

Continuing Education  *Networking Opportunities*

for Healthcare Professionals **December 2013**

Enhancing professional skills and relationships for Austin-area Nursing Professionals, Social Workers, CCMs, CRCs, CDMs and Home Health Administrators

Join us for our Holiday Networking Party Tuesday, December 10  11:30 a.m.

Plan to attend our holiday networking party, Tuesday, December 10th. at the Austin State Hospital, at the Nifty Fifty #626 ([See Map Quest Directions](#)), from 11:30- 1pm.

We will not have a scheduled speaker.

Bring your BEST POTLUCK and some canned goods for the local food pantry and share in the Holiday spirit. ACMA provides the meat, drinks and

paper goods. You supply the fixings- your BEST POTLUCK dish. This is an opportunity for vendors to bring company brochures and information. It's the Case Managers' opportunity to meet new companies and network with friends. EVERYONE is welcome, including non-members. Gift certificates, gift baskets, etc. are welcome. This is the only monthly meeting when members are allowed

to display their company information. Please keep this to a minimum though as space is always limited.

ACMA will take all the food collected to the local food pantry.

ACMA will be raffling several giveaways! (Must be present to win)

Please remember to RSVP at www.austin-cma.org. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the board members.

ACMA canned food drive benefits the local food pantry!

Please bring your contribution of canned goods to the Holiday Networking Party.



Join Us to Celebrate Eva Church's Retirement

Many of you know Eva Church as a caring and passionate advocate for older adults, their caregivers, and other people in need in our community. And many of you have come to know Eva as the kind face in Caregiver Resource Center or the comforting voice with helpful guidance over the phone. Eva has been involved with AGE of Central Texas since Bert Kruger Smith and Willie Kocurek saw a building and had an idea. We are incredibly grateful for her commitment to older adults and AGE all these years.

Come celebrate with us in honor of Eva's retirement from her work at AGE. Help us say "thank you" to Eva for her tireless dedication to making this community a great place in which to grow older.

When 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 2013
Where Westminster Manor, 4100 Jackson Ave, Austin
Please RSVP 512-451-4611
 Your hosts Samantha, Valerie, Alice, Heather, and AGE

Westminster Manor has graciously offered us a place to have this gathering but we are having to supply the food. So if anyone would like to donate to this cause (finger sandwiches, desserts, etc) it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you are able to do so. We are hoping to have 100 people attend. Samantha Young is providing a cake and I will provide something also.

As for gifts, we are going to come up with something you can chip in for or you can buy Eva something just from you - but please note that a gift is not necessary - Eva will so enjoy seeing each and everyone of you!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Krueger at 512-576-6641 or email her at vjkrueger@aol.com.

Looking for Food Sponsors for the Monthly Meetings

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the food for our monthly meeting next year please contact Jessica Merritt or Lorna Allen. Don't forget Sponsors are given space in the newsletter to put their company's info and log, space at the meeting for their collateral and time at the beginning of the meeting to talk about their company - don't delay, sign up now.



We would like to thank AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL again for allowing us to have our monthly meeting at the Nifty Fifty Conference Room during 2013

Check the Jobs & Events pages of our website

Remember the "Job Posting" and "Events" tabs on the website. If you have case management related job opportunities or a CEU or any other event, please email it to [newsletter@
austin-cma.org](mailto:newsletter@austin-cma.org). (Posting subject to board approval).

**Have a safe
and
wonderful
holiday!**

It's time to renew your ACMA membership

The 2014 membership application is available for download from our website at www.austin-cma.org. We will be mailing out the January newsletter with the 2014 membership application. You may bring the completed form to the January meeting.

Membership is good from January 2014 through December 2014. All renewals are due by May 2014. To ensure you receive the newsletter via email, please be sure to include your email address on your application. Also, don't forget to specify which committee(s) you would like to serve.

Stay in touch with the Central Texas Association of Healthcare Quality

Please visit the [Central Texas Association of Healthcare Quality \(CTAHQ\) website](http://www.ctahq.org) and [Facebook page](#). CTAHQ meets the third Fridays of the month, except for October when the statewide TAHQ conference occurs, and December. We plan to change our meeting location to St. David's later in the year, for a change of pace.

