

THE COALITION VOICE

**A newsletter of the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Coalition
April 2004**

Welcome to the April Edition of the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition E-Newsletter.

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TRAINING CALENDAR

Saturday, May 15 – Austin Convention Center

"Cancer - What Primary Care Physicians Need to Know" in conjunction with the Texas Medical Association's TexMed event May 13-15th at the Austin Convention Center. This one day symposia offers 6.5 AMA/PRA Category 1 credit hours and is FREE to TMA members and Texas medical students. Hosted by the Physician Oncology Education Program (POEP).

While at the TexMed event, visit Exhibit Booth #344 May 13 & 14. POEP will showcase the latest CME Modules and online tools available for early detection and treatment of cancer. For more information, visit www.texmed.org

Tuesday, May 11 – Odessa

“Creating Cancer Care Teams” a workshop for cancer patients and their family caregivers. Hosted by the Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans. For info call 409/772-2335.

Wednesday/Thursday, August 25-26 – Texas Medical Association, Austin

Grant writing/application training at a rate you can afford!!!

The Physician Oncology Education Program (POEP) hosts the State Grants Team August 25-26, 2004. Just \$75 for a 2-day training session. Seating is limited to 20, so please call Karen Baskin at 512.370.1672 to reserve your space.

Two NEW Independent studies for nurses - “Your Time, Your Place”

Two NEW online studies for nurses are available through the Nurse Oncology Education Program (NOEP):

Managing Pain in the Older Person – 1.1 Contact Hours

Symptom Management at the End-of-Life 1.1 Contact Hours.

Both are available free at <http://www.noeptexas.org/ce/onlinece.asp>

To order print versions of these studies (\$5.00 charge upon completion to obtain CNE), call 800.515.6770 or email noep@texasnurses.org

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CONFERENCES

NEW POSTINGS

Nurse Oncology Education Program Conference schedule:

The following events are available for nurses.

May 11 – Antifungals: More Choices and Questions (APON), Dallas

June 5 – Cancer Symptom Management, Midland

June 25 – Pain Management, Bryan

July 23 – Pain and Palliative Care, Denison

August 28 – Annual Oncology Symposium, Lubbock

For more information or to register go to www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

REMINDERS

June 3-4 Austin, Renaissance Austin Hotel

A Common Thread...Social Work Competency in the Key Social Issue of this Century. Contact the Texas Partnership for End-of-Life Care at 512/453-9600

July 26-29 Navasota, Camp Allen Retreat Center

All Well Institute: Developing Leaders for School Health - Get More in 2004:

Healthy Kids/Healthy Schools. www.schoolhealth.info click on the “star”, or contact Shelley Summers at 512/919-1726 or email Shelley.Summers@cancer.org

NEWS NEWS NEWS

Mickey Jacobs Moves To New Position

After six years of leading the Texas Cancer Council, TCC’s Executive Director, Mickey Jacobs, has accepted a position with the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). This large, newly consolidated agency is comprised of four ‘legacy’ agencies, including the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, where Mickey devoted 12 of her 23 years of state experience to helping people with disabilities to live independently. Mickey will lead the Program Support division for the new agency. Her last day at TCC will be May 7th. “These years have been the most fulfilling of my career,” she shared. “No one could ask for a finer staff or governing board, and the project staff are top notch. I’m so excited about my new position, but I will miss my wonderful friends and colleagues in the cancer control field.” The Council and staff appreciate Mickey’s vision and skillful leadership and the contributions that she has made to the vitality of the Council’s work. We wish her the best in her new position.

Community Forums Complete One Phase of Cancer Plan Input

Community forums have been completed in eight communities across the state to gather local input into the *Texas Cancer Plan*. Participants were generous with their time and ideas and were enthusiastic about the opportunity to meet together. Forums were held in San Antonio, Abilene, Houston, McAllen, Midland, Nacogdoches, Fort Worth and Laredo. A final report will be presented to the TCC the first of June.

Most groups spontaneously began to plan future get-togethers to discuss issues and opportunities. Their universal request for a list of local discussion participants has already been met by Coalition support staff.

Cancer Information At Your Fingertips – Pass It On

As we all know, one of the most important services to cancer patients and their families is easy access to information about diagnosis, treatment, and resources.

For over two decades, the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS) has been the foremost source for the latest, most accurate cancer information for patients, the public and health professionals. It provides user-friendly current scientific information, supports organizations developing education projects and studies ways to communicate cancer information effectively.

The CIS is the “voice” of NCI. Trained Information Specialists are available to answer questions in English or Spanish and explain sometimes complex, scientific information. CIS can be reached by calling the toll-free number 1-800-4-CANCER or online at www.cancer.gov.

Texas CCC Coalition member Lynne Nguyen is the Director for the South Central Region (Texas and Oklahoma) of the National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Information Service. She is located at U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute in Houston, 713/792-3363.

New Colon Cancer Promotion Online

The American Cancer Society’s new e-promotion on colon cancer is available online. Visit <http://www.myimpactengine.com/go.asp?a=1&t=210190>

CCLI In Austin

Fifteen Coalition members attended the April 27-29 Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Institute in Austin. Texas Cancer Council Program Manager Jane Osmond reports members in attendance provided many great ideas that will be presented to the full coalition with opportunity to respond and comment.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your comments about the newsletter or questions about the Coalition to Susan Nenney, snenney@tcc.state.tx.us or call 512/463-3190 ext. 103.