I am certainly looking forward to the Annual Meeting of TSPP to be held this year in Houston at the Westin Gallery Hotel. TSPP’s Scientific Program chair, Dr. George Santos, along with the members of the CME Committee have done a wonderful job in planning a very interesting program, “Psychiatry - The Next Generation,” which will provide the participants with eleven hours of CME including two hours which will provide the participants with eleven hours of CME including two hours...

Values of Membership

On the occasion of the Annual Meeting, I am always reminded of the Core Values of Membership in TSPP, and I certainly think that they would also hold true for the various member organizations of the Federation.

The first core value is Advocacy for Patients and Psychiatry. There is no better illustration of this than in the most recent session of the Legislature. In addition to the typical tireless efforts of the Federation’s lobbyist, Steve Bresnen, many members of the Federation’s organizations took time out of their busy schedules to testify before committees, attend Capital Day in Austin, to develop and nurture relationships with their legislators, and to contact the legislators regarding various bills that might directly or indirectly relate to psychiatry. This core value continues to be provided through the work of various TSPP committees which will meet again on November 2.

The second core value is Quality Continuing Medical Education. I have said before and will emphasize again that the Scientific Program of the TSPP Annual Meeting consistently meets this value from year to year. It is a reflection of the excellent work of the CME Committee, chaired by Dr. Jef Nelson, which begins planning the program over a year before the actual meeting in addition to staying current on the ever evolving requirements for CME Accreditation. They have met numerous times already by conference calls to plan the meeting in San Antonio for 2008! The third core value is Service to Community. Throughout the years this has been shown through our members’ willingness to volunteer, whether it be as a response to disasters, such as our hurricane response, post 9/11, airplane crashes, or serving on local mental health boards, state committees, etc. TSPP and our member organizations have worked efficiently and generously to meet the needs of our communities.

The fourth core value, Fellowship with Colleagues, is one that I have come to appreciate more and more over the years. The Annual Meeting is always a time to begin or renew friendships with others from around the State, to share information about our practices as well as to discuss administrative, business, and academic information issues. Those of you who had the opportunity to attend the Awards Banquet last year would also agree that everyone had a great time. Again, back for an encore, we will have Johnny Mandell and the Muddcatts, who are very talented musicians collectively and individually and do an unbelievable recreation of Elvis and the Beatles. The dance floor was a little crowded last year and so the dance floor has been expanded for this year’s evening of entertainment. I might also mention that for the second year in a row, our Department of Psychiatry at UNT Health Science Center will be sponsoring tables for our staff and residents. I like to mention that our residents led everyone to the dance floor last year. I would like to encourage other departments in the state to consider doing the same. It would provide a wonderful opportunity to meet residents and staff from other departments.

I certainly recognize that all of us have increasingly busy schedules with ever increasing demands in our practices. I would like to invite all members of our organizations to “take a break” and come to Houston, see first hand the value of organized medicine, observe and participate in TSPP’s committee structure which is truly member driven, enjoy good food and entertainment, make new friends, and see old friends. Hope to see you in Houston!!!

Federal Insurance Parity Legislation Moves Forward

On September 18, the US Senate passed the Mental Health Parity Act of 2007 (S. 558) by unanimous consent. The bill will end discriminatory insurance coverage of treatment for mental illnesses, providing them coverage equal to coverage provided for physical illnesses and injuries. The bill must now be passed in the US House of Representatives in order for it to be submitted to the President to sign into law. S. 558 was sponsored by Senators Pete Domenici (R-NM), Michael Enzi (R-Wyo) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass). The bill will provide coverage to nearly 113 million people including the nearly 82 million people covered under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) who are unable to benefit from state parity laws. The bill provides strong federal protections for mental health including substance use disorder services - requiring that treatment limitations and cost-sharing requirements be equal to those that pertain to medical and surgical services. Day and visit maximums, copays, deductibles, and coinsurance all must be applied equally. The Federation is grateful to Texas Psychiatrists who communicated with Senators prior to the successful vote to encourage their support. Hopefully, in the next issue of the Texas Psychiatricist, we can report more good news about insurance parity.
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Congratulations The following members will achieve Life Status in TSPP and APA as of January 1, 2008: Life Member Girja S. Chintapalli, MD, Temple James N. Lindsey, MD, Houston Irwin Schussler, DO, Fort Worth Lifelong Member Salvador A. Contreras, MD, San Antonio Raymond A. Faber, MD, San Antonio Jean F. Goodwin, MD, MPH, Galveston Daniel A. Kaufman, MD, Houston Irwin Schussler, DO, Fort Worth Glen T. Pearson, Jr, MD, Dallas Emilie F. Romera, MD, San Antonio Stephen L. Stern, MD, San Antonio
Medicaid Rate Hike An Enormous Opportunity