Elections for the 2014 Board of Directors

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is that time to elect our new board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the 2013 board members. Once the new Board has been nominated we will be emailing out the 2014 Ballots soon.

ACMA 2013 Board of Directors

President	Stacie Dement	Health South	512-423-9250
Vice President	Terri Martinez	Parmer Woods	512-835-9080
Secretary	Jessica Merritt	Accolade Home Care	512-431-7779
Treasurer	Lee Bowman, RN	Bowman Insurance	512-836-1234

2013 Committee Chairpersons

Membership	Valerie Krueger	Colonial Gardens	512-799-6515
Scheduling & Education	Jessica Merritt	Accolade Home Care	512-431-7779
	Lorna Allen, LBSW	Heavenly Care Senior Home Care & Statewide Moving	512-627-1644
Conference	Lee Bowman, RN	Bowman Insurance	512-836-1234

*"Happily Ever After
in Case Management...
Making Dreams Come True"*



**Save the Date...
April 10, 2014**



*It's not just any Fairy Tale...
It's a journey through
the Land of Enchantment.*



Conference Speaker Committee Meeting December 10, 2013 @ 1pm

We will have a conference speaker committee meeting immediately after the Holiday party.

Vendor booth reservations forms are online

[Vendor reservation forms are available online.](#) Please visit the conference link on the website for more information or email conference@austin-cma.org.

We would like to thank our Sponsors for the 2014 ACMA Conference

Acadian Ambulance Services, Brookdale Senior Living, Centre for NeuroSkills, CORE Health Care, Encompass Home Health, Epic Health Services, HealthSouth, Reliant Central Texas, River Kids Pediatric Home Health, Warm Springs Specialty Hospitals.

Keep Your CNAs Certified!!!!

Did you know that effective September 1, 2013, a nurse aide must, every two years, complete at least 24 hours of in-service education that includes training in geriatrics and the care of residents with a dementia disorder, including Alzheimer's disease, to qualify for renewal a listing of active status on the NAR?

An in-service education for renewal of a listing on the NAR must be completed in a facility or an approved NATCEP (Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program). See Rule 94.9 of the Texas Administrative code regarding Nurse Aide Renewal (reprinted below from the Texas Administrative Code website).

So you want to get your CNAs continuing education hours logged in before the end of the year.

Texas Administrative Code

[TITLE 40](#) SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE
[PART 1](#) DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES
[CHAPTER 94](#) NURSE AIDES
RULE §94.9 Nurse Aide Registry and Renewal

- (a) To be listed on the NAR as having active status, a nurse aide must successfully complete a NATCEP, as described in §94.6(i) of this chapter (relating to Competency Evaluation Requirements).
- (b) DADS does not charge a fee to list a nurse aide on the NAR or to renew the nurse aide's listing of active status on the NAR.
- (c) A nurse aide listed on the NAR must inform DADS of the nurse aide's current address and telephone number.
- (d) A listing of active status on the NAR expires 24 months after the nurse aide is listed on the NAR or 24 months after the last date of verified employment as a nurse aide, whichever is earlier. To renew active status on the NAR, the following requirements must be met:
 - (1) A facility must submit a DADS Employment Verification form to DADS that documents that the nurse aide has performed paid nursing or nursing-related services at the facility during the preceding year.
 - (2) A nurse aide must submit a DADS Employment Verification form to DADS to document that the nurse aide has performed paid nursing or nursing-related services, if documentation is not submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection by the facility or facilities where the nurse aide was employed.
 - (3) Effective September 1, 2013, a nurse aide must complete at least 24 hours of in-service education every two years that includes training in geriatrics and the care of residents with a dementia disorder, including Alzheimer's disease, to renew a listing of active status on the NAR.
 - (4) In-service education for renewal of a listing on the NAR must be completed in a facility or an approved NATCEP.

Source Note: The provisions of this §94.9 adopted to be effective June 27, 2013, 38 TexReg 3999