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A Word from the President

Capitol Day, a day of lobbying on psychiatry issues in the state legislature, took place February 28. A number of psychiatrists, psychiatry residents, and lay advocates went to Austin for the every-two-years event. We divided up by regions to make our rounds. Houston psychiatrists Yvette Drake-McLin, Avrim Fishkind, Sylvia Muzquiz, Magdalena Peixoto, George Santos, and me, walked the Capitol together to visit legislators or their aides.

The Federation of Texas Psychiatry organized the event. Its priorities are funding for residency training, approving \$82 million for crisis mental health services, equal health insurance coverage for psychiatric disorders, increased Medicaid fees, and scope of practice.

As we spoke to legislative officials, we also carried the priority list of other members of the federation. The Texas Medical Association agenda includes coverage for the uninsured, children (CHIP), and Medicaid, residency funding, the state medical board, and end-of-life issues. Mental Health America (formerly the Mental Health Association) is fighting about crisis funding, parity, school rules on handling discipline problems for kids with mental disorders, Medicaid, and regulations on board and care homes. NAMI Texas advocates state crisis funding, parity, amending the insanity defense, and mentally ill offender issues. This list is not complete but gives you the basic idea of the issues.

Please take out some time during this spring session of the legislature to call your state representative or senator, and discuss the issues on this platform. They need to know how the issues affect patients, as well as to see that there are a lot of us who are concerned.

Don't forget that the March meeting of HPS is at noontime, not in the evening.

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TMA Saturday Morning Seminar / Galveston / May 19 / 3 Ethics Credits

TMA and GCMS are co-sponsoring a Saturday morning seminar on May 19 at the Hotel Galvez. "It's a Family Affair: Addiction in the Physician and Its Impact on the Family" will help guide you to a greater understanding of the issues and resolutions surrounding addiction and its impact on all family members.

Who should attend? Physicians of all specialties, spouses of physicians, medical students and their spouses, and others interested in learning more about addiction and its impact on family members.

The seminar is 8:00 a.m. till noon. The charge for

physicians is \$40 each or \$70 per couple. Medical students are free but must register.

TMA has designated this activity for a maximum of 3 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits* in ethics and/or professional responsibility education.

To register, call 800-880-1300 ext 1342 or go to the TMA Web site, www.texmed.org, click on Practice Management, click on Seminars, and scroll down to TMA Physician and Rehabilitation Seminars. Simply click on the registration form under "It's a Family Affair."

10 Volunteers Needed for IDEA Program / May 8

The "spring session" of presentations to fifth graders will be Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. 10 doctors are needed to pair with 10 attorneys. Please contact Natalie Lamont at 713.668.5226 or Lucy Fisher at 713.759.1133 at the HBA to volunteer.

Welcome New Member

John M. Oldham, MD
Distinguished Life Fellow
Menninger Clinic
2801 Gessner Drive
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HPS Mission

We strive to:

Promote and improve patient care.

Educate our colleagues and the public on mental health issues.

Enhance community mental health service delivery.

Join the HPS Team / Sponsor a Walker for NAMIWalk HOUSTON

Saturday, May 5 at Sam Houston Park / 7:30 am check in / 8:30 walk

As of March 1, we have 3 walkers who have committed to walking in the NAMIWalk on Saturday, May 5. Our team goal is twelve walkers, so check your calendar and lace up those walking shoes. You can register to walk with our team by going to www.nami.org and click on the NAMIWalks box on the left and then it will ask you which state, then city. Our team name is HPSTeam07. If you cannot join us on the walk, please consider sponsoring a walker—you can do that on the website as well.

This walk in Houston is to raise community awareness of mental illness and to raise funds to support NAMI's free education classes, support groups and advocacy. This is also an opportunity for those of us in Houston's mental health community to meet and get to know each other—strengthening all our efforts. If you have any questions, please check out the referenced website, or call Natalie Lamont at 713.668.5226.

