Healthcare Heroes-Ongoing. To date there have been over 600 referrals to doctors. This program is a model of coordinated specialist’s care from the Federally Qualified HC Clinics back to a Medical Home. Drs. Participating are Dr. Luna and Dr. Palafox along with Paisy Slaughter.

The EPCMS donated $1000.00 towards the Texas Medical Foundation Minority Scholarship fund. This award is presented at the annual TEXMED conference in May. To date, two El Paso students have won this prestigious award.

The EPCMS met with members of the Realtors Board, Chamber of Commerce, Restaurant Association, Pharmacy Association, City Tumor Registrars, Officials from WBAMC, Texas Medical Board and many City Representatives on various concerns for patients and physicians.

Physicians from the EPCMS continue to travel to Austin to attend various TMA conferences and meetings. These formal meetings are conducted three times a year. The following doctors representing you at the meetings are:

Dr. Patricio Pazzino – EPCMS President, BHC, TMAIT Board, Alternate Delegate, Dr. Luis Urrrea – Council on Legislation, TEXPAC, BHC, Delegate, EPCMS Past President, Dr. Angel Rios – Board of Councilors, REC, BHC, Delegate, EPCMS Past President, Dr. Andres Enriquez – Council on Legislation, TEXPAC, BHC, Delegate, EPCMS Past President, Dr. David Palafox – Committee on Medicaid, BHC, Physician Payment Quality Committee, Physician Health & Rehab, IHSSC Physician Payment Quality Committee, Delegate, Official EPCMS Photographer, EPCMS Past President, Dr. Fernando Raudales – Council of Socioeconomics, TEXPAC, BHC, Alternate Delegate, EPCMS Past President, Dr. Manuel Acosta, BHC Chairman, TEXPAC, Delegate, EPCMS Past President, Dr. Roxanne Tyroch, Patient Physician Advocacy, Texas Medical Foundation Board of Directors, BHC, Delegate, Dr. Gilbert Handal – EPCMS Assistant Treasurer, Committee on Medicaid, Child and Adolescent Committee, Task Force for Medicaid, CHIP and the Uninsured, Infectious Disease Committee, Delegation Chair, BHC, Public Health Council, Dr. Juan Escobar – EPCMS President-Elect, HIE Board, BHC, Alternate Delegate, TMA Professional Liability Committee, Dr. David Mansfield – EPCMS Treasurer, BHC, Alternate Delegate

Six Physicians representatives from the EPCMS traveled to Laredo, TX in August 2013 for the annual “Border Health Conference” sponsored by Congressman Henry Cuellar. Dr. Manny Acosta chaired this conference, as well as the Border Health Caucus on a quarterly basis. Drs. Handal, Applebaum and Tyroch participated on the panel discussions regarding Graduate Medical Education, SGR, and the Affordable Care Act. Approximately 150 participants from various border counties attended the conference. Many dignitaries, including Dr. Brotherton, also participated on the panels and discussion. Our thanks to Congressman Cuellar for this success.

We have produced 12 El Paso Physician Television programs on KCOS on various health related topics that included Advances in Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Proactive Approaches to Pain Management Treatments, Surgical Options and Rehabilitation, Is Bariatric Surgery right for you?, A spill, a slip a hospital trip, The Affordable Care Act and Medicaid along with several other interesting topics.

We have produced 4 issues of the El Paso Physician magazine a Scientific Journal under the guidance of Dr. Alison Days. In July, the El Paso Physician magazine was certified as a “Google Scholar” journal. Thanks to Grant McInnis and Robert Hamilton (TMA Staff) & Diana Murillo (EPCMS Staff) for their assistance and for this accomplishment.

Several EPCMS members participated and continue to participate in the admission interviews at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. Several EPCMS members, Drs. David Palafox, Luis Urrrea, Jose Aun, Bruce Applebaum attend the Local Student Chapter meetings along with mentoring many of the students. Many EPCMS members also mentor PLFSOM students.

The El Paso Medical Heritage Foundation continues to be chaired by Dr. Luis H. Urrrea II. Board members consist of EPCMS Past Presidents and the Executive Director of the EPCMS. In late September and early November Dr. Urrrea and Patsy Slaughter meet with several Board members of the Insights Museum and attended the El Paso Independent School Board meeting regarding the possible loan of the El Paso Heritage Foundation Artifacts to the new designated site at Alamo School. Dr. Werner Spier remains on the board as Emeritus Counsel.

The Heritage collection remains at the Turner Home. Negotiations are ongoing for the possibility of some of the artifacts to be transferred to the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in the future.

50 Private Physicians donate free healthcare at the Baptist clinic every Saturday throughout the year.

The EPCMS monitor 4 impaired physicians under Texas Medical Board Orders-Dr. David Palafox is Chairman of this committee. The paperwork, letters to agencies and interaction with these physicians is all prepared by EPCMS Staff.

