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52nd Annual Vital Statistics Conference

On December 3-5, 2006, vital statistics partners from around the state gathered at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin for the 52nd Annual Vital Statistics Conference. Participants could choose from more than 40 sessions with topics ranging from electronic death registration to fraud detection and prevention. Over 550 county and district clerks, city secretaries, midwives, local health department employees, justices of the peace, and staff and administrators from hospitals, birthing centers, and funeral homes attended the three-day conference.



Dr. Joycelyn Elders (right) pictured with Geraldine Harris (left)

Photo courtesy of External Communications, Department of State Health Services

The conference featured an Opening Address by Senator Kirk Watson, who spoke about leadership, including the qualities of an effective leader. Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders delivered the Keynote Address and spoke about the importance of vital statistics and the key roles of statewide partners.

An awards luncheon was held to recognize vital statistics partners that achieved excellence in vital registration. Forty-six local registration offices, 51 hospitals/birthing centers/midwives, and 15 funeral homes/mortuary services met five criteria to achieve the Five-Star award. (See page 2 for a complete list of the 2006 Five-Star Award recipients.)

Seventeen individuals were recognized for meeting the requirements to be certified as 2006 Master Registrars. These individuals completed a week-long class and presented a seminar at a vital statistics conference or developed a vital statistics project. (See page 4 for a complete list of the 2006 Master Registrars.)

In addition, two special awards for "Outstanding Partnership" were presented to Broussard's Mortuary in Southeast Texas - Golden Triangle and Porter Loring Mortuary in San Antonio for their efforts in the implementation of the TER-Death Registration System.

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2006 Texas Vital Statistics Five-Star Award Winners

Local Registrar Vital Registration Award Recipients

Exemplary

City of Austin
City of Texas City
Comal County Clerk

DeWitt County Clerk
Kerr County Clerk
Montgomery County Clerk

Rusk County Clerk

Recognized

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Dept
Bosque County Clerk
Brazoria County Clerk
City of Atlanta
City of Bedford
City of Bryan
City of Harlingen
City of Laredo
City of Lewisville
City of McAllen
City of Mission
City of North Richland Hills
City of Orange
City of San Marcos

City of Victoria
City of Weslaco
Cooke County Clerk
Denton County Clerk
Ector County Clerk
Frio County Clerk
Gregg County Clerk
Guadalupe County Clerk
Hunt County Clerk
Llano County Clerk
Madison County Clerk
Maverick County Clerk
Midland County Clerk
Northeast Texas Public Health Dept (Tyler, Smith Co)

Parker County Clerk
Rockwall County Clerk
Scurry County Clerk
Shelby County Clerk
Taylor County Clerk
Waco/McLennan Co Public Health Dept
Ward County Clerk
Washington County Clerk
Webb County Clerk
Wichita Falls Public Health Dept
Williamson County Clerk

Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife Registration Award Recipients

Baylor Medical Center at Garland
Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie
Bayshore Medical Center
Campbell Health System
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital
Cleveland Regional Medical Center
Conroe Regional Medical Center
Daughters of Charity Healthcare
Services of Austin - Seton Southwest
Del Sol Medical Center
Guadalupe Regional Medical Center
Harlingen Medical Center
Harris Methodist Erath County

Harris Methodist HEB
Harris Methodist Southwest
Hendrick Medical Center
King's Daughters Hospital
Las Colinas Medical Center
Las Palmas Medical Center
McKenna Memorial Hospital
Medical Center of Arlington
Medical Center of Lewisville
Medical Center of Plano
Medical City Dallas Hospital
Medina Community Hospital
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
Moore County Hospital District
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
Nix Health Care System
North Texas Medical Center
Ochiltree General Hospital

Palestine Regional Medical Center
Presbyterian Hospital of Denton
Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
Richardson Regional Medical Center
San Jacinto Methodist Hospital
Sierra Medical Center
Southwest General Hospital
St. David's Georgetown Hospital
St. Luke's Baptist Hospital
Tomball Regional Hospital
Trinity Community Medical Center
United Regional Health Care System - Eighth Street
University Medical Center
Uvalde Memorial Hospital
Valley Baptist Medical Center - Brownsville
Woodland Heights Medical Center
Yoakum County Hospital

