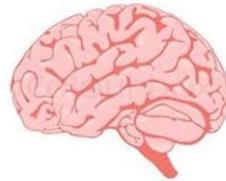


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Thursday,
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Suicide Conference Saturday

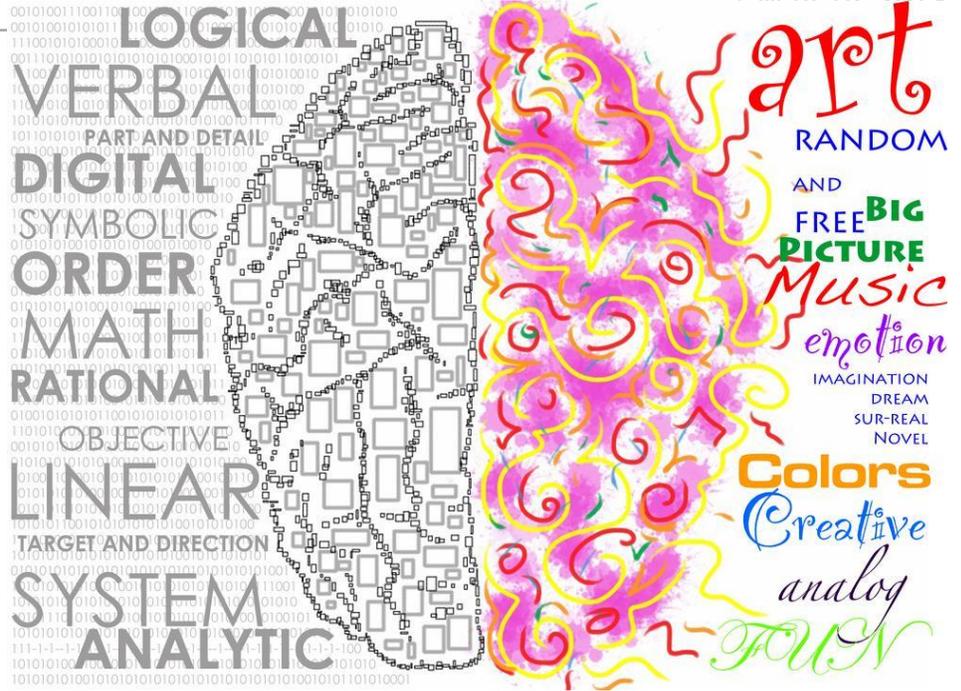
There are just a few seats and workbooks left for this outstanding opportunity. See our website for complete information.

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About PAPN:

PAPN is an organization of professional Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Registered Nurses that provides the education, infrastructure, collaborative relationships and commitment to fulfill our practice and is dedicated to meeting current and future mental health needs with patient-centered and safe mental health care.

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Please join us for the **Suicide Assessment Workshop** on Sat, May 18, 7:30 - 4:00pm, at the Adult Learning Center (west of TJ Maxx in the shopping center), Connection Center, 13150 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, 77079. Parking is free and the location is easy to find. **Pam Greene** will share her wisdom and expertise on suicide prevention and assessment. I know it's hard to give up a Sat! If you have any questions, please email Wanda at Wahillia@utmb.edu or call my cell phone 713-416-9220. We have about five extra seats/workbooks available.

Our next **PAPN meeting** is Thursday, June 27. Our annual Membership meeting with election of the new board members is planned for Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced, so check your e-mails and / or our PAPNHouston.org webpage for the latest updates.

PAPN meets the 4th Thursday, every other month. We have several special events each year, including Socials, Continuing Education Lectures, Psychopharmacology Updates and the annual *Mind Matters*

PAPN Board: If you are interested in becoming a PAPN Board Member, please speak to incoming President Sara Wood. We have several positions available. It's a great way to ensure the longevity of our organization, advance our profession, oh and have fun, too!

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Contact Sara Wood at
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Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas
October 9-12, 2013

Early bird registration ends 8-26-13

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CNAP UPDATE:

Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice - CNAP 83rd Texas Legislature – Update #14

In this issue:

SB 406 hearing in House Committee on Public Health –
House conferees and work plans for SB 1 -
Capitol visit – May 8 – this is the last scheduled
CNAP Capitol visit this session

SB 406 hearing. Senate Bill 406 (Nelson/Kolkhorst), the “agreed-to” bill on delegated prescriptive authority, was heard as the first bill of the day in the House Committee on Public Health (HPH) meeting on Wednesday, April 24. As is typical in the House when a bill is heard for the first time in a committee after all of the public testimony, SB 406 was left pending. Hopefully, it will be voted out of the committee before the end of the month.

