

Texas Psychiatrist

"Psychiatry – The Next Generation"

George D. Santos, MD, TSPP 2007 Scientific Program Chair

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians' 51st Annual Convention and Scientific Program is planned and ready for registrants! This year, our program, "Psychiatry - The Next Generation," continues TSPP's history of providing engaging and interesting educational sessions. We have put forth efforts to provide a broad range of topics that will interest general and child psychiatrists and allied mental health professionals. There are so many new developments in the field and refinements of old practices. TSPP wanted to provide a scientific session that highlights those areas and showcases applied psychiatry and we plan to engage our membership and professional guests in a review and discussion of what modern psychiatry can do.

The Annual Convention and Scientific Program will be conducted on November 2-4, 2007 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston. The AAA 4-Diamond, award winning Westin, located within the prestigious Galleria shopping and entertainment complex, is renowned for its luxurious guest rooms. At the TSPP discounted room rate of \$152 single/double, if registered prior to October 2, these special rates represent an exceptional value, especially when compared to the Westin's current single occupancy rate of \$279. Placing your room reservation as early as possible is strongly encouraged to avoid the anticipated sell-out of the TSPP room block. Reservations can be placed by calling the Westin Galleria Hotel at 1-800-228-3000 or 1-713-960-8100.

As a special incentive to encourage all TSPP Member-in-Training members to register and attend this year's 51st Annual Convention and Scientific Program, TSPP has waived the Scientific Program fee and the Saturday luncheon fee for all TSPP Members-in-Training that register before

the October 12 early-bird deadline. This was made possible by a generous grant from the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research.

Prior to the Scientific Program on Thursday and Friday, a number of activities are planned. On Thursday, a golf outing is planned. Friday will be a full day, with TSPP's committees and Executive Council conducting business followed Friday evening with a Welcome Reception.

The Scientific Program will begin on Saturday with a cutting edge presentation from Dr. Bradley Peterson, a Professor of Psychiatry from Columbia University renowned as one of the leading researchers in neuro-imaging and psychiatry. He is a Child Analyst who studies childhood autism, obsessive compulsive disorder, psychotherapy and their relationships to brain physiology. He bridges the gap between neuroscience and psychiatric psychotherapies which will enable you, the practitioner, to engage your patients in discussing and understanding how their brain's functioning improves with effective psychotherapy or medications.

TSPP's own Dr. Glen Gabbard, Professor of Psychiatry with the Menninger Baylor Department of Psychiatry, will complete the morning presentation with a discussion of the "Mind Brain Interface." He has a world reputation as one of the great thinkers and prolific writers in the fields of psychiatry. He is a leading researcher and educator in psychoanalysis, psychotherapy and has written and presented on the topic of the interface between psychotherapy and brain functioning and how the neuro-physiological changes in borderline personality patients may be target processes for antidepressants, mood stabilizers, and 2nd generation antipsychotic agents.

The afternoon on Saturday will be largely taken up by two presentations by some of our own TSPP members who have begun innovative work in their own fields. The first will be a presentation from Dr. John Marcellus who is a psychiatrist working with the NASA space program and

astronaut selection process. He will be joined by Dr. Gary Bevens, Director of the NASA Psychiatry program. They will cover some of the issues related to flight and space programs as they interact with psychiatry. This has included direct treatment settings, dealing with trauma, such as after tragic shuttle accidents, and considerations of plans for those in long term flight operations. This is a fascinating and surprising field that will interest everyone.

The second presentation in the afternoon will come from Dr. Alice Mao. She will give an update and review of treatment issues and approaches to working with Autism, including treatment planning and the pros and cons of psychotropic medications in the treatment of autism and related disorders. She brings a fresh and comprehensive approach and will provide an update on the assessment and treatment of Autism. She has presented nationally on this subject, bringing personal experience and commitment to her work. She has also produced an excellent documentary on the subject of the experience of parents of Autistic children.