William W. Hinchee, MD, President, Texas Medical Association

At the close of the 2005 session of the Texas Legislature, when the Texas Medical Association once again was unable to achieve its major objectives in physicians’ Medicaid payments, Medicaid reimbursement immediately became one of our top priorities for 2007. Our Ad Hoc Committee on Medicaid and Access to Care initiated a grassroots movement that recognized that Texas Medicaid patients’ medical homes were disappearing rapidly.

The Texas legislature had witnessed the growing severity of the problem:
- Finding a medical home had become increasingly difficult for Medicaid patients.
- Over six short years, physician participation had declined dramatically from 67 percent of Texas physicians willing to accept new Medicaid patients in 2000 to only 38 percent in 2006.
- This decline threatened our patients’ ability to obtain medically necessary services and forced them to rely on more costly emergency rooms to meet their basic health care needs.

The reason for this decline in participa- tion was obvious. Texas Medicaid rates that had a meaningful Medicaid fee increase in 15 years. In fact, our fees were cut by 2.5 percent in 2005. The rising cost of medical practice meant these payments told woefully short of covering the cost of providing care.

TMA declared that, quite simply, Texas lawmakers in 2007 must ensure Medicaid patients have access to cost-effective physician services by enacting competitive reimbursement rates. Fortunately, all signs pointed to success.

We immediately obtained a powerful ally. Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins reinvigorated the reality of our argument. He, too, began pushing for restoration of the 2003 and an additional increase in physicians’ Medicaid reimbursement. Commissioner Hawkins understood that cost-effective care hinges on Medicaid patients having access to a continuous, engaging partnership with a physician medical home. Our Ad Hoc Committee on Medicaid and Access to Care developed a five-year strategic plan to make Medicaid reimbursement consistent with Medicare payment rates. We asked the 2007 Texas Legislature to, at a minimum, restore the 2003 cuts, provide a 20 percent across-the-board increase for the next two years, and enact other targeted increases that would hike more Texas physicians back into the Medicaid program.

Momentum for our plan built among leader- ship as it became apparent that the Texas treasury would enjoy a substantial surplus for 2008-09, and lawmakers would have a rare opportunity to engage in some discretionary spending. We immediately pointed out that this was more than a health care issue. For Texas to compete eco- nomically at home and abroad, we told them, our state must invest in a healthy population and workforce, which includes assuring that all Texans can obtain afford- able, timely health care.

The final piece in the puzzle came together in early April, as legislative budget negotiations acknowledged that the powerful force of a federal judge also would be requiring better Medicaid rates. The state had run out of legal options to avoid its obligations under a 14-year-old lawsuit known as Frew vs. Hawkins. The suit alleged numerous, serious failings in the state’s efforts to ensure all children enrolled in Medicaid were receiving appropriate preven- tive and specialty care services.

The panel consisted of: Richard Harding, MD, Carolyn Robinowitz, MD, Steven S. Starfstein, MD, and Nada Stotland, MD, three prepaid plan representatives and the incoming president.

