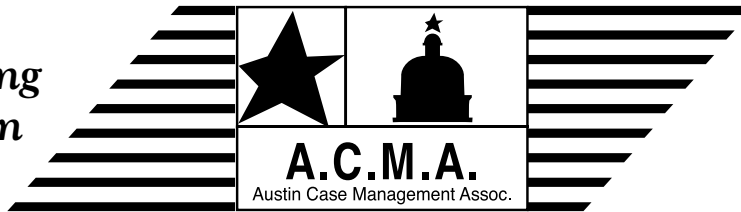


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February 2012

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

Join us for our monthly meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2011 ★ 11:45 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION

As many of you heard last month we can no longer have our monthly meetings at North Austin Medical Center. They would no longer allow us to have food brought in or allow us to eat in the Auditorium. We knew this time would come and we thank St. David's and NAMC for allowing ACMA to meet at their various locations for the past 10+ years.

Our new home is the **Austin State Hospital**. We would like to thank AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL for allowing us to have our monthly meeting at their community relations building. The meeting will be held in a one story building that say #631 on the outside. It is the community relations building for the hospital. When you turn into the Austin State Hospital campus off of Guadalupe near 41st St., take the first right and then take the right hand side of the fork. Go to building #631 and park in the lot on the other side of the building. In other words-park in the lot that is not parallel with Guadalupe. Attendees can park anywhere other than where it says CIT (Crisis Intervention Team). For further explanation, please view the attached map.

BRING A SWEATER!!!! Please note!!!!Don't forget to bring a sweater! Our meeting room tends to be on the COOOL side and we just don't want folks to be surprised/unprepared.

This month's meeting will be at the Austin State Hospital, at their community relations building #631 Tuesday, February 14, 2012 ([Click here for Map Quest Directions](#)). The meeting will begin at 11:45am preceded by lunch from approximately 11:15-11:45am. You can **RSVP** on our web site, www.austin-cma.org. Click on "RSVP", complete the information, and you are done. Visitors are welcome for a \$5.00 charge which includes lunch and the CEUs.

This month's Speaker Sponsor

Mary Koffend is the president of Accountable Aging Care Management, a multi-disciplinary geriatric care management company. In 2002, Mary and her husband, Mick Koffend, founded the company they wished they had access to when they were the long-distance caregivers for their beloved parents. Accountable Aging provides services in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.



Mary is a specialist in eldercare services and government-funded programs. She served with the Social Security Administration (SSA) throughout Texas, primarily at the manager level and was ultimately responsible for Houston's largest and most complex SSA client service operation. Mary then managed the Medicaid provider services programs for the State of Texas before starting Accountable Aging. Visit our website www.accountableaging.com or call us at 512-342-9800 in Austin.

Please see reverse side for information about this month's featured speaker and topic

This month's Food Sponsor

The Pavilion at Great Hills is a licensed assisted living community which includes a certified dementia-care unit. Many of our residents are completely independent and take advantage of our amenities such as the gracious restaurant-style dining with convenient open seating for each meal and a menu which offers delicious, well-planned meals. We also have an "anytime" menu which offers lighter fares. Our residents also enjoy laundry and housekeeping services, the spacious courtyard, fitness center, non-denominational chapel and comfortable, private living room areas located throughout the community. There is a beauty and barber salon in the community offering a variety of services to our residents. Our floor plans include studio, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom. Our management team includes three full-time nurses—two for the assisted living residents and one for the care of the residents in our memory-support unit. These nurses are full-time managers and are on-call 24/7. Our community is staffed with Certified Medication Aides and Certified Nurse Aides with excellent training and continuing skills checks. We are located at 11819 Pavilion Blvd., in Austin. 512-249-0555 or visit our website at www.pavilionatgreathills.com.



This month's Speaker and Topic

Our topic this month is "Preventing Medication Related Problems: Targeting Sustainability in a Complex Adaptive System" presented by **Mary Koffend**. If medication errors were identified as a disease, they would be the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. In this informative session, we will uncover the sources and scope of Medication Related Problems (MRPs) and how they affect our seniors and our medical system as a whole. As a nation, we have worked on this problem for the last ten years with limited success. The number of medication errors per day per the population remains largely the same. This session will provide some insight as to why this may be continuing to happen and what are some efforts all of us can be making to really turn the tide.



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. (Posting subject to board approval)

Opportunity to Sponsor a Monthly Meeting

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring a monthly meeting with either a speaker, food or both please contact Laura McManus. Sponsors of the monthly meeting are the exclusive parties permitted to display their information and brochures at our meeting.

Regular Meeting Location is CHANGING

Please put the word out that ACMA's monthly meeting location has changed. We are now meeting at the Austin State Hospital.

The RSVP count enables the food sponsor to know how many to allot for lunch so PLEASE go to our website to RSVP for the meeting.

Time to renew your membership

The 2012 membership application is enclosed for your convenience. You can either bring the completed form to the January meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O. Box 9601, Austin, TX 78757.

Membership is good from January 2012 through December 2012. All renewals are due by April 2011. To ensure you receive the newsletter via email, please be sure to include your email address on your application. Remember to specify which committee(s) you would like to serve.

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Elections for the 2012 Board of Directors

The board will approve the new board at this month's board meeting and then get the ballots out. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested in getting involved.

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Low Vision Awareness Month

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American Heart Association

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