Texas Counseling Association

FY2015 ADVOCACY RESOURCE MANUAL

JUNE 15, 2015
2015 Key Dates in Texas

**January 13, 2015**
Start of the 84th Texas Legislative Session (1st day)
- Legislature convenes at noon

**March 13, 2015**
Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions (60th day)
- Excludes local bills, emergency appropriations and bills that have been declared an emergency by the Governor

**March 17, 2015**
1st TCA Legislative Advocacy Day - Austin, Texas
- Starts at 8am in the Capitol Cafeteria

**April 14, 2015**
2nd TCA Legislative Advocacy Day - Austin, Texas
- Starts at 8am in the Capitol Cafeteria

**May 12, 2015**
3rd TCA Legislative Advocacy Day - Austin, Texas
- Starts at 8am in the Capitol Cafeteria

**June 1, 2015**
Last day of the 84th Regular Legislative Session (140th day)

**June 21, 2015**
Last day the Governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular session

**August 31, 2015**
Date that bills without a specific, effective date become law

**November 3, 2015**
Election Day
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2015 TCA Public Policy Agenda

PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

- Promote justice and dignity for ALL
- Promote timely access to behavioral mental health and educational services for ALL
- Represent ALL Professional Counselors in ALL work settings
- Promote student retention, persistence and success in ALL educational settings
- Support individual and family growth, recovery and development across the lifespan

2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Maintain autonomous regulatory structures for all Professional Counselors.
- Promote access to Certified School Counselors and full implementation of the state-mandated Comprehensive Developmental Guidance and Counseling Program by:
  - Lowering student to Certified School Counselor ratios;
  - Providing online notice when Certified School Counselors are not assigned to a school; and
  - Reducing the amount of time Certified School Counselors spend on non-counseling duties.
- Expand access and increase funding for behavioral, mental health and educational services for underserved populations including those in juvenile and criminal justice systems, the medically underserved, the homeless, and those who are chronically mentally ill.
- Increase access to professional counselors at postsecondary education institutions by:
  - Adding educational and licensing standards for College Counselors to the Education Code; and
  - Lowering student to College Counselor ratios
- Allocate funding for public and higher education based on evidenced-based practices.
- Revise Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE and Medicare rules and Veteran Administration policies to include Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) as independent providers at full reimbursement rates.
Working with Elected Officials: Understanding the Counseling Profession

Who is TCA?

Founded in 1947, the Texas Counseling Association represents more than 7,300 Professional Counselors who work in a variety of settings to empower individuals, families, students and groups to accomplish their mental health, education and career goals.

Who Are Professional Counselors?

Professional Counselors are required by Texas statutes to hold a master’s or doctoral degree, pass rigorous licensing exams, complete extensive hours of post-graduate supervision and pursue continuing education. Certified School Counselors must also have two years of classroom teaching experience.

Professional Counselors work in private practice; at elementary and secondary schools; on college campuses; in criminal justice facilities; at community mental health centers, hospitals, nursing homes, managed care and non-profit agencies; and other settings across Texas.

2014 data from the Department of State Health Services and Texas Education Agency reports there are:

- 21,412 Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC and LPC-Interns) in Texas
- 40,041 Certified School Counselors (CSC) in Texas

Combined there are approximately 61,450 Professional Counselors in Texas making Professional Counselors the largest group of behavioral health professionals in the state.
Working with Elected Officials:  
The Need for Mental Health Services

Current demands in Texas:

206 of the 254 counties in Texas (81%) are federally designated as a Mental Health HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area).

Federally Designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Sept. 2014

206 of Texas’ 254 counties (81%) have whole or partial county Mental Health HPSA

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Working with Elected Officials: Strategies for Effective Advocacy

1. Start regular, personal communications.

Contact your policymakers every month or two, by email, post mail or telephone. When calling, if you can’t actually talk to your policymaker, ask to speak to the staff person who is assigned to the particular issue you are calling about. Sometimes your messages will ask for something specific (e.g., a vote or co-sponsorship), but other times you can share information, ideas and stories that you think will be helpful.