Funeral Home/Mortuary Service Registration Award Recipients

All Texas Mortuary Service, LL.C
Brookehill Funeral Home
Ellis Funeral Home - Midland
Forest Lawn Funeral Home - Dallas

Garza Memorial Funeral Home
Guajardo Funeral Home
Harrel Funeral Home, LTD.
Kerrville Funeral Home, Inc.
Nieto-Dickey Funeral Home
Porter Loring Mortuary - San Antonio

Resthaven Funeral Home - Lubbock
Sanders Funeral Home
Schmidt Funeral Home - Katy
Victoria Mortuary Services
Winscott Road Funeral Home

2007 Texas Vital Statistics Regional Conferences

The Texas Vital Statistics/Department of State Health Services and the Texas Public Health Association will be co-sponsoring the 2007 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences this Summer. The day-long conferences will begin at 8:30 am and end at 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Locations and dates are as follows:

August 6 - Wichita Falls
(Monday)

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel (940) 766-6000
401 Broad Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301
\$60 single/double room; cut-off for group rate is 7/22/2007

August 8 - College Station
(Wednesday)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (979) 485-8300
2500 Earl Rudder Freeway, College Station, TX 77840
\$85 single/double room; cut-off for group rate is 7/18/2007;
Group ID: SVS (Summer Vital Statistics)

August 10 - Corpus Christi
(Friday)

Holiday Inn Emerald Beach (361) 883-5731
1102 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401
\$85 single/double room; cut-off date for group rate is 7/26/2007; Group ID: TPH

August 13 - Kerrville
(Monday)

YO Ranch Resort Hotel & Conference Center (830) 257-4440
2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX 78028
\$81.75 single/double room; \$149 family suite; \$175 one bedroom rate;
cut-off date for group is 7/11/2007; Group ID: TXPHA Vital Stats Summer Workshop

Who should attend? All persons involved in the completion and registration of births, deaths, and acknowledgments of paternity in Texas.

Registration: Registration by mail encouraged. Space is limited - no refunds. Registration Fee: \$65.00
Registration by Mail Deadline: Post-marked by July 30, 2007. Late/on-site Registration Fee: \$75.00
To expedite on-site registration, this form may be faxed to 512-336-0533 until August 1, 2007.

Continuing Education Units: Continuing education accreditation is being submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services Midwifery Program, American Health Information Management Association, Texas Funeral Service Commission, Texas Justice Court Training Center, and the County & District Clerk's Association of Texas.

Registration Questions: Texas Public Health Association, 512-336-2520

Program Questions: 1-888-963-7111, extensions 2530 or 2949

2007 Regional Conference Registration Form

Please type or print.

Name: _____ Name of Company/Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Attending Conference in:

Wichita Falls - August 6th College Station - August 8th
 Corpus Christi - August 10th Kerrville - August 13th

Enclose Check or Money Order for \$65 payable to: Texas Public Health Association.

** Purchase orders will also be accepted. Please submit proper documentation with registration form if using a purchase order. **

Please mail check and registration form to: TPHA/Vital Statistics Conference
P.O. Box 201540
Austin, TX 78720-1540



2006 Master Registrar Class
Photo courtesy of External Communications, Department of State Health Services

2006 Certified Master Registrars

Corina Davila, City of Bryan
 Lillie Denman, Montgomery County
 Wendi DuVall, City of Victoria
 Misty Fulfer, Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health Department
 Alma Cazares Garcia, Galveston County Public Health Department
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 Cathy Horvath, Guadalupe County
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 Ya-El Ramirez, City of Laredo Health Department
 Linda Rodriguez, Texas Vital Statistics
 Margaret Salinas, City of San Marcos
 Sam Torres, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
 Bernetta Young, City of Dallas

Sign Up for TER-Death!

Have you been thinking about signing up for TER-Death, but haven't done so yet? It's quick and easy! And it's FREE!

To sign up, go to requestTER.texasvsu.org

For TER-Death training opportunities, go to TERdeath.texasvsu.org or

Contact Texas Vital Statistics via email at help-TER@texasvsu.org

TER-Death - By the Numbers

TER-Death registration continues to expand across Texas:

506 funeral homes
 331 medical certifiers
 189 local registration offices

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