On Saturday evening, TSPP will present its most prestigious awards to four very deserving individuals during the black-tie optional Awards Banquet: A. David Axelrad, MD (Houston), Karen Dineen Wagner, MD, PhD (Galveston), A. Scott Winter, MD (Fort Worth) and Senator Kyle Janek, MD (Houston). Immediately following the awards ceremony, everyone will enjoy dancing and music provided by Johnny Mandell and the Muddcats with their tribute performance honoring Elvis and the Beatles. They performed to a sell-out audience at the Convention last year and are returning because of numerous requests. Another sell-out is anticipated, so register early.

Sunday morning will complete the scientific program with three excellent presenters. Dr. Christopher Thomas, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Child Psychiatry Training program at UTMB, will discuss adolescent aggression from a per-



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spective of assessment and management, including psychosocial and psychopharmacological approaches. He will cover recent research advances, including his own work, on this subject.

Following Dr. Thomas' presentation, we will have a presentation from the winner of the TSPP 2007 Resident Paper Competition on a paper submitted for selection and an award from TSPP. These have always been important and informative presentations. They also provide an excellent opportunity for Residents to present to a large academic audience, so please make plans to attend and show your support.

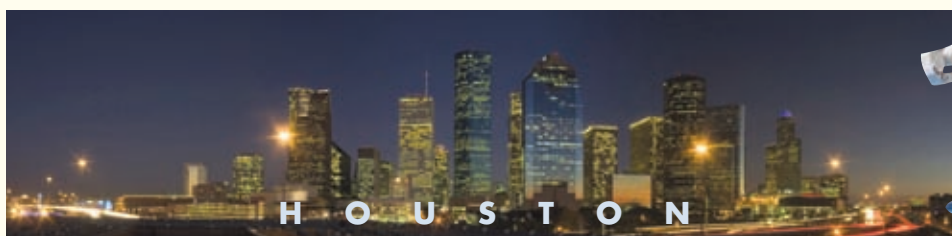
The Ethics presentation Sunday morning will come from Dr. Michael Arambula, from San Antonio. Dr. Arambula was Chairman of the TSPP Ethics Committee for years and has been recently appointed by the Governor to serve on the Texas Medical Board. He will bring an insider's perspective on practicing medicine and psychiatry in the State of Texas, and he may be able to provide insight into dealing with Board interactions. Come ready to ask questions!

So the presenters are lined up and ready. All we need is to break the attendance record set in Dallas last year! Detailed information about the program and registration information are on pages 4-6 and on our website www.txpsych.org.

Please register early and support this important function TSPP provides for the membership. We look forward to seeing you in Houston in the Fall. ■

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From the Federation...



Gary L. Etter, MD

Implementation of Crisis Services Redesign in Texas

Gary L. Etter, MD, Chairman, Federation of Texas Psychiatry

In my last column, I reviewed the Crisis Services Redesign initiative which has been an ongoing effort of DSHS since the fall of 2005. In the recently concluded session, the legislature granted the requested \$82M to provide initial funding of this initiative. We are now in the implementation phase of the program.

A public implementation overview meeting was held at DSHS in Austin on August 2, 2007. The history of the committee's work was reviewed, the result of the legislature was presented, and the initial plans for implementation were also presented for discussion.

The legislation allows for funding of the initial \$82M over the biennium as follows: \$27,317,890 for the fiscal year ending 8/31/07 and \$54,682,110 for the fiscal year ending 8/31/09. The DSHS Budget Rider will allocate the funding in three ways: a portion will be used to achieve equity in state funding among the local mental health authorities, a portion on a

per capita basis, and one using a competitive process. The rider also will require reporting of performance measures, possibly including the following to be reported: the number of new psychiatric emergency sites, the number of persons receiving mobile crisis outreach services, mental health relapse and hospitalization rates, the number of DSHS – funded staff with hotline certification, percentage of stakeholders satisfied with crisis services, and the criminal justice recidivism rates for clients receiving crisis services.

The budget rider also will ask DSHS to contract with an independent entity for an evaluation of community mental health crisis services. The evaluation will include an analysis of the implementation of crisis services, including an analysis of the impact of crisis services on clients, the community, mental health and health care providers, and law enforcement. DSHS will submit the evaluation to the Legislative Budget Board, the

Governor, and to standing committees of the Senate and House that have jurisdiction over health and human services agencies by January 1, 2009.

