

*Continuing Education*  *Networking Opportunities*

**A.C.M.A.**  
Austin Case Management Assoc.

*for Healthcare Professionals* **July 2013**

**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, July 9 ★ 11:45 a.m.**

Our topic this month is “Ethical Issues at End of Life.” Join us to explore the ethical issues at end-of-life regarding treatments such as artificial nutrition and hydration, CPR in advanced illness, dialysis, and long term mechanical ventilation presented by Kristina Kehm, RN, BSN. Kristina earned her BSN degree from Arizona State University in 1994. After that, she immediately dove right into her true passion, home health care. Years later, she incorporated quality assurance/performance improvement to her home health care career, which involves overseeing quality of care, compliance and safety. Kristina currently works in the Quality Department for Hospice Austin providing continuous performance improvement management. She has been in this field for over 8 years.

Hospice Austin is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Nurses attending the entire presentation will receive 1.0 continuing nursing education contact hours.

Hospice Austin is approved as a sponsor by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Social Workers attending the entire presentation will receive 0.1 CEU hours (1.0 contact hours). Unfortunately we will not have CCM’s this month.

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

**This month’s Speaker Sponsor**



**Hospice Austin** is a nonprofit organization that eases the physical, emotional and spiritual pain of any person in our community facing the final months of a serious illness by providing expert and compassionate care, education and bereavement support. Hospice Austin patients and families have the assurance that they are being served by one of the oldest and largest hospice programs in Central Texas. We provide family-centered, quality end-of-life care that emphasizes compassion, dignity, independence and respect.

Hospice Austin offers a full range of health care services such as medical and nursing care, spiritual and emotional support, social work, personal care, special therapies, volunteer and bereavement services. Our services are designed to improve comfort, manage symptoms and deal with other difficulties such as emotional distress and grief. Hospice Austin also provides important emotional and spiritual support to families and friends as they cope with caring for a loved one with an advanced illness, and the grief they experience after their loved one passes. [www.hospiceaustin.org](http://www.hospiceaustin.org)

**This month’s Food Sponsors**



**Harbor Hospice** is a customer service driven hospice agency providing care to patients in

Austin and surrounding areas. Harbor delivers personalized care to patients and families and quick and efficient response to referrals, as well as education for the community through programs such as Caregiver College. Harbor Hospice is committed to educating the community and increasing awareness of the hospice concept of care among medical professionals, lay persons, clergy and those in need of a compassionate approach to care. 1221 West Ben White Blvd Bldg A Ste. 208, Austin, TX 78704, Phone: 512.443.7100

At [BrightStar](http://BrightStar), our goal is to improve the quality of life of those entrusted to our care. We provide companion and personal care services in all areas of Austin and all care and staff are overseen by a Registered Nurse. We can be reached at 512-452-9800. We are a Joint Commission Accredited home care agency.



# Conference Time Again!

Yes, it is that time again.

After reviewing the surveys we ask you all to fill out it is pretty apparent that you would like to have the conference annually.

So with that being said we will have our first conference committee meeting July the 9<sup>th</sup> immediately after our regular meeting. This meeting will be brief.

We will take a look at available dates for the 2014 conference, themes, and meeting dates. The ACMA conference cannot be put on without a committed group of people. If you are interested in being on the conference committee, please try and attend this meeting or let us know.

## 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).

## EVENTS

Recently ACMA was approached by Central Texas Association of Healthcare Quality (CTAHQ) to share our membership with theirs so they could communicate their events with our members. In the interest of privacy the board voted not to share your information but the board did agree to post their meetings and have a link to their website.

CTAHQ meets the third Fridays of the month, except for October when the statewide TAHQ conference occurs, and December. We plan to meet at Brackenridge for the summer, and change our meeting location to St. David's later in the year, for a change of pace.

See their website: <http://www.txquality.org/local-chapters/central-tx.html> And they also have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CentralTexasAssociationForHealthcareQuality>

## TIME TO RENEW! 2013 ACMA membership

The 2013 membership application is on our website at [www.austin-cma.org](http://www.austin-cma.org). You may bring the completed form to the July meeting. Membership is good from January 2013 through December 2013. All renewals are due by April 2013. We will have the new directories at the June meeting. 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 would like to thank AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL again for allowing us to have our monthly meeting at the Nifty Fifty Conference Room for 2013**

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## Looking for Food Sponsors for the Monthly Meetings

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the food for our monthly meeting, please contact Lorna Allen, 512-627-1644 or Jessica Merritt, 512-431-7779. We have a couple of months open. Sponsors are given space in the newsletter to put their company's info and logo, 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.