I must say I was feeling a bit nervous as I sat in the audience, a member in the Texas Academy of Psychiatry, considering the tension that was created between the APA and TSPP when the Texas Academy of Psychiatry was “born.” I imagined a large arrow above my head with flashing lights pointing me out and I waited for the lightning bolt. But it did not come. Instead I was privileged to hear stories both funny and sad, courageous and inspiring and all with a common thread—our single-minded goal made us want to get together to “defeat the enemy,” namely mental illness and the stigma which can accompany it.

Dr. Robinowitz told us of her plans for the next APA Annual meeting, the theme of which is to be “Our Voice. Our Action.” Dr. Stotland spoke of getting the curve not just reacting to circumstances once they are upon us. One additional mes- sage by all the speakers was that once the duck had settled and the elections were over all was as it had been, colleagues working together with the unified desire to further the issue of parity for persons with mental illness, embrace the concept of recovery, and circumvent stigma in order to encourage people to seek assistance before situations are out of hand.

Networking may be an overused word but it is the livelihood of our advocacy. As long as we remember our ultimate goal of support- ing Recovery for our patients, members of many groups can come together and deliver the message.

We are fortunate in Texas. We have a number of choices by which we can partici- pate in organized advocacy for our patients and their needs. It is important we recognize those who fought for our right to advocate in our preferred way but it is also comforting to know that when all is said and done, no mat- ter what group you belong to we are fighting against the same enemy and it is the mes- sage above all else that needs to remain above the fray, praiseworthy and untainted by the messengers.

Hope to see you in Houston!

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MEMBERS IN TRAINING PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A practice management course developed by the Texas Medical Association will be presented at this year’s Member in Training Section meeting on Friday, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. This program will provide young physicians knowledge they will need as they are exploring practice options or planning to start their own practice. Register early to attend!

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 1
12:00 pm Golf Outing
7:30 pm Executive Committee & Past Presidents Reception

Friday, November 2
7:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration
6:30 am - 8:00 am Foundation Board of Directors Breakfast Mtg
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Hospitality Rooms w/ Complimentary Refreshments
Sponsored by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals
8:00 am - 9:00 am Finance Committee
Fellowship Committee
Children & Adolescents
9:00 am - 10:00 am Texas Academy of Psychiatry
Ethics
Academic Psychiatry
Forensic Psychiatry
10:00 am - 11:00 am Socioeconomics
Professional Practices
Strategic Planning
Continuing Medical Education
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Public Mental Health Services
TSCAP Executive Committee
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Risk Management Luncheon Program - Avoiding Medical Liability Claims - Risk Management Strategies for Healthcare Providers
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Government Affairs
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Federation of Texas Psychiatry Delegates Meeting
MIT Practice Management Program

Friday, November 2 [continued]
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Executive Council Mtg
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Welcome Reception w/ Exhibitors
Sponsored by Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education & Research

Saturday, November 3
7:00 am - 7:45 am Complimentary Breakfast for Meeting Registrants
Sponsored by Mission Vista Behavioral Health
7:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration
7:00 am - 4:35 pm Exhibits
8:00 am - 5:35 pm Scientific Program
10:15 am - 10:30 am Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors
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12:30 pm - 2:15 pm Membership Luncheon TSPP & Texas Foundation Business Mtg
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4:15 pm - 4:35 pm Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors
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6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Awards Banquet Reception
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7:00 pm - 12:00 am Awards Banquet & Evening of Entertainment
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Sunday, November 4
7:30 am - 1:00 pm Registration
8:15 am - 12:30 pm Scientific Program
9:30 am - 9:45 am Refreshment Break
Sponsored by Forest Pharmaceuticals

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A sell-out crowd at last year’s banquet enjoyed an entertaining show and performance following the awards ceremony. This year, we have expanded the banquet seating and dance floor AND due to popular demand, re-booked musical pioneers of the past... Elvis and the Beatles recreated by Johnny Mandell and the MuddCatts. Another sell-out is anticipated so please register early - bring your family and friends and enjoy a wonderful dinner and fun-filled evening of commemoration, reminiscing and lively entertainment! Banquet registrations are available by individual registration or by reserved tables of 10.