As mentioned previously, the funding will be allocated in three ways. There will be an **equity contribution** consisting of approximately 32% of the funds to improve equity in state funds to local LMHAs that have below average per capita funding levels. A **proportional allocation** consisting of approximately 36% divided proportionally among LMHAs based primarily on local service population. The third allocation will be a **community investment incentive** of approximately 30% of the funds offered through a competitive process to communities willing to invest significant local resources in the development of psychiatry emergency hub sites (26%) and outpatient competency restoration services (4%).

The proposed **initial crisis services** will consist of the provision of a hotline and a mobile crisis outreach service. Every LMHA will be required to provide a continuously available telephone service staffed by trained crisis counselors that provide information, screening, and intervention 24/7. The hotlines are to be accredited by the American Association of Suicidology. The funding for Mobile Crisis Outreach will be used to either establish this service in areas where it does not exist, or to improve existing services.

The proposal also includes the development of **enhanced crisis services**, once the initial crisis services requirements are satisfied. These would include children's outpatient services, and walk in services to provide office based outpatient services for immediate screening, and assessment and brief, intensive, interventions. This would also include the provision of extended observation services, crisis stabilization units, crisis residential and respite services, transportation, and training for mental health deputies and crisis intervention teams.

The third component, the **community investment incentive**, would provide funds available through a competitive

process to provide psychiatric emergency hub sites, and outpatient competency restoration services. The proposal currently allows for up to six sites to be funded. Each LMHA which is participating will be required to submit a Crisis

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Services Plan with a detailed description of the current crisis response systems, and how additional funding would enhance the current systems. It was emphasized in the meeting that community stakeholders would be a vital part of the local planning process.

The implementation timeline is as follows: September 07: release of the performance contract amendment to LMHAs, October 07: return of the Crisis Service Plan to DSHS from the LMHAs, and December 07: new local crisis services begin.

This initiative has the potential to dramatically improve the provision of psychiatric services in Texas, and represents a major milestone in the history of psychiatric services in our State. We need now to spend the money wisely. We need the input of our member organizations and individual members. DSHS invites comments on this initiative at CrisisRedesign@dshs.state.tx.us. We again need to thank our individual members who have served on this committee now for over a year and a half, and continue to serve: Drs. Joe Burkett, Avrim Fishkind, Mark Janes, Sylvia Musquiz, and Lauren Parsons. We welcome your input. ■

Attention Residency Programs!

TSPP encourages each of our State's Psychiatric Residency Programs to become members of APA's 100% Club. To achieve recognition as an APA 100% Club member, all residents of a training program must be members of APA, as well as TSPP. This club was established to encourage residents to become members of APA and to participate in organized psychiatry.

A photo of each program that joins the 100% Club is turned into a poster and mailed to every medical school in the United States and Canada to encourage medical students to join APA. This recog-

nition also promotes your training program. In addition, programs in the 100% Club receive a major textbook from American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc. and a free online subscription to *Focus: The Journal of Lifelong Learning* for each year that all of their residents are APA members.

Last year, the Texas Tech Lubbock Psychiatric Residency Program achieved membership in the APA 100% Club. This year, TSPP challenges all training programs to become members...100% in the 100% Club.

For more information about the APA 100% Club, please contact Nancy Delanoche of APA's Division of Education and Career Development at 703/907-8635. ■

In Memoriam...

Parviz Malek-Ahmadi, MD, Lubbock

Medical Malpractice Insurance

Are you paying too much?

The Federation of Texas Psychiatry in cooperation with Cunningham Group is offering Texas psychiatrists free premium indications. Prices have come down during the past year — one insurer dropped its rates 48 percent.

