Legislative Session is wrapping up

The Texas Legislature has a little under two weeks to finish business before Sine Die, the last day of session. Here are a few highlights of recent activities:

- Allegations of sexual impropriety sent shockwaves through the Capitol and led to an investigation by the House General Investigating Committee of Rep. Bryan Sk一字. The Committee ultimately found Rep. Sk一字 had engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with an aide, among other acts of misconduct. The Committee recommended for debate but were unable to be considered by the midnight deadline were declared dead, and many more that had not been calendared at all also met their demise. However, nothing is truly dead until Sine Die.

- As legislative activities enter the final stretch, days are getting longer, tension is growing, and session fatigue is setting in. Moreover, House and Senate leadership have offered differing approaches to significant policy issues such as property taxes, school vouchers, and perhaps other topics. We have been working hard on behalf of the Federation to see our priorities get to the Governor' s desk. On the budget side, we have thus far been successful in attracting the information helpful as we move forward. We are beginning to see more procedural moves by members in the House such as calling frequent “points of order” (alleging violations of House rules) and “chattering” (asking rambling questions of every bill author to draw out debate) that have permanently put particular bills to rest and/or slowed down the legislative process. One of the more significant end-of-session deadlines occurred on May 11th, which was the last day that the House could consider House bills and House joint resolutions. When the House concluded its business on Thursday, over 140 House bills that had been scheduled for debate but were unable to be considered by the midnight deadline were declared dead, and many more that had not been calendared at all also met their demise. However, nothing is truly dead until Sine Die.

- In the more than 300 bills that reached the Senate but were unable to pass, it may be that Governor Abbott will need to call a special election to help those who are struggling to find their balance. The experts bringing us these educational programs will travel from all areas across our state to discuss how this is pertinent to Texans. Our program will include pediatricians.

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Eric Woomer, Federation of Texas Psychiatry Public Policy Consultant

*Article written May 15, 2023. Post-season update will be included in the next newsletter issue.
When I moved back to Texas in 2009, I got involved in my local Chapter (Austin Psychiatric Society) and then TSPP. As a new TSPP member, I did not know anything about the member organization, the Texas Academy of Psychiatry (known as the Academy or TAP). As I became more involved, I learned about the member organizations of the Federation of Texas Psychiatry, including TAP.

TSPP is a district branch of the APA. And must are aware of the requirement of dual membership, to be a member of APA you must be a member of TSPP. That is how it was in the 2 state psychiatric organizations where I was previously a member. However, there are some psychiatrists in Texas who'd like to be involved in state organized psychiatry without having to be a member of a national organization. The Texas Academy of Psychiatry was established in 2004 to provide that option and make sure that Texas psychiatrists could be involved with TSPP without having to have membership in the APA. A psychiatrist can become a member of TAP and receive benefits comparable to those offered by TSPP. TAP annual membership dues are $410 for psychiatrists. TSPP/TSCAP members are eligible for discounted TAP membership dues. Medical students, psychiatry residents and fellows can join TAP at no cost. TAP has many purposes and objectives, including, but not limited to: promoting common professional interests, professional psychiatric education, psychiatric knowledge to others and improving the care of our patients in Texas.

I am taking over leadership of TAP from my colleague, Mike Arambula. As he wrote in a prior article, TAP leadership decided to present regular CME opportunities for our members. The Texas Academy of Psychiatry is hosting a 2-hour webinar on 6/10 titled “Psychopharmacology: Risk Management and Legal Implications of Prescribing”. This CME presentation will include issues associated with prescribing medications, including controlled substances, informed consent for adults and minors, and risk management in prescribing for minors. Registration has opened for the TAP virtual CME. Click here to register online, TAP leader-ship is also planning a CME webinar on 9/9 that we are planning to include topics of medical records requests, supervision of NPs, liability of acts of others, documentation in EHRs and nonadherent patients. These are all risk management topics that will provide benefits for Texas psychiatrists in clinical practice.

Go online to https://www.txpsych.org/academy/ to learn more about TAP. I hope many of you register and consider joining the Texas Academy of Psychiatry!

Psychopharmacology: Risk Management and Legal Implications of Prescribing

VIRTUAL CME LIVE ACTIVITY WEBINAR

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Unwanted outcomes related to medications are the greatest cause of loss for psychiatrists. As we emerge from the COVID public health emergency (PHE), the prescription drug abuse epidemic likely will become a priority again for the nation and for the states. Unfortunately, drug overdose deaths increased during the PHE. Even for psychiatrists who have a long history of safe prescribing practices, renewed focus on laws and regulations and the professional liability risks associated with prescribing controlled and non-controlled substances is called for. Discussion will include issues related to informed consent and prescribing for minors.

