the first week in October. The purpose of MIAW is to increase the public’s understanding of mental illnesses and psychiatric treatments. MIAW provides an annual opportunity to address three primary goals: 1) to encourage psychiatrists to collaborate with mental health advocacy organizations in the planning and implementation of MIAW activities; 2) to produce a variety of educational outreach programs to reach as broad an audience as possible; and 3) to involve community leaders, policymakers, educators, clergy, the media etc. in delivering positive and informative messages about psychiatric illnesses.

Again this year, the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research will provide grants to TSPP Chapters to help underwrite the expenses of MIAW activities. Each Chapter President will receive information about funds available for each Chapter as well as grant application forms. To apply for these MIAW grants, Chapter Presidents should submit the Chapter’s grant request to the Foundation prior to August 1. A Foundation Grants Review Committee will evaluate grant requests and forward recommendations to the Foundation’s Executive Committee for final approval. An important consideration in determining funding amounts will be the level of participation by psychiatrists in MIAW activities. Funds will be distributed to Chapter Presidents by September 15. As a condition of accepting a grant from the Foundation, a Chapter receiving a grant is expected to submit a brief written report about its MIAW activities to the Foundation by November 1.

Mental Illness Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity to educate the public about mental illnesses and to foster working relations with patient advocacy groups in each community. TSPP and the Foundation encourages all Chapters to participate this year.

If you have not yet made your 2006 contribution to the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research, please consider sending your tax deductible donation to the Foundation today!

CALL FOR ENTRIES
2006
TEXAS SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIANS
RESIDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Papers are now being accepted for the 2006 Residents’ Paper Competition! Entries must be an original work produced by a resident member of TSPP while in residency training. The paper may be a piece of original research, literature review or discussion on a topic of interest to psychiatrists and should be 10-12 typed double-spaced pages (excluding references). The paper should deal with a topic of interest to psychiatrists and should also be written for a non-specialist audience.

Each paper entered in the competition will be subjected to blind review by the judges. A certificate of recognition will be awarded to the winner of the competition. The winner will receive a certificate of recognition for their work and will be invited to present their paper as a poster at the TSPP’s Annual Convention and Scientific Program.

The Scientific Program at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas. All papers entered in the competition will be recognized at the meeting. The winner will receive a certificate of recognition for their work and will be invited to present their paper as a poster at the TSPP’s Annual Convention and Scientific Program.

The winner will be announced in advance, and the paper presented on Saturday, November 4, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm at TSPP’s 50th Anniversary Annual Convention and Scientific Program at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas. All papers entered in the competition will be recognized at the meeting.

In addition to the Resident Paper Competition, all members-in-training are encouraged to participate in TSPP’s Poster Session. To apply for these MIAW grants, Chapter Presidents should submit the Chapter’s grant request to the Foundation prior to August 1. A Foundation Grants Review Committee will evaluate grant requests and forward recommendations to the Foundation’s Executive Committee for final approval. An important consideration in determining funding amounts will be the level of participation by psychiatrists in MIAW activities. Funds will be distributed to Chapter Presidents by September 15. As a condition of accepting a grant from the Foundation, a Chapter receiving a grant is expected to submit a brief written report about its MIAW activities to the Foundation by November 1.

Mental Illness Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity to educate the public about mental illnesses and to foster working relations with patient advocacy groups in each community. TSPP and the Foundation encourages all Chapters to participate this year.

If you have not yet made your 2006 contribution to the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research, please consider sending your tax deductible donation to the Foundation today!
In recent weeks, the Texas Legislature has moved to reduce local school property taxes and craft replacement business taxes much more quickly and with far less discord than many seasoned legislative observers could have imagined. Under a June 1 deadline imposed by the Supreme Court of Texas, legislative leaders employed a no-amendment strategy to ensure the tax bill’s passage, however, we were unable to make any changes to the bill. We considered, rejected, plans to issue “action alerts” exhorting all members to contact their legislators; we concluded that these efforts actually would harm our position. TMA continues to work with the governor and legislative leaders to find means to further recognize the well-below-cost reimbursements from Medicaid and CHIP and to encourage practices to invest in electronic medical record systems and other important technologies.

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To promote the common professional interests of psychiatrists;
To facilitate the coordination of and work in concert with state professional psychiatric associations and state professional subspecialty psychiatric associations; to unify programs that advance public and professional education and advocacy for psychiatry and persons with psychiatric illnesses;
To provide centralized services to state professional psychiatric associations and state professional subspecialty psychiatric associations;
To make psychiatric knowledge available to other practitioners of medicine, to scientists, and to the public;
And, to promote the best interests of patients and those actually or potentially making use of mental health services.

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MAY
2-5 TCPPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Annual Convention & CMEM Scientific Program
Westin Galleria Hotel, Dallas, TX
$139 Room Rate Prior to July 1 / $210/58-650 or $80/228-300
Refer to the group and meeting name
(Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians) for discounted rate
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JULY
28-30 TSCAP “Treating the Consequences of Trauma and Other Disorders”
9 Hours Category 1 Credit
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX
$125 Single/Double $135 Triple/Quad Rate Prior to July 14 / $80/45-6664
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12-13 Federation Mental Health Advocacy and Leadership Conference
Westin La Cantera Resort, San Antonio, TX
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Member Luncheon
Executive Council Meeting
Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
MTT After Hours Social

4 TSPP Scientific Program
Member Luncheon/Profiles of Texas Psychiatry
50th Anniversary Gala Banquet

5 TSPP Scientific Program
Annual Business Meetings’ Luncheon

NOVEMBER
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