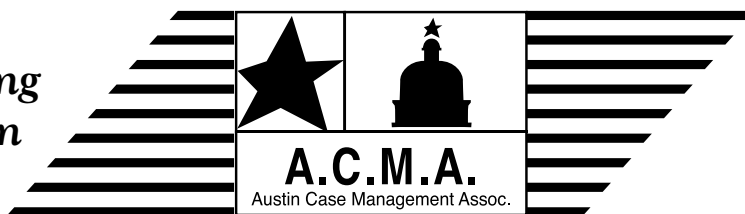


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September 2012

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

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE AS of APRIL Notice: Our Meeting is NOW in Bldg #626

Tuesday, September 11 ★ 11:45 a.m.

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

This month's meeting will be at the Austin State Hospital, at the Nifty Fifty #626 Tuesday, September 11, 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 Food Sponsor

Home Care Providers of Texas is an established medical home health agency that originated in Dallas/Fort Worth and has now expanded to serve the Austin area, offering coverage in Travis and Williamson Counties. Our mission is to provide superior care for patients.



Case Management magazine named HCP of Texas one of their "2011 Best" home healthcare agencies, featuring us on the cover of their October 2011 issue. (www.texascasemanagement.com)

"Using OUR technology to provide Superior care to the people of TEXAS"

In addition to accepting Medicare, HCP of Texas accepts a wide range of private insurances including Tricare, Secure Horizons, and ALL Humana/BCBS/UnitedHealth care plans, with no caps (*exceptions may be made if patient safety cannot be addressed).

We have our own proprietary software that allows online access to real-time clinical documentation and patient information for all medical professionals involved. We offer electronic signature for physicians, and all documentation is maintained digitally for each patient. We are fully EMR compliant.

Intake requests can be processed by phone, fax, on-line, or in person. We have a 24-hour nurse line to address any patient concerns.

Please consider HCP of Texas for your next referral, and contact us any time we may be of help. We look forward to serving your patients' home health needs. Contact info: 800.327.7641 referrals, www.hcpoftexas.com, 800.654.1335 fax

PLEASE **RSVP** as space is limited.

Our topic this month features *Except for Six: Demonstrating the Positive Impact of Hospice Care*, a documentary film/presentation about ending life well, through the care of hospice and family by **Kristina Kehm, RN, BSN** and sponsored by Hospice Austin.

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. Kristina is also a mother of 2 children and enjoys spending time with her family. When not working or volunteering, she also enjoys walking, yoga, and tennis.

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. We envision a community in which people with serious illness live their final months with comfort, dignity and peace. 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 is committed to relieving physical, emotional and spiritual pain so that life can be experienced as fully and hopefully as possible.

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.



8th Annual Coffee Talk Genuine Joe's



Celebrating
Faith In Action Caregivers-
North Central Austin
**Thursday
October 18th
5-7:30pm**

Donate what you can. This is what your donation will do: 100% of the proceeds directly benefit FIAC North Central Austin, a group of 16 congregations working together to care for our older neighbors.

Enjoy an assortment of tasty desserts, while sampling specialty coffees and teas. Silent auction and raffle.

Prizes include: iPad, \$220 HEB Gift Card, Southwest Airline \$500 Gift Card, and many more.

For more information, call (512) 302-5980. To benefit:



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 Laura McManus, 512-796-9068. We have a couple of months open. 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.

First Conference Committee Meeting

We will have our first conference committee meeting immediately after the September meeting. That date is Tuesday, Sept. 11th. Calling all who are willing to REALLY help out.

Save the Date: April 11, 2013

We now have reserved the 2013 conference date. It will be on **Thursday, April 11, 2013**. The theme for the conference will have a Mardi Gras flair. The committee will finalize the details soon. If you have any cool ideas please email them to Lee leebowman911@hotmail.com or Valerie vjkrueger@aol.com.



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).

PLAN of Central Texas

REGISTER NOW! SPACE LIMITED!

CEUs for Social Work, LPC & Psychology

Register for CEUs for Social Worker, LPC and Psychology at the PLAN Symposium on Sept. 14. For more information, see the [website](#). All proceeds will benefit PLAN of Central Texas. PLAN is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, whose mission is to serve individuals and families experiencing mental health issues, as well as caregivers throughout the state. PLAN provides an array of services to address immediate needs, support recovery and plan for the future.

**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.**

2012 membership

The 2012 membership application on our website at www.austin-cma.org. You can bring the completed form to the monthly meeting or mail it with \$30: ACMA, P.O. Box 9601, Austin, TX 78757.

The names of those who have not renewed were dropped from the e-vite newsletter on April 15th, so please **Join Now**.

Membership is good from January 2012 through December 2012. All renewals are due by April 2012. 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.

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