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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

Member in Training

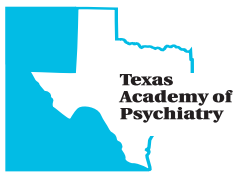
Baig, Muhammad, MD, San Antonio
Chavason, Arthur, MD, Galveston

Musgrove, Michael, MD (Reinstatement),
Georgetown

General Member

Brock, III, Irvin, MD, Spring Branch
Horvath, Thomas, MD, Houston

Whitelock, Paul, MD (Reinstatement),
Wimberley



The Forensic Landscape in Texas

Lauren D. Parsons, MD, President, Texas Academy of Psychiatry



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The demand for Forensic psychiatric services in Texas has continued to grow over the past five years with the percentage of state operated inpatient psychiatric beds devoted to providing some type of service to persons on Code of Criminal Procedure (read Forensic) commitment essentially tripling from 11 % five years ago to 33% today.

The implications of these statistics are serious and far-reaching. As the provision of services to Forensically committed persons increases, the availability of state funded inpatient services for those who are not currently involved with the criminal justice system shrinks. While the population of Texas has grown significantly in the last 10 years, the number of state operated inpatient psychiatric beds has experienced an overall decrease during that same time period. Additionally, privately operated psychiatric beds have been lost to us as well. The Community MHMR Centers and private outpatient providers have tried to stand in the gap, but as Texas has a generally under funded system per capita as compared to other states (Texas ranks among the lowest funded state systems in Mental Health funding per capita), the

demand for mental health services has continued to outstrip the available resources.

One reason these numbers are believed to be increasing is the inadvertent "criminalization" of the mentally ill. When law enforcement is called to the scene of a disturbance and a person with mental illness is involved, services need to be in place to allow that individual to receive the help they need rather than forcing the police to take them to jail for lack of a better option. Until appropriate services are in place consistently across the state to divert persons with mental illness from jail, our jails and prisons will continue to be the largest providers of "residential" mental health services. To this end, jail diversion and development of enhanced crisis services are a place to begin. Credit needs to be given to our Legislators who were responsive to these issues and allocated new funds to this effort during the most recent legislative session. But this is just a start as additional elements, enhancements, and funding continue to be needed to complete the full array of services rather than just cobbling together bits and pieces of a system.

It is difficult if not impossible to separate

and isolate individual elements of a true spectrum of psychiatric services but the goal of improving delivery of those services has to start somewhere. Additionally, it cannot be denied that there are forensic services that do play a part in this spectrum. Restoration of competency to stand trial is a cornerstone of the due process afforded an individual with mental illness who might not be in a position to aid in their own defense or understand the charges against them or the implications thereof. One change that was made during the most recent legislative session involves the ability to have competency to stand trial restoration accomplished on an outpatient basis rather than requiring an inpatient hospitalization. Embracing the concept of receiving services in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting, effective September 1, 2007, persons who might have previously had to receive competency restoration services in the hospital will be able to remain in their home community while receiving that service and others who would have had to go to the state's Maximum Security Unit will be able to receive those services in their regional state hospital.

By allowing for this change in service

venue, the Legislature has effectively created additional capacity in the Forensic spectrum by expanding the available options for competency restoration. Of course as with most things, this change is not without a cost but how can a price be placed on the time someone spends in jail awaiting their opportunity to address issues surrounding their trial competency?

It is an exciting time to be part of the psychiatric community in Texas. New dollars are finding their way into the service delivery system affording us a chance to enhance and expand treatment opportunities. Communities are being asked to support initiatives that will allow for long-term improvements in current services as well as paving the way for additional new services. Working together we can make this the first of many victories for the citizens of Texas who will benefit most from these efforts. ■

Physicians in State Leadership Roles

Opportunities exist for psychiatrists to assume medical leadership positions in state government and help to shape medical policy in the State of Texas.

Texas Department of State Health Services

The Federation congratulates Bill Race, MD of Austin for his recent appointment as Medical Director for Behavioral Health Services in the Department of State Health Services. The Medical Director reports directly to DSHS Commissioner David Lakey, MD and provides advice and counsel to the Commissioner on the agency's mental health and substance abuse services and programs.