Educational Objectives
At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to:
- Describe common allegations of negligence related to prescribing
- Recognize the risks of prescribing for minors
- Describe the purpose and necessary steps in the informed consent process
- Recognize special issues involved in consent for treatment of minors
- Implement three strategies for minimizing risks associated with prescribing controlled substances

Target Audience
This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of psychiatrists and other physicians providing clinical care to psychiatric patients.

Planners and Faculty
Charles D. Cash, JD, LLM – Content Developer, Speaker, Associate Director of Risk Management, PRMS

Mr. Cash has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies.

Accreditation Statement
Professional Risk Management Services (PRMS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement
Professional Risk Management Services (PRMS) designates this live activity for a maximum of 2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
PRMS does not accept financial support from ineligible companies for CME activities.

Method of Participation
Physicians must attend the live activity and complete a Post Activity Learning Assessment Tool and Credit Application form to receive a Credit Certificate.

Estimated Time to Complete
2.0 hours, exclusive of breaks

Disclaimer
The purpose of this activity is to provide general information on risk management issues. The information presented does not constitute legal advice.
Looking Back at the TSPP Spring Meeting and CME Program

Brigitte Bailey, MD, President, Texas Society of Psychiatry Physicians

I am pleased to report the success of our most recent in-person TSPP Spring Meeting and CME Program at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center in Austin held April 21-23. It is always a pleasure to see colleagues come together from across the state, to share ideas and stay informed on issues that affect us all.

The CME Program entitled “Updates on Evidence-based Practice: Genetic Disorders, Anxiety, and Rational Pharmacology” was well attended and the responses we collected were overwhelmingly positive. On behalf of TSPP I would like to extend my appreciation to our excellent speakers: Dr. John Hettema, Dr. Marisa Toups, Dr. Tawny Smith, and Dr. Stephen Saklad.

We are now working to build on this success and use the feedback we received as we develop our next CME program for our fall meeting slated for November 9-12 (location will be confirmed soon – please visit our website at www.tsppx.org for updates!). A particular highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Dr. Spencer Bayles 2022 Outstanding TSPP Member Award to Dr. Leslie Secrest in recognition of his outstanding and consistent participation and leadership in TSPP. Dr. Secrest is a former TSPP President and currently chairs the Government Affairs Committee and we are all grateful for the significant contributions he has made to our organization over the years.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our sponsors and exhibitors whose support is vital to the continuing success of our events.

In Support of Psychiatric Education and Research

Greetings from the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research. The Foundation was founded in 1991 as a charitable 501(c)(3) organization committed to raising funds toward professional education for all physicians regarding psychiatric matters; toward the education of the public regarding psychiatric disorders and sources of help, and toward the support of research regarding psychiatric care.

The Foundation’s ongoing and major contributions have included funding chapter activities teaching the public during Mental Illness Awareness Week as well as funding the educational activities of the Foundation’s constituent organizations, TSPP, TSCAP, and the Texas Academy of Psychiatry. Also throughout the years the Foundation has funded special projects, such as a seminar on the Insanity Defense in Texas several years ago.

Your contributions to the Foundation help to fund these important activities (and are of course directly deductible for your yearly income taxes). The Foundation’s contributions to the yearly CME activities of the Federation’s constituent organizations help keep the fees very reasonable, allowing for high quality CME here in Texas. We welcome your contributions in order to allow the Foundation to continue to fund these important activities. Also, if you have an idea for a project you would like the Foundation to fund, let us know.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING LOCATION

TSCAP’s Annual Convention and Scientific Program will be held at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel. Located on the banks of the historic Riverwalk, the Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio Hotel features a heated outdoor pool and WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio. The Woodhouse Day Spa is an oasis-like spa that ensures rejuvenation. Savor authentic Italian cuisine and river views from the patio of Zocca Cuisine d’Italia located in the hotel or sample the delicious options at the hotel’s café or pool bar. In addition, the Westin Riverwalk offers guests direct access to one of the most charming and beloved Texas destinations, the San Antonio Riverwalk. Whether you set out on foot or by the water taxi that picks up outside of the hotel on the banks of the river, the hotel’s location overlooking the river invites you to explore the myriad restaurants, shops and entertainment venues that line the banks of the San Antonio River as it winds through downtown.

Wander a bit further and you’ll discover rich sites of culture and the arts. Breathe in some Texas history at The Alamo and the Spanish Governor’s Palace, stroll through Market Square, or sip a cold microbrew at the Historic Pearl Brewery. Great family attractions, including the San Antonio Zoo and Six Flags Fiesta Texas are nearby!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Discounted TSCAP rooms at the rates of $189 traditional / $229 standard plus taxes (room rates to the public are $265-$379 on those days) are available to program registrants BEFORE JUNE 30 or upon sell-out, whichever occurs first. Make your hotel reservation today by using the Booking Link below, or calling the hotel’s Central Reservations at 1-888-627-8396, and referring to group name TSCAP:

https://book.paskey.com/gt/219128735?gtid=54a2b397d6931e43790e35a816d4e7d4

Special Reminder: Booking a room within the TSCAP room block is an important way to help keep the overall meeting registration fee and costs as low as possible. Booking “outside of the TSCAP block” or at another hotel could expose TSCAP to monetary damages for hotel room block attrition, which may then necessitate an increase in future meeting registration rates. Plus, staying in the hotel keeps you connected with all the activities and networking opportunities during the event. Please book your room at the Westin Riverwalk hotel hosting the meeting and within the TSCAP room block.