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Saturday evening’s festivities begin with a complimentary wine & cheese reception before the banquet honoring the 2007 TSPP Award Recipients for their outstanding contributions to Psychiatry. The banquet will be followed by an evening of entertainment and dancing! Register early to reserve a table for your organization and/or friends! Black Tie optional. This year’s honorees include:

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Karen Dineen Wagner, M.D., Ph.D, Galveston

Psychiatric Excellence Award
A. Scott Winter, M.D., Fort Worth

Special Service Award
Senator Kyle Janek, M.D., Houston

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This CME program is designed in a classroom style format, with didactic lectures supplemented with audiovisual presentations 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 to enhance the physicians’ knowledge and improve the delivery of quality medical care to patients in their practice...

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Saturday, November 3
8:00 am - 8:15 am
Welcome and Introduction

8:15 am - 10:15 am
Neurologic Basis of Dynamic Psychotherapy
Bradley S. Peterson, MD
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to understand the neuropsychological changes associated with psychotherapy, describe and identify the neuropsychological changes in borderline personality patients which may be target processes for antidepressants, mood stabilizers and 2nd generation antipsychotic agents.

7 Hours of Category 1 CME Credit

10:15 am - 10:30 am
Refreshment Break w/Exhibitors
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10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mind-Brain Interface in Borderline Personality Disorder Therapy
Glen O. Gabbard, MD
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the neurophysiology of emotion; describe and discuss the neurophysiological changes associated with psychotherapy; describe and identify the neurophysiological changes in borderline personality patients which may be target processes for antidepressants, mood stabilizers and 2nd generation antipsychotic agents.

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm
NASA's Behavioral Health Support Services for International Space Station Missions
John E. Marcellus, MD and Gary E. Beven, MD
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to identify the principle tenets of aerospace psychiatry, identify the psychiatric issues in a comprehensive space program; describe how the complex stress environment of the space program compares to risks of precipitants of anxiety disorders in every day life, distinguish psychiatric interventions in a unique complex stress environment, such as a space program, and identify behavioral health services provided to NASA astronauts on the International Space Station.

4:15 pm - 4:35 pm
Refreshment Break w/Exhibitors
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4:35 pm - 5:35 pm
Development of Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Treatment Plans in the Treatment of Autism
Alice R. Mao, MD, Houston
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to recognize the diagnostic and functional characteristics of autism; identify the treatment planning priorities in the comprehensive approach to treating autism; describe the pros and cons of psychotropic medications in patients with autism and related disorders and describe the multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of autism.

Sunday, November 4
8:15 am - 10:15 am
Youth Violence and Aggression
Christopher R. Thomas, MD
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to recognize the contributory elements to youth violence; determine assessment and treatment approaches to dealing with youth violence and aggression and describe the advantages and disadvantages of psychotropic medications in youth violence and aggression.

9:30 am - 9:45 am
Refreshment Break
Sponsored by Forest Pharmaceuticals

9:45 am - 10:45 am
Impact of Electronically-Monitored Medication Adherence Results on the Treatment Planning of Outpatients with Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder
Amir P. Pradhan, MD
Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to recognize the ethical concerns for the Texas Medical Board relating to the practice of Psychiatry in Texas and recognize how to manage professional interactions with the Texas Medical Board.

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TSPP Elections 2007


Nominations for TSPP elective offices will be finalized at the Annual Business Meeting on November 3, 2007 in Houston at the Westin Gallery Hotel during the TSPP Annual Convention and Scientific Program. The Nominating Committee, composed of Leslie Kowalski, MD, Gary Etter, MD, and Clay Sawyer, MD, submit the following slate of candidates for consideration:

President-Elect 2008-2009
George D. Santos, MD, MD (Houston)

Secretary-Treasurer 2008-2009
Re-appointment of Richard L. Noel, MD (Houston)

APA Representative 2008-2011
Re-appointment of J. Clay Sawyer, MD, Waco

Councillor-at-Large 2008-2011
Re-appointment of Lynda M. Parker, MD (Amariu)

The following is a list of the slate of candidates during the TSPP Annual Meeting on November 3, 2007; elections will be governed by the TSPP Bylaws, Chapter Nine, as follows:

Section II. At the annual business meeting, the nominations for office recommended by the Nominating Committee, the nominees for office submitted by the Chapters, and the nominees submitted by written petition signed by at least 20 voting members, shall be presented to the entire voting membership present. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member.