Department of Family and Protective Services

The Department of Family and Protective Services is seeking a child psychiatrist or pediatrician for the position of Medical Director which reports to the Commissioner of DFPS. The position involves integrating knowledge of the DFPS mission with best health care practices to help shape DFPS policies and the delivery of comprehensive healthcare to children served by CPS. The position performs advanced and managerial medical work. The position interfaces with medical directors of the Managed Care Organization (MCO), University of Texas contract for forensic assessment, and the State Medicaid /CHIP programs. Work involves coordination and consultation with Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and health care vendor(s) on the processes of ensuring the appropriate use of psychoactive medications by and identifying appropriate behavioral health treatment programs for children in DFPS conservatorship. This position may involve training and the provision of technical assistance to

DFPS staff and residential child care providers as well as provide interpretation of DFPS policy and best practices to DFPS staff and external stakeholders. The position interfaces with other state agencies, health-care providers, the judicial system, legislators and other external stakeholders.

The Medical Director will interface with the medical directors of the MCO, Medicaid/CHIP, other state agencies and Forensic Assessment Centers and with health care associations, such as the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Pediatric Society, and the Federation of Texas Psychiatry, and with healthcare providers to represent the healthcare needs of children served by DFPS, monitoring trends and making recommendations for improvement in systems. The position advises DFPS, HHSC, the MCO and HHSC's vendor drug contractor on processes to ensure the appropriate prescribing of psychoactive medications to children in DFPS conservatorship and to identify behavior management and/or treatment to be used as an alternative to or in conjunction with psychoactive medications. The position analyzes healthcare data, identifies gaps and makes recommendations to improve child well-being outcomes and meet federal and state requirements. The Medical Director advises and coordinates with DFPS and Forensic Assessment Centers on processes related to the medical evaluation of suspected child abuse and neglect. The position supports, advises, helps train and serves as a resource for CPS nurse consultants, including advising CPS on development of policy and procedures related to the scope of practice for CPS nurse consultants. The Medical Director will serve as a resource on cases involving children with complex medical or behavioral health conditions and advises DFPS, HHSC and the MCO on the development and enhancement of the health

passport. The Medical Director will serve on medical advisory committees related to the healthcare needs of children served by DFPS, including the MCO and forensic assessment medical advisory committees. The Medical Director identifies and recommends training and communication needs and provides technical assistance, written guidelines and interpretation of medical policies and procedures to DFPS staff, MCO and external stakeholders.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

The Texas Human Services Commission is seeking a physician for the position of Medicaid and CHIP Medical Director. The Medical Director will perform highly advanced consultative and managerial physician work. Work involves policy development and promulgation; research; directing medical activities; monitoring trends and activities; and making recommendations for improvements. The

Medical Director works under minimal direction with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment and manages Utilization Review Physician Consultant/Associate Medical Director and Utilization Review and Medical Appeal Nurse Reviewers and support staff.

Duties include: Serves as medical director on issues related to the Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs. Oversees operations and reports performance of the Office of the Medical Director. Provides medical consultation and direction for benefits design and development and for all medical services in Medicaid and CHIP. Directs the Associate Medical Director by providing assistance in completing major projects and cross-coverage when Associate Medical Director absent. May plan, assign, and/or supervise the work of others.

For more information about the two openings for physicians in state government, please visit the Health and Human Services Jobs Center at <https://accesshr.hhsc.state.tx.us/>. ■

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November 2-4, 2007 • Westin Galleria Hotel, Houston, Texas

REGISTRATION / MEETING LOCATION

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COMPLIMENTARY MIT REGISTRATION

TSPP is pleased to recognize the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research for the unrestricted grant for the 2007 TSPP Annual Convention. To encourage residents participation in the Annual Convention and become further involved in TSPP's activities, TSPP has designated a portion of the grant to cover the Members in Training Scientific Program and Saturday Luncheon registration fees.

Members in Training who submit their registration forms BEFORE the October 12 early registration date will not be required to pay the Scientific Program Fee or the Saturday Program Luncheon Fee.

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!

THURSDAY • GOLF OUTING

Polish up on your golf game!! For those convention attendees (and golf enthusiasts) arriving early, discounted green fees have been arranged at a nearby Houston golf course. If you are interested in playing, please e-mail your name, e-mail address and phone # to tsppofc@aol.com and additional information will be e-mailed to you.

FRIDAY • RISK MANAGEMENT LUNCHEON

"Avoiding Medical Liability Claims - Risk Management Strategies for Healthcare Providers"

Open to all TSPP and Texas Academy of Psychiatry members. Register early - seating limited!