2. Share your experiences, make it personal.

Nothing communicates more effectively than the personal stories we can share about how positive and effective counseling has changed lives in our communities. Policymakers are more responsive to testimonials of this type than they are to statistical information on the effectiveness of counseling or second-hand stories. Also, avoid using industry acronyms in your messaging.

3. Act promptly when you receive TCA Action Alerts.

Send emails or make calls as the Action Alert requests. Personalize all your emails with specific experiences that relate to issues or programs in your community, or your personal expertise – rather than sending the sample without changes.

4. Use personal email addresses and telephone numbers.

Avoid conflicts with employers’ policies and regulations, especially if you work at a public school, college or agency. Do not reply to legislative communications using your work contact information. While you can receive communications on your school or agency email, you can only forward it to your personal email. To share with your colleagues or to respond, be safe and use your personal resources and contact information.
Articulating Your Message

- **CARDINAL RULE #1**: Always be polite in your contacts
- **CARDINAL RULE #2**: Always use your personal email address and telephone number
- Get to know your policymaker before you need something
- Do your homework – know her/his past record on similar issues and which committees and subcommittees he/she serves on
- Ask for what you want
- Keep it simple – be brief and get right to the point
- Identify the bill with a number and brief description
- Share any specialized knowledge you have with your policymaker; avoid using industry acronyms
- Make your story personal with real experiences
- Be constructive, not negative
- Keep calls, emails and letters to one subject/issue to avoid confusion
- Avoid the appearance of a form letter or talking points
- If you don’t have an answer, promise follow-through ASAP
- Be persistent, always follow-up your visit or phone call
- If the policymaker has already supported your position - express thanks
- Never burn your bridges
- Be ready to work hard
Working with Elected Officials: Testimony & Witness Registration

One of the most powerful ways to advocate for a piece of legislation is to testify in support of or against a bill while it is being considered in Committee. Committees solicit public testimony giving individuals the perfect opportunity to share their personal experiences and opinions with several legislators at once. Public testimony is generally limited to 3-5 minutes. You can also opt to formally register you position, for or against a piece of legislation, while it is being considered in Committee. Both are easy ways to significantly impact on the future of a bill.

Committee Witness Registration:

The House and Senate are implementing a new, 5-step paperless process to register for Committee hearings. You must be in the Capitol to register.

1. Select the Committee Hearing
   a. Use an iPad kiosk (located throughout the Capitol) OR
   b. Use your personal iPad, login to the “Public-Capitol” Wi-Fi network.
2. Select the Agenda Item for that Hearing
   a. Register your position for that Agenda Item
   b. Click Next
3. Select who you represent with your position
   a. Yourself OR a Group, Agency, Organization, or Governmental Entity
   b. Click Next
4. Enter your personal contact information
   a. Optional: Save your contact information to be used again for future Committee Hearings
5. Verify your personal contact info, registration and position on the Agenda Item
   a. Click Finish
The Texas Legislature is composed of the Senate (31 members) and the House of Representatives (150 members). The legislature is biennial. It meets every two years in a Regular session that begin in January and is limited to 140 calendar days. The Governor may call (successive) special session(s) of the legislature which are limited to 30 days. Bills may start in either the House or the Senate.
Legislative Committee Chairs have a significant influence over the future life of a bill. Once the bill is in committee, it is up to that committee, in particular its Chair, to determine if the bill will be set for a hearing or reported from committee. Most of the work is done on a bill while it is in committee. In the House, the House Calendars Committee schedules bills for consideration on the floor, or they die for that Legislative Session. In the Senate, the Lt. Governor and the Senate Administration Committee schedule bills for consideration.
Professional Counselors – Mental Health Facts

Mental Health Care in Texas:

- 4.3 million Texans have a diagnosable mental health disorder (including 1.2 million children). Of these, 1.5 million are unable to function at work, school, or in the community due to their illness.
- Only 37.5% of Texan adults with a mental illness received mental health treatment or counseling from 2009-2013.
- 10.5% of all Texan adolescents had at least one Major Depressive Episode (MDE) within the past year.
- Only 35.5% of Texan adolescents with Major Depressive Episode received treatment for their depression from 2009-2013.
- Texas averages 6 deaths each day by suicide; 90% related to untreated or under-treated mental illness.
- 74% of Texans have experienced some form of domestic violence or have a family member or friend who has experienced it.
- 81% of Texas counties (206 out of the 254) are federally designated as Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- Texas’ per capita spending on mental health services is only $38.99. The national average is $120.56, ranking Texas second to last nationwide.
- Average per day costs of community-based services in Texas is $12 for adults, $13 for children, as compared to $401 for a State Hospital, $137 for a jail, and $986 for an ER visit.

Professional Counseling Effectiveness - Studies Show:

- 75-80% of patients who enter psychotherapy show benefit; both across a wide range of disorders and different therapy formats including individual, couple, family, and group therapies.
- Longer-term psychotherapy treatment is significantly more effective than short-term treatment.
- Patients provided with counseling services report significant reduction in symptoms for anxiety, depression, self-esteem and quality of life.
- It is cost effective to prevent the initial onset of depression in high risk individuals, including those who do not meet full criteria for major depression, because almost half of those individuals who have a first episode of depression will go on to have a second.
- Drug abuse treatment has been shown to reduce drug use by 40%-60% and significantly reduces criminal activity during and after treatment.
Professional Counselors – Criminal Justice Facts

Juvenile and Criminal Justice in Texas:

- Texas has nearly 8 times as many people with serious mental illness in prison as it does in psychiatric hospitals.
- People with mental illness stay in jail and prison 2 to 5 times longer than other inmates.
- 56% of young offenders in Texas juvenile justice facilities are diagnosed as being mentally ill – outnumbering youth offenders who are gang members.
- More than 80% of Texas adult prison inmates are school dropouts.
- About ½ of all inmate suicides are committed by inmates who are seriously mentally ill.

Professional Counseling Effectiveness - Studies Show:

- Juveniles in Texas’ Special Needs Diversionary Program who receive Cogitative Behavioral Therapy, Group Therapy, Psychological services or Individual Therapy have much lower re-offense rates (28-34%) than those offenders in Texas’ juvenile justice system who do not receive mental health services.
- 57% of former prisoners who received drug abuse treatment and aftercare remained arrest free for 3½ years, in comparison with only 25% of the control group.
- Multiple studies show that cognitive skills training, intensive drug treatment, residential treatment, prison education and work programs, and sex offender treatment in criminal justice settings are effective interventions.
Professional Counselors – Public Education Facts

Public Education in Texas:

- 10.5% of all Texan adolescents (193,000+) had at least one Major Depressive Episode (MDE) within the past year.
- Nationally, 50% of students aged 14 and older with mental illness dropout of high school, the highest dropout rate of any disability group.
- 16% of Texas high school students thought seriously about suicide and 9% attempted suicide in the past year.
- Nationally, suicide is the second leading cause of death for 15-19 year olds.
- A 2011 study of all Texas public school seventh graders found that over 6 years, 60% of students were suspended or expelled. School disciplinary action increases a student’s chance of involvement in the juvenile or criminal justice system.
- 88% of Texas public school students will graduate from high school.
- Only 55% of Texas high school graduates will attend college.
- Texas ranks 44th nationwide in per pupil state and local public school expenditures.

