



Keeping Our Balance: Staying Grounded While Soaring to New Heights

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Understanding that the patient's emotional and social needs have a significant impact on physical wellbeing is the foundation of a strong medical social work practice. In the future, with new health care initiatives, social workers will continue to be challenged to provide new practice techniques to maintain and improve theory based strategies for patient care. Our ability to balance our core values while continuing to grow and adapt propels our profession to new heights.

Conference Objectives:

1. Understand and discuss methods for building a strong psychosocial practice foundation amidst the changing healthcare landscape.
2. Increase knowledge of how to maintain consistent ethical practice models across changing environments.
3. Explore the growing role of evidence informed practice, theory and research in medical social work.

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Featured Speakers

Keynote

Lovell A. Jones, PhD

Dr. Jones is the founding co-chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council, the nation's largest multicultural health policy group focused on minorities, the medically underserved and cancer. He has edited "Minorities & Cancer," one of the few comprehensive textbooks on this subject. He is the founding chair of "Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer," the nation's largest multicultural conference which provides a forum for exchanging the latest scientific and treatment information. This biennial conference brings together people from all ethnic communities and social strata to share strategies for reducing the incidence of cancer among these populations. Dr. Jones spearheaded regional hearings on cancer and the poor for the American Cancer Society. In 2002, Dr. Jones, along with Dr. Armin Weinberg, the other cofounder of the Intercultural Cancer Council, received the Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society.



Closing Plenary

Erine Gray, BA, MPA

Erine has been working on business and technology consulting projects for more than 12 years. His current company, Aunt Bertha, is making it easy for people to find food, health, housing and education programs. He studied economics at Indiana University, public policy at the University of Texas and spent eleven years consulting (five of which were spent helping governments run better). He founded Aunt Bertha in 2010 because he strongly believes people can and will help themselves if given the right tools. Prior to founding Aunt Bertha, he directed more than 60 employees within a project responsible for administering the application process for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Aunt Bertha's mission is to make human service program information more accessible to both people and programs.



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Conference Agenda

7:15 - 8:00	Check-in and Breakfast		
<u>Welcome</u> 8:00 - 8:10	<u>Welcome</u> Margaret Meyer		
<u>Keynote</u> 8:10 - 9:15	<u>Health Disparities</u> Dr. Lovell Jones		
<u>Breakout 1</u> 9:30 - 10:30	<u>Suicide Risk Assessment*</u> Mark Anderson and Donna Suckow	<u>Legal Issues in Social Work*</u> B. Denyse Thierry	<u>Student Track</u> <u>Student to Social Worker</u> Jacqueline Garza and Clemencia Lara <u>Career Building</u> Lynn Waldmann
	<u>Adolescents/Young Adults</u> Wendy Griffith, Marisa Mir and Debbie Schultz	<u>Burn Survivors</u> Amy Barrera-Kovach	
<u>Breakout 2</u> 10:45 - 11:45	<u>MD Anderson Panel</u> Chelsea Batchelder, Lisa Getz, April Greene and Traci Newsom	<u>Health Disparities Breakout</u> Dr. Lovell Jones	Networking and Poster Viewing
<u>Breakout 3</u> 1:15 - 2:15	<u>Trauma Informed Practice</u> Dr. Sandra Lopez	<u>Art and Breast Cancer</u> Dr. Irene Korcz	
<u>Breakout 4</u> 2:30 - 3:30	<u>Minors and Informed Consent*</u> Heather DeRousse and Morgan Henry	<u>Family Conference at End of Life*</u> Luke Coulson	
<u>Closing Plenary</u> 3:45 - 5:00	<u>Access to Resources</u> Erine Gray		

*Denotes Social Work Ethics CEU

CEU Certificates, Verification of Attendance and Evaluations

This program is approved for 7 continuing education contact hours (Provider #4607). Programming for the conference starts with Friday morning's Keynote Speaker at 8:00 a.m. and includes all educational sessions offered through adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

In order to apply for continuing education credit, participants must complete an attendance monitoring form and evaluation at the conclusion of the conference attesting to the number of continuing education hours earned. Certificates of completion will be provided to attendees on-site.

Special Assistance

Contact the Social Work at 713-792-6195 if you have any special dietary or ADA accommodation needs.

Accommodations

Houston Marriott at the Texas Medical Center

Walking distance to the conference site

6580 Fannin Street

Houston, Texas 77030

713-796-0080

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Houston

Walking distance to the conference site

6800 Main Street

Houston, Texas 77030

713-528-7744

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Taxicabs are available at an estimated cost of \$40-60 to or from William P. Hobby Airport or George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

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Super Shuttle operates a shuttle bus between William P. Hobby Airport and the Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center Hotel for \$18 one-way, and \$32 round-trip. For more information, call 713-523-8888 or toll free at 800-258-3826 or on-line at www.supershuttle.com.

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Please make sure to obtain a SMART CHIP when you enter the parking garage, rather than using your credit card. The Smart Chip is needed in order to validate parking for the day.

For additional parking information, visit www.tmcmaps.info.

Check-in and Registration Information

Check-in begins at 7:15 a.m. on Friday April 12, 2013 in the foyer of the Robert C. Hickey Auditorium, which is located near Elevator A on the 11th floor of the MD Anderson Cancer Center Main Building, 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston, Texas. The opening keynote address will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the conference will adjourn at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2013. Advance registration is encouraged as space and materials are limited. Please see the registration form for applicable fees.

The conference registration fee includes tuition, breakfast, lunch and parking validation.

The deadline for advance registration is March 15, 2013.

Participants can register online at keepingourbalance.eventbrite.com.

Payment will only be accepted by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, Discover, and Visa).

If you register online, a receipt/confirmation letter will be automatically e-mailed to the e-mail address you provide on the registration form.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

The registration fee, minus a \$50 administrative handling fee, is refundable if a verbal request is received on or before **Monday, March 18, 2013**. No refunds will be granted after that date. Although no refunds will be granted after **March 18, 2013**, you may transfer your registration to a colleague. For additional information, contact the Department of Social Work at 713-792-6195.

The Department of Social Work reserves the right to cancel activities prior to the scheduled date if low enrollment or other circumstances make it necessary. Each registrant will be notified by mail, e-mail, or at the phone numbers given on the online registration form.

In case of activity cancellation, the liability of the Department of Social Work is limited to the registration fee. The Department of Social Work will refund the full registration fee. The Department of Social Work reserves the right to limit the number of participants in a program and is not responsible for any expenses incurred by an individual whose registration is not confirmed and for whom space is not available.