The Cunningham Group will sponsor a 1 hour presentation "Risk Management Strategies for Healthcare Providers" and provide an opportunity following the presentation for audience Q&A.

Risk Management promotes Patient Safety, and an effective risk management strategy identifies the common, yet critical, factors that can jeopardize it. We believe that Medical Liability Claims are preventable, if physicians know the factors that give rise to them. Come learn what these factors are.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!



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.

AWARDS RECEPTION / BANQUET AND EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

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:



Distinguished Service Award

A. David Axelrad, M.D., Houston



Special Service Award

Senator Kyle Janek, M.D., Houston



Psychiatric Excellence Award

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



Special Service Award

A. Scott Winter, M.D., Fort Worth

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 1

2:00 pm Golf Outing
7:30 pm Executive Committee & Past Presidents Reception

Friday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 3

7:00 am - 7:45 am Complimentary Breakfast for Meeting Registrants
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration
7:30 am - 3:00 pm Exhibits
8:00 am - 5:35 pm Scientific Program
10:15 am - 10:30 am Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Sponsored by Electromedical Products International, Inc.
12:30 pm - 2:15 pm Membership Luncheon TSPP & Texas Foundation Business Mtg
2:15 pm - 4:15 pm Sponsored by Shire
4:15 pm - 4:35 pm Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors
4:35 pm - 6:30 pm Sponsored by AstraZeneca
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Awards Banquet Reception
7:00 pm - 12:00 am Awards Banquet & Evening of Entertainment

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

See page 6 for additional convention information and Registration Form

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians designates this educational activity for a maximum of eleven (11) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The presentation "The Ethical Parameters for the Practice of Psychiatry in Texas" has been designated by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians for two (2) hours of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

TARGET AUDIENCE / PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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..

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Michael Arambula, MD, Pharm.D.

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Private Practice, San Antonio, TX
Clinical Associate Professor
of Psychiatry, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX
Member, APA Task Force to
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Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law*

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Board Certified General and Forensic Psychiatrist
USAF & NASA Flight Surgeon
Chief of Behavioral Medicine
Johnson Space Center
Houston, TX

Glen O. Gabbard, MD

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Professor of Psychiatry
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, TX

Alice R. Mao, MD

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John E. Marcellus, MD

Psychiatrist, National Aeronautics Space Administration
Johnson Space Center
Houston, TX

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Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons
Co-Deputy Director, Department of Child Psychiatry
New York State Psychiatric Institute &
Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons
Faculty Member, Sackler Institute for Developmental Psychobiology
Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons
Director, MRI Research, Department of Psychiatry
Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons and
New York State Psychiatric Institute
Professor with Tenure, Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons

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Medical & Scientific Staff Member
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Galveston, TX

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 3 7 Hours of Category 1 CME Credit

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 demonstrate an understanding of the neurophysiology of emotion; describe and discuss the neurophysiologic 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.

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

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2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

NASA's Psychiatric and Psychological Support Services for Long-Duration Spaceflight

John E. Marcellus, MD and Gary E. Beven, MD

Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to 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 and distinguish psychiatric interventions in a unique complex stress environment, such as a space program.

4:15 pm - 4:35 pm

Refreshment Break w/Exhibitors

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 4 Hours of Category 1 CME Credit

8:15 am - 8:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

8:30 am - 9:30 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

9:45 am - 10:45 am

Resident Paper Competition Winner

(To Be Announced)

10:45 am - 12:45 pm

The Ethical Parameters for the Practice of Psychiatry in Texas

Michael Arambula, MD, PharmD

Objectives: At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to identify the medical-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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CHAMP Act Provides Opportunities, Challenges for Medicine

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

The annual congressional battle to stave off steep cuts in physicians' Medicare payments has an early start this year. That, in and of itself, is good. Texas Medical Association's strategy is to build as much momentum as possible with Congress on these issues so we can pass a bill in September. It is much better to have a bill in play now than to be begging, praying, and hoping in December simply to prevent a decrease in practice reimbursement, as we have done the past few years. There's no telling what the tradeoff would be if we wait.