Chair Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) laid out the bill and its committee substitute by stating that

getting an “agreed-to” bill has been a long time coming and has been worked on for years. She expressed appreciation to Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound), chair of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee, for working so hard to get the bill to where we are today. Chair Kolkhorst also praised the work of members who have worked in previous sessions on scope-of-practice legislation including Garnet Coleman (D-Houston); Rob Orr (R-Burleson); Elliott Naishtat (D-Austin), Susan King (R-Abilene) and Donna Howard (D-Austin). The Chair also mentioned the interim study issued by Speaker Joe Straus and the work of the Public Health Committee during the interim of the 82nd Texas Legislature in

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2011-12, that included:

Interim Charge #1: Examine the adequacy of the primary care workforce in Texas and assess the impact of an aging population, the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and state and federal funding reductions to graduate medical education and physician loan repayment programs. Make recommendations to increase patient access to primary care and address geographic disparities.

Recommendation: The Legislature should consider replacing and/or revising the current opaque regulatory scheme of physician delegation and supervision with a simpler regulatory framework based upon physician led collaboration with advanced nurse practitioners and physician assistants to allow more flexibility and increase patient access to primary care and address geographic disparities.

Kolkhorst said that past scope-of-practice bills have typically been fraught with much angst and difficulty. She thanked all of the groups for working together this time to craft an agreed-to-bill that increases access to care and maintains patient safety. She outlined the specifics of the bill by saying it:

- Eliminates the current site-based requirements and replaces them with a standardized prescriptive authority agreement that requires practitioners (physicians, advanced practice registered nurses and/or physician assistants) to develop and sign an agreement that is best for their practice as a professional team.
- Establishes minimum standards for prescriptive authority agreements but gives the practitioners flexibility to determine the specifics of the agreement.
- Allows hospital-based practices and practices serving medically underserved populations to

remain unlimited in the number of APRNs and PAs to which a physician may delegate prescriptive authority.

- Increases from four to seven the number of individuals to whom a physician may delegate prescriptive authority at all other practice sites.
- Improves coordination between the boards: Texas Medical Board, Texas Board of Nursing and the Texas Physician Assistants Board.
- Allows physicians to delegate prescriptive authority for Schedule IIs Controlled Substances to APRNs and PAs in hospitals and hospice.

In addition to the above specifics of SB 406 when it was passed by the Senate in February, the committee substitute includes changes agreed to by the professions, Senator Nelson's office and Chair Kolkhorst. These changes include:

- Ensures that APRNs and PAs are treated the same as physicians in Medicaid and CHIP for the purposes of being assigned as primary care providers (PCPs).
- Clarifies that a physician in a hospital may only delegate the prescribing of Schedule II Controlled Substances to APRNs and PAs for patients in the emergency room (ER) and patients admitted to the hospital for an intended length of stay for at least 24-hours.
- Clarifies that the prescribing of durable medical equipment is reimbursable under Medicaid when prescribed by an APRN and PA, to the extent allowed by federal law.
- Clarifies that the limitation on the TMB's rulemaking authority on prescriptive authority agreements does not limit the Board's ability to adopt rules relating to a physician's authority to delegate.
- Sets the effective date of the bill as November 1, 2013.

Kolkhorst said by 2014 an additional 2.4 to 2.6 million Texans will have health insurance, and Texas must meet its healthcare workforce challenges; SB 406 will help. She said there is "no victory with people running around with insurance cards who cannot see a provider." The cost of Medicaid and meeting the workforce challenges will be work that must continue in the future.

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Here is a link to the full interim committee report:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/media/pdf/committees/reports/82interim/House-Committee-on-Public-Health-Interim-Report.pdf>

Public testimony. Just as in the Senate hearing, supporters representing the groups involved in crafting SB 406 provided testimony in its support. After all of the testimony, there were no questions from committee members about the bill. The following is a summary of those comments by groups supporting SB 406:

Dr. Gary Floyd, M.D.; a Fort Worth pediatrician represented the Texas Medical Association (TMA), Texas Pediatric Society (TPS) and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP). Dr. Floyd offered his thanks to both Chair Nelson and Chair Kolkhorst for the bill. He said that the bill replaces the current, cumbersome site-based model with a quality assurance (QA) plan that relies on the professionals to craft an agreement specifically for their practice.