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION FRIDAY

Make plans to attend the complimentary festive Welcome Reception with Exhibitors on Friday evening, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Visit throughout the evening with your friends, colleagues and exhibitors in a fun-filled, relaxing atmosphere and complete your entry for the special door prize drawings to be awarded on Saturday!

EXHIBIT HALL

TSCAP’s Welcome Reception, Breakfast, Lunch and Refreshment Breaks, will be held in the Exhibit Hall. Exhibits will be open throughout the evening Friday, and all-day Saturday, and will provide you with information designed to enhance your practice and help improve the optimal delivery of medical care to your patients.

Welcome Reception

Friday - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Continental Breakfast

Saturday - 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Refreshment Break & Door Prize Drawings

Saturday - 10:30 am - 10:50 am

Refreshment Break & Door Prize Drawings

Saturday - 11:50 am - 12:10 pm

Luncheon + Government Affairs Update

Saturday - 12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

Happy Hour and Door Prize Drawings – new this year!

Saturday – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Exhibitors Tear Down and Depart

Saturday - 4:30 pm

CME SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The CME Scientific Program will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

POSTER SESSION

Medical Students, Residents and Fellows in Training who are members of TSCAP have been invited to submit a poster for presentation / display during the Saturday Happy Hour. Make plans to attend and view the posters, meet the presenters, and discuss their presentations. Submit an abstract online.

HAPPY HOUR – new this year!

At the conclusion of Saturday’s CME sessions, let’s Fiestal Mingle over refreshing margaritas before heading to the Riverwalk, view the Poster Session Presentations, and possibly win a door prize! Complimentary – for registered attendees only.

ANNUAL MEETING BREAKFAST

The Annual TSCAP Business Meeting and Breakfast will be held Sunday, 7:45 am - 8:45 am. Register to attend for an annual review from TSCAP, and to help plan for the year ahead!

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Friday, July 21

2:00 pm-8:30 pm
Registration

Exhibitor Set-Up
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
TSCAP Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Welcome Reception with Exhibitors – Hotel Main Lobby

Saturday, July 22

Five (5) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

7:00 am-5:00 pm
Registration

7:30 am-8:30 am
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 am-3:30 pm
Scientific Program

10:30 am-10:50 am
Refreshment Break and Door Prize Drawings

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12:10 pm-1:10 pm
Luncheon & Legislative Update
3:30 pm-4:30 pm
Happy Hour, Poster Presentations, Door Prize Drawings
4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Exhibits Tear Down / Depart – Hotel Main Lobby

Sunday, July 23

Two (2) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

7:15 am - 11:30 am
Registration

7:45 am - 8:45 am
TSCAP Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast

Open to All Attendees. See Registration Form for Payment Information.

9:00 am - 11:30 am
Scientific Program

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APR/MAY 2023
**Texas Society of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry**

**Scientific Program Schedule 2023**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:30 am - 9:00 am Long-Term Neuropsychiatric Outcomes for Pediatric Patients Following COVID-19 Infection

Alison Wilkinson-Smith, PhD

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**Target Audience / Program Objectives**

This live activity has been designed with didactic lectures supplemented with panel discussion, clinical vignettes, audiovisual presentations, direct discussion and case presentation and discussion in multiple educational sessions. The program is designed to provide its target audience of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, Adult Psychiatrists, Pediatricians and Primary Care Physicians with clinically relevant information to advance the physicians’ competence and provide them with effective use of targeted skills so that they may develop strategies to apply the knowledge, skills and judgement of the information presented in the educational activity into their practice. Physicians encounter the effects of trauma in practice regularly. The barriers include being able to recognize the signs of trauma when it may be difficult for patients to express this, understanding the biological, psychological, sociologic and spiritual effects of trauma over time. Objectives are to improve recognition and treatment of youth who have experienced trauma, identify and stimulate conversation and action around system and policy changes that may reduce trauma as well as improve treatment for those who have already experienced trauma.