Section III. The election of officers shall be conducted by mail ballot whenever more than one slate of officers is nominated. The ballots shall list in alphabetical order, as candidates for office, all members nominated in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws. The ballots shall be sent to members of the Nominating Committee will be elected by acclamation by those members at the annual business meeting.

Section IV. In contested elections, the ballots shall be mailed to all voting members within seven (7) days after the Annual Business Meeting. The ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days following the Annual Business Meeting.

As stipulated in Section V-B, the ballots will be tallied and reported at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council and the certified election results announced by mail to the entire membership following the Executive Council meeting.

Election positions are currently held by the following members:

Committee on Professional Conduct:
William H. Reid, MD, MPH (Fort Worth)

APA Representative:
A. David Axelrad, MD, MPH (Houston)

ASA Representative:
David A. Stach, MD (Houston)

Councilors:
Gary Etter, MD, Fort Worth (2006-2009)
Lynnda Parker, MD, Lubbock (2005-2008)
Franklin D. Redmond, MD, San Antonio (2006-2009)

Other:
William H. Reid, MD, MPH
Leah Kowalski, MD, Dallas

Representative to the APA Division of Government Relations:
Leslie Kowalski, MD, Dallas

Representative to the APA Division of Public Affairs:
Debra Kowalski, MD, Fort Worth
An Opportunity to Participate

Annual Campaign 2007
Linda J. Rhodes, MD, Chairman, Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research

The Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research is launching its sixteenth Annual Campaign conducted each fall to encourage charitable contributions to support the Foundation’s goals: fighting stigma and discrimination; ensuring that patients have access to quality psychiatric treatment; and improving treatment through innovative research.

The Magnitude of Mental Illnesses
- Mental illnesses, including suicide, rank second in the burden of disease internationally.
- The World Health Organization identified mental illnesses as the leading causes of disability worldwide.
- In the U.S., the mental disorder collectively account for more than 15% of the overall burden of disease for all causes and slightly more than the burden associated with all forms of cancer.
- For about one in five Americans, adulthood is interrupted by mental illness.
- About one in five children and adolescents experience the signs and symptoms of a psychiatric disorder during the course of a year.
- In the U.S., the annual economic indirect cost of mental illnesses is estimated to be $79 billion, including loss of productivity as a result of illnesses, lost productivity resulting from premature death by suicide, and incarcerated individuals and the time for those who provide family care.

Barriers to Care: Stigma and Discrimination
- Nearly two-thirds of all people with diagnosed mental disorders do not seek treatment. Sadly, only 50% of people with a serious form of mental illness seek treatment for their illness. Stigma surrounding the receipt of mental health treatment is among the many barriers that discourage people from seeking treatment.
- Mental health insurance benefits traditionally have been more limited than other medical benefits. Insurance plans that place greater restrictions on treating mental illnesses prevent some individuals from getting care that would dramatically improve their lives.
- Demonstrations that mental disorders are real and treatable forms of illness, just as heart disease and cancer are real and treatable illnesses, will greatly diminish the stigma that often dissuades people from seeking help for their mental illness and leads to policies that discriminate against people who have mental illness.

The Foundation's Annual Campaign Goals
- A major focus of the Foundation is to educate the public and policymakers about mental illnesses with the goal of ending stigma and eradicating discriminatory practices that impose unnecessary barriers to accessing and receiving quality psychiatric care.
- The Annual Campaign encourages unrestricted charitable contributions to be allocated by the Foundation to programs in Texas that address the Foundation’s goals of fighting stigma and discrimination against persons diagnosed with psychiatric disorders; ensuring that patients have access to quality psychiatric care; and improving treatment through innovative research.