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Employment Opportunities

APN- Advance Practice Nurse Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with Prescriptive Authority

DAPA Psychiatric & Substance Abuse Programs is seeking a Part-Time (or Full-Time) **Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Nurse Practitioner/or Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist with Prescriptive Authority**, approved by Texas Board of Nursing, to join our well established (since 1981) Partial Day Hospital (PHP) and outpatient clinic in Houston, TX.

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Part-Time: 3-4 days a week from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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No weekend or night call is required for either Contract Position.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current RN license and an Advanced Practice License with Prescriptive Authority from the Texas Board of Nursing.
- Graduate of an Accredited Advanced Nurse Practitioner Program and a Psychiatry/Mental Health Focus Recognized and approved by The Texas Board of Nursing.
- Active Federal DEA number and State of Texas DPS number.
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with inclusive history.
- Current CE's.

Requirements (contd)

- Medicare Provider (or Eligible)
- References required (Ex: accredited nursing agencies, psychiatry/ mental health medical professionals, etc).
- No pending disciplinary actions with the Texas Board of Nursing, or any other State Board of Nursing, or any Federal, State, County, City, Parrish government agency.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, a high standard of care for our patients, knowledge of regulations.
- 2 years' experience Advanced Nurse Practice in the focus of Psychiatry/Mental Health Focus preferred.
- Master's Degree preferred.

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PMHNP with DPS / DEA needed for Grief Counseling Group in the SW part of Houston area. Working with pediatric, adolescents and adults. Monday through Friday days only. There are psychiatrists and psychologists and counselors on-site. If interested, contact **Kala Johnson at Pro Health Staffing** at 713-655-1555.



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Ms. Jean Gisler, (MSN, RN, CFNP) supported SB 406 and represented the Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice (CNAP), Texas Nurses Association (TNA) and Texas Nurse Practitioners (TNP). Ms. Gisler said that while the bill is not everything we wanted, it goes a long way to improve the current, complicated site-based model followed for many years. She said these changes will help practitioners understand and comply with the law. She went on to say that this bill will “improve access to care.”

Ms. Gisler noted that the number of primary care physicians in Texas has been in a steady decline for the past 10 years or so, and during the same time the number of APRNs has increased 138 percent. In 2011, certified nurse midwives, PAs and nurse practitioners rendered 40.6 percent of primary care, which was an increase of 27.1 percent since 2001. This bill will help meet the state’s access to care problems.

Todd Pickard, a PA at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, testifying on behalf of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, told the Committee that his group also supported SB 406. Mr. Pickard said that the PAs were very excited about this bill as it is a road forward with less bureaucratic confusion so that medical teams can work together, which is the direction that medicine is taking.

Additionally, Maureen Milligan, president and CEO of the Teaching Hospitals of Texas, testified in support of SB 406. She said it improves access to care and improves quality and coordination of work by the boards to focus on “team care.”

Please e-mail Trish Conratt, CNAP Public Policy Director, at trish@cnaptexas.org if interested in visiting elected officials at the Capitol. Legislators and their staff will be scrambling to get their bills passed or attached to other germane bills that are moving as mid-May deadlines kick-in and most bills are on life support.

Your presence and voice are needed! Make plans now to come advocate in Austin.

Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals Saturday, May 18, 2013 8:00-4:30pm

Adult Learning Center (west of TJ Maxx), Connection Center, 13150 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, 77079

This is a one-day workshop for mental health professionals on assessing suicide risk, planning treatment, and managing the ongoing care of the at-risk client.

Presenter: Pam Greene, PhD, RN, *Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, The Menninger Clinic*. *Dr. Greene is a certified trainer for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and has been a speaker on suicide prevention with psychiatric clients for over ten years. Her doctoral research addressed nurses who work with suicidal adolescents.*

Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk includes:

- 6 ½ hours of training, comprised of an engaging mix of lecture and exercises
- A 110-page participant manual, including an extensive bibliography and other valuable resources
- A video presentation in eight segments, highlighting the competencies taught
- Journaling throughout the day
- Ample time for discussion

The registration fee for PAPN & Menninger employees is \$150. All others, \$200. Price includes all materials, workbook, CEU’s, lunch, and refreshments. Contact Wanda Hilliard for late registration at 713-416-9220.