Professional Counseling Effectiveness - Studies Show:

- Students attending schools with a fully implemented Comprehensive Developmental Guidance and Counseling Program have significantly higher test scores and on-task behavior, earn higher grades, feel their campus is safe, have better relationships with teachers, believe education is more relevant to their future, feel satisfied with the quality of their education, and report that career and college information is readily available.
- School counselors reduce misbehavior in boys by 29% and girls by 20%.
- Hiring a school counselor to improve student academic achievement is twice as effective as hiring an additional teacher to reduce classroom size.
- School counselors are proven effective in preventing students from committing suicide.
- Students at risk of dropping out significantly improved achievement, classroom behavior, and self-esteem after 6 months of participation in both tutoring and counseling, compared with just tutoring alone.
- 83% of failing elementary students who participate in small group counseling improved in their grades.
- Students who participate in career development curriculum show significantly more understanding of career possibilities, more future orientation, and greater self-efficacy and increased school engagement.
Higher Education in Texas:

- In Texas, 43% of whites, 72% of African-Americans, and 58% of Hispanics at public two-year colleges, require remediation.
- Nationally, just 28% of college freshman are enrolled in remedial or developmental classes.
- In Texas, only 36-38% of African-Americans and Hispanics graduate from four-year institutions within six years, compared with 56% of whites.
- By 2025, only 38% of Texans will hold a two-year degree or higher.
- 45.1% of college students report feeling hopeless, 10.7% report being diagnosed with and receiving treatment for depression, and 14.6% report using 1 or more prescription drugs not prescribed to them.
- 70% of students who receive college counseling report that personal problems impact their academic performance.
- College students report that impediments to their academic performance include: stress, sleep difficulties, anxiety, work, depression, concern for a troubled friend or family member and relationship difficulties.
- Young adult years (ages 18-25) have the highest level of mental illness (30%).

Professional Counseling Effectiveness - Studies Show:

- 69% of students report positively that Counseling Services helped with their academic performance.
- 1 in 5 students attending college counseling is considering withdrawing from school.
- College students receiving counseling have an 85% retention rate compared to 74% for the general student body.
- Students who participate in college counseling show positive changes in measured quality of life satisfaction, which is more predictive of student retention than overall GPA.
- College Counseling Centers report a recent shift in the needs of students seeking counseling services, from developmental and informational needs, to more severe psychological problems.
- 26% of graduate students report utilizing on-campus college counseling services.
Professional Counselors – VA and TRICARE Facts

Mental Health Care and the VA:

- In August of 2014, there were 152 job postings by U.S. VA facilities for Clinical Social Workers, 72 for Psychologists and just 12 for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs).
- In 2006, Congress passed the Veterans Benefits, Healthcare, and Information Technology Act enabling LPCs to provide treatment to veterans in the VA.
- In 2011, the VA adopted occupational standards to hire LPCs however there is little evidence the VA is hiring significant numbers of LPCs in Texas and nationwide.
- In the summer of 2014, final TRICARE Rules were adopted and include language that 1) allows more mental health clinicians to supervise the hours of LPCs and 2) extends the transition period for grandfathering in practicing LPCs by two years.

Mental Health and Veterans:

- Every 80 minutes a U.S. veteran commits suicide.
- An estimated 25 to 30% of the veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have reported symptoms of a mental disorder or cognitive condition.
- Almost half of all U.S. veterans will wait 50+ days to be screened by the VA to receive services. Once screened, many wait even longer to actually receive treatment.

Professional Counselors WANT to Help:

Licensed Professional Counselors are currently an untapped resource to help provide necessary mental health services to our veterans. Some are even veterans themselves who are being excluded from hire by the VA. Like their clinical social work and psychologist counterparts, LPCs are specifically trained to provide a variety of counseling and mental health services to help our veterans heal. Professional counselors in Texas are asking our congressional delegation to direct the VA to expand employment opportunities to include LPCs which will help to address the unmet behavioral health needs of our veterans and their families.
Mental Health Services in Texas:

- 206 of the 254 counties in Texas (81%) are federally designated as Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- 12% of Texas residents are Medicare beneficiaries (3.18 million).
- 1.4 million Texans used Medicare Hospital Outpatient Services in 2010.
- 1 in 4 Texans lack health insurance.
- 4.5 million Texas adults have a diagnosable mental health disorder; of these, 1.2 million are unable to perform at work, school or in the community due to their illness.
- Only 37.5% of Texan adults with a mental illness received mental health treatment or counseling from 2009-2013.
- 60% of seriously mentally ill adults who are served in the public mental health system in Texas are uninsured.

