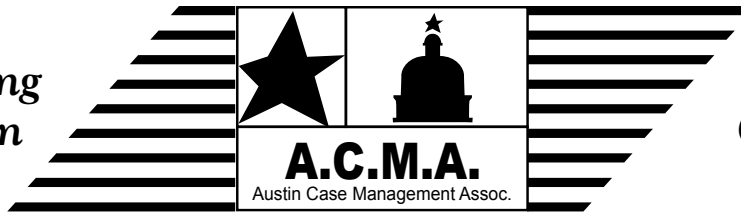


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January 2008

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 January 8 ★ 11:45 a.m.



This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, January 8, 2008. (Click here for [MapQuest 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.

Our topic this month is "The Car Talk" presented by Leah Cohen LCSW, ACSW, CCM, RG, RM who is the founder of Case Management & Guardianship Services (CMGS). Leah is a licensed social worker, certified case manager, registered guardian and mediator. She has over 30 years of experience working in a wide variety of settings on behalf of older adults and people with disabilities across the life span. Recently, she was a delegate to the 2005 White house conference on Aging and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Texas Guardianship Certification Board.

CMGS, a multidisciplinary team made up of two social workers, a nurse, and an experienced public benefits person. CMGS helps coordinate the care of people with disabilities and older adults. These people often provide a difficult challenge, taxing resources and energy of family members. Providing care is often complicated by a lifetime of relationship issues and sometimes disagreement among family members.

In dealing with care issues, CMGS provides the objectivity and professionalism that are so important when caring for a family member or for someone that is alone for a variety of reasons. Where available, CMGS attempts to assist clients in accessing services through public programs. It refers and assists clients in linking with other available community, legal and medical resources. In addition, where these services are not available, such as for clients not eligible for public services or those transitioning to more care or different housing, CMGS provides needed services for those clients also. CMGS is available when family members live or visit far away, even outside the US; or when there is not a family. We welcome referrals and/or the opportunity to problem solve with other professionals.

Our sponsor this month is Austin Home Health. Austin Home Health was founded in 1995 by a registered nurse and is locally owned and operated. The professionals at Austin Home Health have a complete understanding of the multidisciplinary recovery process and are known for their responsive and consistent patient services, as well as their comprehensive communication with physicians and other members of the health care team. Its service area includes Travis county and portions of Williamson, Bastrop, Burnet, Hays, Guadalupe, Comal and Caldwell counties. You may reach us at 512-326-4191.



Conference Time!

The 2008 conference is going to be a *Hit*. We would like to thank the 2008 Conference Sponsors: GOLD-Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. SILVER-Parmer Woods, a Merrill Gardens Community and our BRONZE sponsors-Texas Home Health, American Home Patient, St. David's Rehab, Austin Home Health, Austin Home Medical Equipment, Country Style/Four Star Home Health, PsySolutions-Austin Lakes Hospital, A-Med Home Health & Hospice, HealthSouth and Hallmark Lifeway Home Health.

Save the date...**April 17, 2008**. It will be at the New and Improved Norris Conference Center...same location-the old Northcross Mall, they are just remodeling and making it bigger.

Exhibitor booth reservation forms are now available on the website and have been mailed out. When you fill out the form please fax it over to Lee to reserve your booth immediately. They go FAST. The next Conference committee meeting will be immediately after the regular meeting.



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It's time to renew your ACMA membership

The 2008 membership application is enclosed with the newsletter for your convenience or you may visit our website at www.austin-cma.org soon. You can either bring the completed form to the January meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O.Box 141206, Austin, TX 78714-1206.

Membership is good from January 2008 thru December 2008. All renewals are due by March 2008. 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.

We emailed the 2008 ballots earlier this year and we thank each of you for voting. Listed (at left) are the 2008 Board of Directors and (below) the 2008 Committee Chairs. Each year we ask our members to become more involved with the ACMA. Please consider joining a committee.

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Job Opportunities:

Medical Case Manager: TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool has Medical Case Manager positions open due to expansion of our Healthy Initiatives Program. These positions are responsible for providing telephonic case management of catastrophic diabetes & cardiovascular cases. Must have TX RN license & CCM or be CCM eligible. Computer skills required; experience with Interqual, CCMS preferred. Apply online at <http://tmliebp.org/tmliebp/job-openings.php> or submit your resume to hr@tmliebp.org