**Identified practice gaps / needs assessment**

TSCAP has incorporated into this CME activity the relevant educational needs concerning competence that underlie the professional practice gaps of the participants. Recognizing neurobiological, psychological, and cultural basis for risk to exposure to trauma throughout development and what interventions may prevent orameliorate the effects of this trauma. Identifying who may be at risk, how to collect history. Gaps addressed will include understanding brain network responses to trauma therapy in youth; identifying neurobiological processes and behavioral consequences of stress on early development; improving clinician’s competency in evaluation for and prevention of child and adolescent suicide in light of recent statistics that reveal a disturbing upward trend in this population; Making clinicians aware of the new state-wide program to increase access to children’s mental health services and to expand the children’s mental health workforce; Understanding the origin and recognizing disorganized attachment in patients with a history of trauma; Identifying how best to approach suspected trauma in children and adolescents; Discussing the effects of secondary trauma on children and adolescents.

**Accreditation statement**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas accreditation requirements and policies of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) through the joint providership of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians and the Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. TSPP is accredited by the TMA to provide continuing education for physicians.

**Credit statement**

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians designates this Live Activity for a maximum of seven (7) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Medical ethics and/or professional responsibility statement**

The Ethics Presentation: “ETHICS: Systems of Care: From ED Forward” has been designated by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians to be a total of two (2) credits of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

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**Speakers**

Alison Wilkinson-Smith, PhD, ABPP

E’leyna Garcia, PhD

Sarah Wakefield, MD

Christina Cortinas M.S., LPC; Phyliss Hamilton, M.A, LSSP, NCSNP; Gwenoldyn Franks-Carter, LCSW

Brian Dixon, MD and Ric Bonnell, MD

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**Faculty and planners disclosure policy**

In compliance with the ACCME/AMA standards for Commercial Support of CME, to assure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of its CME activities, prior to the education activity being delivered to the learners, the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians implemented a mechanism to identify and resolve personal conflicts of interest from everyone who was in a position to control the content of the education activity. TSPP will disclose to learners the existence (or non-existence) of all relevant financial relationships that the faculty and planners did (or did not) have with any ineligible companies that the faculty and planners did (or did not) have with any ineligible companies. Disclosure will occur prior to the presentation through written communication in the syllabus/handout materials.

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### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION

(Include Welcome Reception, Scientific Program, Saturday Lunch & Happy Hour, Saturday & Sunday Refreshment Breaks — for registered attendees).

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TSCAP Member Medical Students, Residents and Fellows: If you present a poster, your registration fee for the Scientific Program AND Saturday Lunch is waived.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

- Check if you plan to attend the **Friday Welcome Reception**
- Check if you plan to attend the **Saturday Happy Hour** (registered attendees only)
- Add Spouse/Guest (Friday – $223)

### MEETING SYLLABUS ORDER

- Online Meeting Syllabus
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### CANCELLATIONS

- Deadline for cancellation is June 30, 2023. In the event of cancellation, a full refund will be made if written notice is received in the TSCAP office by June 30, 2023, less a 25% handling charge.

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APA Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder

Please send comments by June 23, 2023.

The APA has received a request from the APA for members to review and comment on the draft “Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder.” The APA Guideline Writing Group drafted the guideline based on a systematic review of the available evidence. Each statement (recommendation or suggestion) is separately rated according to the strength of the supporting research evidence and the balance of possible benefits and harms of the recommended or suggested actions. In addition to specific statements, the draft guideline includes a review of strategies and caveats when implementing the recommendations and a discussion of the appropriateness of the recommendations to inform quality improvement activities. A PDF version of the draft is available on the APA website at www.psychiatry.org/prs/chiatrists/practice/clinical-practice-guidelines/review-draft-guidelines. The deadline to comment is June 23, 2023.

APA is asking that comments be emailed to guidelines@psych.org using the online Microsoft Word comment form. Please include the following information:

- Reference each comment by page and line number, and include a reference or rationale for your comment.
- Disclose any relevant potential conflicts of interest, e.g., significant industry or other financial relationships you have that may be relevant to evaluating your comment.
- Include an email address and/or phone number where we can contact you for additional information about your input, if necessary.
- Everyone who submits comments has the opportunity to be acknowledged in the published guideline. If you choose to be recognized, please list your name and academic degree or your organization name as you would like them to be listed.

If you have any questions, APA has asked you to contact Jennifer Medicus, APA Practice Guidelines, at guidelines@psych.org.

Legislative Session is wrapping up

Stephanie Klick seeks to address workforce shortages in psychiatry through two new grant and merit-based programs. First, it would create the Psychiatry Innovation Grant program to support the state’s psychiatry related institutions; and second, establishes an incentive payment program for institutions of higher education with training and retention programs that increase the number of mental health professionals. On May 18th, it was voted favorably from Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thompson creates the Mental Health and Brain Research and Transparency Plus Accountability by the Mental Health Loan Repayment Program – Program Expansion: There have been several bills expanding the program’s eligibility criteria as well as making payment activities. A PDF version of the draft is available on the APA website at www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/practice-guidelines/review-draft-guidelines. The deadline to comment is June 23, 2023.

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