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As the days of summer come to an end and school resumes, we begin our active schedule for HPS. Dr. Harvey and her team have put together an excellent schedule for this year, beginning this month with Dr. Mark Kunik speaking on the topic of aggression. In addition to our more traditional presentations, the Program Committee has been looking at alternate format meetings such as the resident mixer, hosted by Dr. Harvey held in August. We hope to actively involve the residents in our group this year with an eye towards the future member recruitment and involvement. I will be visiting both Baylor and University of Texas residency training programs this fall to encourage resident participation.

Dr. Dawnelle Schatte is working to reprise last year's HPS involvement in mood disorders screening for Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 7-13). This activity will again include plans to coordinate with the local section of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Details about this year's activities will be available shortly so "save the date" of October 11 to assist with this year's

program.

It's also not too early to reserve your spot at the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians Annual Convention and Scientific Program, "Psychiatry-The Next Generation" which will be held right here in Houston, this November 2-4, at the Westin Galleria Hotel.

Dr. George Santos and his committee have put together another outstanding program with nationally known speakers and including a presentation by NASA psychiatrists. Several of the speaker's are active HPS members and our own Dr. David Axelrad will receive a Distinguished Service Award. I encourage all of you to attend. There are many opportunities for everyone to be involved. I

look forward to seeing all of you there.

Andrew Harper, MD
President



HPS Mission



We strive to:

Promote and improve patient care.

Educate our colleagues and the public on mental health issues.

Enhance community mental health service delivery.

Harris County Health Cooperative's (HCHC) inaugural fundraiser for a not-for-profit county-wide Electronic Medical Record was held Sept. 20th 6:30pm.



HPS Calendar of Meetings

October 17 @ The Briar Club

Seeking Help?

Last Week, a patient contacted me. He is 40 plus and is looking for help with "Gender Identity Disorder." Can you think of any psychiatrist or psychologist in Houston? Thanks.

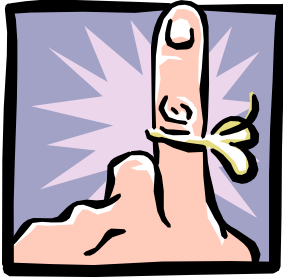


Dr. Ostermeyer, MD

New Group New Year

New group forming at the Baylor Psychiatry Clinic Seeking Participants. An Interpersonal Process Group is forming for patients with primary Affective disorders and Axis II pathology that adversely affects their interactions and relationships with others. Group is to begin Sept. 2007 on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100 intake fee and \$25 per session thereafter. For further information and patient referrals please contact Sylvia Gonzalez, MD (713)798-3998x54739 or Lindsey Pershern, MD (713)798-3998x51534.

Upcoming election for HCMS



Don't Forget to vote for you colleagues for the upcoming election for HCMS!

Vice President– Dr. Harris Hauser

Delegate to the TMA– Dr. Richard Noel

Executive Board Member (4 year term)- Dr. Bernard Gerber

Board of Medical Legislation (3 year term)- Dr. George Santos

We want to extend our Congratulations to our Candidates and wish them Good Luck!

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IDEA Program:

Program orientation: Wednesday Sept. 26
from 6pm to 7:30pm

Juvenile Detention Center Tour: Friday October 5 from 1pm to 2:30pm

Program date: Thursday October 25 from
8:30am to 11am.

