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June 2011

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, June 14 ★ 11:45 a.m.

This month's meeting will be at North Austin Medical Center Auditorium on the 2nd floor, Tuesday, June 14, 2011 ([Click here for directions](#)) The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. preceded by lunch from approximately 11:15-11:45 a.m.

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 Food Sponsor this month



Acadian Ambulance provides emergency and non-emergency service to Travis, Williamson and Hays counties, is the 911 provider for Bexar County and serves six counties in Southeast Texas.

Acadian has recently joined forces with Central Texas EMS to bring high quality ambulance and medical transport services to the region. With this acquisition, Acadian's operation will be the largest in Central Texas with 15 stations, 350 employees and 70 ambulances. Acadian Ambulance of Central Texas will provide service in Falls, McLennan and Bell counties in addition to the areas already served by Acadian.

Acadian offers a bariatric ambulance with a 1,200-pound capacity, Critical Care Transport units with Multi-Med pumps and ventilators including BiPAP and pressure-support, dialysis transports and event standbys. The Acadian Transport Assistance Center provides 24/7 insurance information and determination of medical necessity from a non-emergency transport specialist.

Established in 1971, Acadian has about 3,600 employees and is nationally accredited, one of only 122 ambulance services in the nation and one of six in Texas to have earned the prestigious designation.

Our topic this month is "The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Medicare." With the Healthcare Reforms passed in 2010, there were significant changes to the Medicare program effective immediately, with more proposed changes over the next nine years. Some changes are very specific; many others have a more generic focus or are long-term goals to improve health delivery systems. This session will review the most important provisions affecting nearly all of the 48 million Americans currently covered under Medicare parts A, B, C and D. Because Accountable Aging Care Management makes national policy changes like these a focus in the comprehensive elder care consulting services they offer, they are very familiar with the affects of the reforms. This session will go over the changes to the new preventive care benefits, the effect on the prescription drug "donut hole" and many other less known changes that everyone involved in elder care and consulting needs to be aware of going forward.

Our Speaker Sponsor this month



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 the website www.accountableaging.com or call 512-342-9800 in Austin.

For those of you who have yet to receive your CEU certificate for either the Apria's March talk or for ACMA's conference:

Apria has the certificates and has attempted to either email them or mail. If you haven't received yours please contact: Courtney Swift, 512-667-4912 or Courtney.Swift@apria.com.

For the ACMA conference: Sheri Allen Wright at sheri@step-ahead-consulting.com

June Health Observations:

- National Scoliosis Awareness Month
- National Men's Health Awareness Month
- Cataract prevention month

Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness in the world. There are close to 22.3 million Americans age 40 and older with cataracts. More than half of all Americans will have cataracts by age 80. [Prevent Blindness America](#) offers tips about prevention and information about treatment.

ACMA meeting days and location subject to change

Please watch the newsletter carefully this year as several of our meeting dates and locations have changed. North Austin Medical

Center is kind enough to allow ACMA to meet at their facility for free and occasionally they need to use the room on our "usual" meeting date. We will send out extra evite reminders when the meeting is on a different date or a different location to remind you. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Friendly Reminder: the August 9th ACMA meeting will be at The Heritage at Gaines Ranch.



2011 Membership Directories

The 2011 membership directories* will be available at the June meeting. If you did not renew your membership for 2011, you will be omitted from the mailing/email list. However, it is never too late to renew your membership. For your convenience we have attached the link to download the membership form on the [ACMA website](#). If you do not have internet access, you can contact Terri Martinez.

We also accept membership applications at the monthly meetings. Membership is good from January 2011 thru December 2011. 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 ask that you respect the privacy of your fellow ACMA members and refrain from using their email and fax information for any advertising unless you have received prior permission from the member.**

Directory Correction

Please note the correct address for Acadian Ambulance Services is 4100 Ed. Bluestein Blvd. #100, Austin, TX 78721.

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Wine Tasting Benefiting Faith In Action Caregivers-Round Rock



June 9, 2011, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at
Sky Ridge Plaza, Round Rock
For ticket information call
512-310-1060.

Download the flyer from
the [ACMA website](#).

Check the website for Jobs and Events

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.)