The bills in play in the House and Senate have plenty of good to offer to our patients and our profession. Unfortunately, they also contain some pieces that give us some serious heartburn. It's up to organized medicine to stick together, defend the good, and defeat the bad, regardless of our individual or specialty concerns.

Here's what's happened so far.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 3162, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The vote was 225-204 along party lines.

There are several good provisions in the CHAMP Act that we support:

- It provides the first positive update for physician Medicare payments in three years: one-half percent each in 2008 and 2009;
- It fixes the floor on geographic cost adjustments for two more years, the Geographical Practice Cost Index (GPCI);

- It reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with an additional \$50 billion over the next five years; and
- It includes some very important improvements in Medicare's mental health program, including reductions in coinsurance for outpatient mental health services and Part D coverage, beginning in 2009, of benzodiazepines.

However, there are onerous proposals that must be removed as the bill moves forward:

- The section that limits physician ownership of hospitals to 40 percent for all physician investors and 2 percent for any single physician, and
- The section that would call for deep cuts for imaging and nuclear medicine.

We have alerted the Texas Delegation of our specific concerns about the CHAMP Act.

TMA, along with the American Medical Association and many other national medical societies, supports the bill's major provisions dealing with CHIP reauthorization and Medicare rate updates. While there are pieces we oppose, it is, frankly, the only viable vehicle in play that addresses physician Medicare reimbursement cuts of 10 percent in 2008 and 5 percent in 2009.

There is not a Senate companion bill, but the Senate has its own bill that is focused solely on reauthorizing CHIP and increase funding for the program by \$35 billion over the next five years. The bill passed on Aug. 3 with a bi-partisan vote of 68-31.

What's next?

In September, we expect the Senate and

House leadership to appoint a joint conference committee to negotiate a final bill.

TMA is calling on all Texas physicians to work with our congressmen and women to remove the sections in the bill that limit access and harm patient care. We must tell lawmakers that the focus should not be on who owns the medical facility — a physician, a nonprofit entity, or a for-profit company — but how that facility delivers patient care. If over-utilization or deviations from quality care are the issues, Congress should address those problems regardless of ownership.

As you know, a great deal can happen to a bill as it moves through the legislative process. Add to this, the potential threat of a presidential veto, and it makes for great political intrigue.



William W. Hinchey, MD

With the threat of no CHIP reauthorization and looming Medicare cuts on the horizon, organized medicine cannot sit on the sidelines, but must be involved in the process. ■

Mental Illness Awareness Week 2007

Mental Illness Awareness Week is a nationally recognized event occurring the first full week in October each year. Its purpose is to increase the public's understanding and awareness of mental illnesses. The Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research provides grants to TSPP Chapters who organize and sponsor activities during Mental Illness Awareness Week that address the following goals: 1) Encourage the collaboration of psychiatrists and mental health advocacy organization in developing public education programs to be conducted during Mental Illness Awareness Week; 2) Develop and

produce a variety of activities targeted to reach a broad audience within the community to convey the general message of: mental illnesses are real medical illnesses; they are as prevalent as other medical illnesses; they are diagnosable and effectively treatable; and they can be treated cost effectively; and 3) In addition to targeting the general public for the activities, efforts should be made to engage community leaders, policy makers, educators, clergy, and members of the media in the activities.

Chapters wishing to apply for grants must submit their grant application to the Foundation by September 3.

Borderline Personality Disorder From Research to Treatment: Advancing the Agenda

October 6, 2007

The Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, Texas

Description

- ✓ From Research to Treatment offers a unique opportunity to hear internationally renowned experts present on aspects of the disorder and discuss issues concerning research and treatments... and to see how we might shape the future.
- ✓ Guest speakers will discuss clinical experiences, dialectical behavior therapy, a family program, and life experiences.
- ✓ Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) is a severe and generally chronic disorder that presents patients and their families and researchers with multiple challenges. This conference will provide a forum for professionals, family members and consumers to better understand the disorder from various perspectives.
- ✓ Join us at the charming Botanic Garden. Breaks and lunch-on-site will allow informal networking discussions.