HPS Calendar of Meetings

March 21: F. Gerard Moeller, MD
"Serotonin, Impulsivity &
Cocaine Dependence Treatment"
Lunchtime Meeting
at Trevisio

April 18: Rabbi Segal
"Grief & Loss"
at Bo's Place

May 9: Joint Meeting with Family Physicians
Britta Ostermeyer, MD, John W. Burruss, MD,
Jose Bayona, MD & Thomas Gavagan, MD
& Carlos Vallbona, MD
"Integrated Behavioral Care: Meet The New Primary
Care Interdisciplinary Team"
at Hilton Post Oak

Grand Rounds Schedules

Baylor / DeBakey Building, Room M112, 10:30—11:50 am
March 7: Stuart W. Twemlow, MD / "Bullying as a Symptom
of a Dysfunctional Social System: Four Examples from
Schools & Communities"
March 14: Susan Carole Vaughan, MD / "Talking to
Neurons: How Psychotherapy Changes the Brain"
March 21: Judith V. Becker, PhD / "Recent Research on
the Assessment, Treatment and Policy Issues with
Sex Offenders"
March 28: Andrew C. Papanicolaou, PhD / "MEG Applica-
tions to Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychiatry"
UT/MSI Auditorium, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
March 7: Kathy Scott-Gurnell, MD / "Unveiling Bipolar Dis-
order in Children and Adolescents (A Retrospective Study)"
March 14: Sharon Morgan, PhD / "Community-based Psy-
chosocial Intervention with Children: Trials and Triumphs"
March 21: No Grand Rounds
March 28: James M. Bjork, PhD / "Reward and risk process-
ing the brain: differences with normal development and
alcoholism"

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Member News

Richard B. Pesikoff, MD
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OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

The Mental Health Care Line at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center is seeking academic psychiatrists to fill a number of positions in the areas of telepsychiatry, emergency psychiatry, trauma recovery, and substance dependence. We also wish to recruit a psychiatrist for our new community clinic in Conroe. Please contact Kimberly A. Arlinghaus, MD, at 713-794-7561 for further information.

HOUSTON: ADULT PSYCHIATRY: The Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County (MHMRA) is one of the largest mental health centers in the United States. Demands have created the need for additional psychiatrists (part-time or full-time) to work at the Harris County Jail and one FTE Child Psychiatrist to work in a clinic setting. The Jail positions are to provide coverage for 7 days per week; 24-hours per day; day, night time and week-end shifts are available; the clinic position is a regular 8 to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Salary plus a benefit package is offered. **Texas licensure is required.** These positions will be mostly medication management and psychiatric evaluations. Contact Robert Bennett, HR Generalist at: Robert.Bennett@mhmraharris.tx.org or phone (713) 970-3379. EOE

Psychiatrist(s) needed, Full Time – up to \$200K, or Part Time \$800/day (great for semi-retirement) for geriatric practice. Positions open in multiple areas of town. Fax CV and availability to: Dr. Borrell @ 713-627-2536, or email to lborrellvc@hotmail.com. Visit us online at www.SeniorPsychiatry.com.

Psychiatrist Wanted-Full or Part-time Hours. Days or Evenings. Multi-Disciplinary Private Practice Setting in Bellaire. No Managed Care. Private Pay Only. Will consider Fellows and last year Residents. After expense sharing, net hourly fees will be between \$150 and \$180 per hour. Please e-mail Margaret Black for more information at weinbergerblack@yahoo.com or call her at 713-839-9500.

The NeuroPsychiatric Center is seeking psychiatrists for evening, overnight and weekend shifts for our Psychiatric Emergency Services, Crisis Stabilization Unit, Mobile Crisis Outreach Team and Crisis Respite House. Generous shift differential included up to \$30. Applicants please contact Dr. Dr. Knox at 713 970 4625 or email Daryl.Knox@mhmraharris.org.

River Oaks Academy is filling up fast but still accepting enrollment. ROA is a JCAHO accredited, K-12 school for those with problems related to attention, distractibility, impulse control, emotional control, learning differences, and developmental delays. Children and adolescents with ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Depression and others accepted. Call 713-783-7200 <http://www.riveroaksacademy.com>

**Thanks to all who have paid
their 2007 dues!**
Second notices for those who have not yet
paid were mailed out February 16th.