Candidates for Foundation Board Announced

Elections to be Conducted at Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research, composed of Clay Sawyer, MD, Jacquie Coller and Miriam Feuster, submit the following slate of candidates for positions on the Foundation’s Board of Directors:

Three Year Terms (May 2008-May 2011)
- Re-appointment of David Bronios, MD (El Paso)
- Re-appointment of Jacquie Coller (Georgetown)
- Re-appointment of Arthur Farley, MD (Austin/Houston)
- Re-appointment of Miriam Feuster (Friendwood)
- Re-appointment of Charles Gaitz, MD (Houston)
- Appointment of Jefferson Nelson, MD (Austin) to succeed Edward Reilly, MD (Houston)

Elections for these positions will be conducted at the Foundation Annual Membership Meeting at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston on November 3, 2007 during the TSPP/Foundation Annual Business Meeting. Foundation members, which include all TSPP members in good standing, may submit names of candidates for the position of Foundation Director by submitting a petition signed by at least 20 members. Nominations may also be entertained from the floor during the Annual Membership Meeting. If there is a contested election, the election will be conducted by mail ballot in accordance with the Bylaws of the Foundation. Otherwise, the election will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Foundation’s Board of Directors is charged with supervising, managing, and controlling all of the policies, activities and affairs of the Foundation. There may be as many as 25 individuals holding a position of Director.

FEDERATION OF TEXAS PSYCHIATRY

The Federation was established on July 1, 2004 with the following purposes:
A. to promote the common professional interests of psychiatrists;
B. to facilitate the coordination of and work in concert with state professional psychiatric associations and state professional sub-specialty psychiatric associations, to enhance programs that advance public and professional education and advocacy for psychiatry and persons with psychiatric illnesses;
C. to provide centralized services to state professional psychiatric associations and state professional sub-specialty psychiatric associations;
D. to make psychiatric knowledge available to those practitioners of medicine, other scientists, and to the public; and,
E. to promote the best interests of patients and those actually or potentially making use of mental health services.

The TEXAS PSYCHIATRIST is published 6 times a year in February, April, June, August, October and December. Members of Federation member organizations are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. Deadline for submitting copy to the Federation Executive Office is the first day of the publication month. Copy must be edited, acceptable for publication. Display advertising is available and publication is determined on a case by case basis by the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board reserves the sole right to accept or reject any submitted advertising copy.

CALAEOG OF MEETINGS

APRIL 2008
4-6 TSPP Spring Meeting and CME Program
Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas
For hotel reservations at TSPP’s discounted rate of $148, call the hotel at 800/468-3571
For meeting information contact: Debbie Sundberg, 512/478-0605 or visit www.txpsych.org

JULY 2008
18-20 TSCAP Summer CME Conference
Westin La Cantera Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
For hotel reservations at TSCAP’s discounted rate of $179, call the hotel at 800/228-3000
For meeting information contact: Debbie Sundberg, 512/478-0605 or visit www.txpsych.org

TEXAS ACADEMY OF PSYCHIATRY

The following membership applications have been approved by the Texas Academy of Psychiatry.

Fellow
Bennett, Robert D., MD, Dallas
Cabantog, Alia Joseph, MD, College Station

General Member
Szek, Prisca E., DO, Austin

Membership Changes

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIANS

The following membership applications have been approved by the TSPP Executive Committee and have been transmitted to the APA.

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIANS

Member in Training
Afrina, Mahvash, MD, Plano
Allison, Nanette, MD (MS to MT), For Worth
Arce, Saba, MD, El Paso
Avend, Laroy, MD, Houston
Burks, Amber, MD, Houston
Cascon, Sandra, MD, Alice
Hardy, Sarah, DO, Panaga
Harrington, Tara, MD, San Antonio
Jone, Patricia, DO, Dallas
Kolga, Snivins, MD, Lubbock
Li, Thu, MD, Dallas
Li, Benjamin, MD (MS to MT), Missouri City
Ly, Peter, MD (MS to MT), Houston
Marez, Smokey, MD, Irving
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