Mental Health and the Eligible Medicare Population:

- Nationwide, approximately 37% of seniors display symptoms of depression in a primary care environment.
- In the U.S., at least 5.6 million to 8 million older adults (about 14 to 20% of the overall elderly population) have one or more mental disorders.
- Mental health conditions in older Americans are associated with a wide range of negative effects, including increased functional disability, reduced physical health, increased mortality, higher rates of suicide, and high overall treatment costs.
- The Institute of Medicine recently reported that the “burden of mental illness and substance use disorder in older adults in the U.S. borders on a crisis,” and there is a “conspicuous lack” of national attention to ensuring sufficient numbers of mental health service providers for the rapidly growing elderly population.

Professional Counselors WANT to Help:

LPCs in Texas are an untapped resource who WANT to help our elderly and disabled heal. Unfortunately, LPCs are effectively prohibited from aiding this population because their services are not covered under Medicare. Counselors in Texas are asking our congressional delegation to support legislation that would establish LPCs as Medicare providers for medically necessary outpatient psychotherapy services. If LPCs were included as Medicare providers, many of Texas' 206 Health Provider Shortage Area counties would drop off that list.
Website Shortcuts and Vanity URLs

TEXAS LEGISLATURE, STATE AGENCIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Texas Legislature Online  www.capitol.state.tx.us
- Texas Legislature Online – Mobile  www.txlegis.com
- Who Represents Me?  www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us
- Texas House of Representatives  www.house.state.tx.us
- Texas Senate  www.senate.state.tx.us
- Texas Legislative Reference Library  www.lrl.state.tx.us
  Legislation status by subject area, bill number
- FAQs and basic info on the Texas Legislature  www.capitol.state.tx.us/resources/faq.aspx
- Texas Education Agency  www.tea.state.tx.us
- Texas State Board for Educator Certification  www.tea.state.tx.us
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  www.thecb.state.tx.us
- TSBEP and TSBEMFT: State Boards of Examiners for Licensed
  www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor
  www.dshs.state.tx.us/mft
- County Officials  www.county.org
- City Officials  www.texas.gov
- Local Schools, Boards, Districts  askted.tea.state.tx.us

U.S. CONGRESS

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TCA ADVOCACY

- Public Policy Homepage  www.txca.org/advocacy
- 84th Legislative Coverage  www.txca.org/stateissues
- Advocacy Days  www.txca.org/advocacydays
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*Dear Senator (last name),*

**State Representative**
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The Honorable (full name)  
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*Dear Senator (last name),*

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*Dear Representative (last name),*
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Advocacy Committee
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Advocacy…a privilege
As citizens of this nation,
But more than that,
A professional obligation.

A great opportunity
For becoming involved,
To influence public policy
Before it evolves.

Representing others
As counselors do,
Our profession,
The public, clients too.

Building relationships
With legislators before
We ask for support
On the chamber floor.

It means delivering
A consistent message,
Assuring we accomplish
Our agenda’s passage.

Rallying the grassroots
To respond to the call.
Contacting policymakers,
United one and all.

Visiting the Capitol
On Advocacy Days,
Finding our way through
The legislative maze.

It is how we are heard,
Express our views
And focus attention
On mental health issues!

It always begins
With one or two
Dedicated individuals
Who see it through.

With best intentions,
TCA members all,
We are OUR profession
And always on call!

Are you that advocate?!
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