We continue to meet with Representatives Joe Moody, Marisa Marquez, Naomi Gonzalez and Senator Jose Rodriguez on an ongoing basis. We attend fundraisers for these Representatives.

The EPCMS PAC under the guidance of Dr. John Tune will be interviewing candidates for state positions as well as judicial positions in 2014.

EPCMS staff along with TMA financial staff manage - 4 EPCMS accounts. EPCMS operating account, EP Medical Heritage Foundation account, EPCMS PAC account, and EPCMS Foundation account. TMA prepares quarterly reports for the EPCMS Treasurer and Asst. Treasurers to review. All tax statements are prepared on a quarterly basis and at year end. Elsa Chaparro (EPCMS Staff) assists with all of these processes and procedures.

EPCMS staff (Elsa Chaparro) prepares a monthly Ethics report for the State of Texas on the EPCMS PAC account.

The EPCMS is represented at the Rio Grande Cancer Foundation Board, Cima Hospice, The Cancer and Chronic Disease Consor-
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tium and Paso Del Norte Blue Ribbon Task Force for the West
Texas region, HIE Board, REC Board, Healthcare Heroes, HIE
Navigator Committee - Enroll El Paso and El Paso Humane Soci-
ety.

The Local HIE Board meets monthly and the El Paso County
Medical Society is represented by Dr. Juan Escobar with Paso del
Norte Foundation.

EPCMS Delegates:
Manuel Acosta, MD
Andres S. Enriquez, MD
Richard W. McCallum, MD
Angel M. Rios, MD
Luis H. Urren II, MD
Jose Aun, MD
Gilberto Handal, MD
David M. Palafox, MD
Roxanne M. Tyroch, MD

Alternate Delegates:
Sergio Alvarez, MD
Syed A. Yusuf, MD
Juan Escobar, MD
Jose Luna, MD
Azalia Martinez, MD
Fernando Raudales, MD
Elaine M. Barron, MD
Alison Days, MD
German Hernandez, MD
David Mansfield, MD
Patricio Pazmino, MD

The EPCMS has co-sponsored 3 CME presentations for physi-
cians in El Paso.

The EPCMS continues to fund a $1000.00 scholarship for a Paul
L. Foster School of Medicine student presented at the Installation
dinner annually.

EPCMS continues to meet with City, State, and federal Represen-
tatives on an ongoing basis to address the medical issues in the
community.

Members of Leadership have met with the Commissioner of
Health to discuss Medicaid issues and disparity throughout the
state of Texas.

Dr. De la Rosa remains on the Border Health Commission as a
Federal Board member, appointed by President Bush.

Dr. Nickey remains a lifetime member of the Border Health Com-
mision appointed by President Clinton. He will receive a “Life-
time Achievement” award in Washington in the near future.

Members of the Medial Society remain involved in various com-
unity events.

EPCMS continues to support TMA and BCBS by providing space
for mini-consultations for physicians/staff.

EPCMS continues to educate the media and the public regarding
the HC reform bill, access to care and patient advocacy issues.

EPCMS staff actively collaborates with TMA Staff daily on beh-
alf of physicians members.

EPCMS staff actively works as a referral source for patients and
physicians on a daily basis.

EPCMS is actively working with the Regional Extension Center
to provide education, outreach and technical expertise to primary
care providers.

EPCMS met with Community Scholars regarding the State of
Health of El Paso.

EPCMS signed contract with DocBook and are aggressively mar-
eting the product with members and non-members.

EPCMS is working with an HIE collaborative navigator program
- “Enroll El Paso” to enroll the 274,000 uninsured El Pasoans in
10/13.

EPCMS continues to collaborate with the Medical Center of the
Americas in their ongoing efforts to create bi-national collabora-
tion in research and development.

Our Thanks to TMA financial staff John Dorm and Dale Kilby
for the quarterly and yearly financial reports and tax statements.
This is invaluable service provided to smaller staffed counties. In
addition, to Mike Hebert for his membership updates and training
sessions done locally for El Paso.

Also, to all TMA staff that are over ready to assist El Paso staff
and Physician members.

EPCMS staff is challenged from time to time, with the adminis-
tration of the upkeep of this 100 year old home. The issues
that arise are plumbing, electrical, water, air conditioning, heater
amongst additional ongoing issues.

EPCMS is represented by Dr. David Palafox on the UMC DSRIP
Committee chaired by Mr. James Valenti. In January 2012 an an-
chor for the DSRIP was offered to the EPCMS for $1.2 million
project. A proposal by Dr. Gilberto Handal was proposed in Neo-
natal Care and is currently in the planning stage.

Dr. Juan Escobar along with Patsy Slaughter attended the TMA
sponsored Leadership and Advocacy retreat in December.