Featured Discussants

- ✓ **Focus: BPD and the future**
John Oldham, MD, MS
Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, The Menninger Clinic
Executive Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Development
Professor, Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences,
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
- ✓ **Focus: Treatment strategies**
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Opening Doors Through Collaboration

Benigno J. Fernandez, MD, President, Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



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Successful 2007 TSCAP Meeting

The Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting and Scientific Program, which was held July 27-29, 2007, at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, was truly a successful event! New Directions in Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Treatment was one of TSCAP's most popular meetings, with 164 attendees, including 86 Physicians. Past-President, Steven R. Pliszka, MD, orchestrated an invaluable educational program that delved into new advances in clinical neuroscience shaping the practice of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: pharmacogenetics (by guest speaker, James McCracken, MD, from UCLA), brain stimulation therapeutic modalities, and the ethics of psychopharmacology in children and adolescents.

During the membership meeting, relevant issues related to our field were discussed, including the Frew settlement, which is expected to increase the Physician Medicaid payment rates for children's health care services by 25 percent; the Superior Health Medicaid foster care contract that is to take effect in early 2008; the Texas Medicaid Health Plan recoupment from some Physicians using certain procedure codes; and a surprising number of recent Texas Medical Board Physician investigations. TSCAP members applauded the appointment of San Antonio Forensic Psychiatrist, Michael R. Arambula, MD, PharmD, to the Texas Medical Board. It was also contemplated that our organizations' CME programs will become even more attractive in the near future due to the Accreditation Council for CME's Updated Criteria. These will require that the CME providers and learners demonstrate their

abilities, as well as change and improvement, through self-assessments or self-audits, since success will be based on data descriptive of the changes in competence, performance or patient outcomes achieved.

State Medical Director Positions

Colleague Nina Jo Muse, MD (State Hospital Section Psychiatric Advisor for the Department of State Health Services), introduced me to Charles E. Bell, M.D. (Health Services Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission). Dr. Bell has informed me that he wants to maintain TSCAP engaged in foster care issues, and that the Health and Human Services Commission has posted two Medical Director positions – for Medicaid/CHIPS, and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Although Pediatricians are welcomed to apply for these positions, the expertise of a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist will surely be advantageous for young patients and families dealing with biopsychosocial issues, and our profession.

Texas Pediatric Society

Through TSCAP member Joan R. Hebel, MD (Co-Chair of the Texas Pediatric Society Committee on Childhood Mental Health), I was contacted by the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics President, Ernest D. Buck, MD, who is inviting the TSCAP leadership to its Annual Leadership Planning Summit August 24, 2007. This Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics organization that represents over 2,800 Texas Physicians, is interested in more collaboration with the TSCAP members, especially regarding children's mental health.

Additional CME in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

TSCAP members have an opportunity to attend two CME hours in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry topics: multidisciplinary treatment planning of Autism, and youth violence and aggression, through the TSPP Annual Convention and Scientific Program at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, November 3-4, 2007.

2008 TSCAP San Antonio Conference

Please mark your calendars to attend next year's TSCAP meeting at the Westin La Cantera Resort in San Antonio, July 18-20, 2008. Educational topics being planned

include the treatment of special populations in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, such as preschool children, autism spectrum disorders and juvenile justice. The hotel has discounted the rooms to \$179 per night for attendees. ¡Bienvenidos a San Antonio!

These past two weeks since I took office have certainly opened doors for TSCAP and me – I encourage you to do the same! ■

Scenes from the TSCAP Summer Conference...



Karen D. Wagner, MD, Linda Alley and Christopher R. Thomas, MD



Dr. Harvey Martin (center) visits with Drs. Eldon and Beverly Sutton



Brigette Bailey, MD and Melvin Cohen, MD visit during the Welcome Reception



Dr. Benigno Fernandez (left) presents a plaque to Steven R. Pliszka, MD recognizing his service as President during 2006-07



Dr. and Mrs. Fernandez (center) with Dr. and Mrs. Pliszka



TSCAP Executive Committee at work

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- to make psychiatric knowledge available to other practitioners of medicine, to scientists, and to the public; and,
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