



E-Newsletter – Winter 2007

Look for the **TBGH E-Newsletter** four times a year to keep you updated on the latest news, programs and other important activities of TBGH.

TBGH Launches New Statewide Wellness Coalition

A new Texas Coalition for Worksite Wellness (TCWW) was formed in November as a program of TBGH. TCWW is dedicated to finding positive, innovative solutions to the challenges posed by our current health care system by emphasizing prevention, wellness and disease management in our workplaces and health benefit systems. **Membership in TCWW is free**, and indicates your company's commitment to supporting investments in employee health. Many useful tools and resources are available to TCWW members at <http://txworksitewellness.org/>.

Join TCWW today and plan to attend one of our regional **Ounce of Prevention Workshops** that will be held in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston in spring 2007.



You're Invited!

**Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health
2007 Kick-Off Luncheon Program
Wednesday, February 7, 2007
11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Healthcare Transitions: How value-based purchasing is transforming the health care system

Speaker: Francois de Brantes, National Coordinator, Bridges To Excellence

For Additional Information & to Register Online Now, Visit:

https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.dfwbgh.org/SharedSSL/events07/register_general_feb7.htm



We've made some changes to the TBGH website to help you find the up-to-date information you want, even faster! **Check it out** at www.tbgh.org.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Texas Business Group on Health Provides:

- ▶ Access to cutting-edge health benefit information
- ▶ Educational roundtables and seminars
- ▶ Hospital performance profiles, i.e., Texas Hospital Checkup
- ▶ Connections with other benefits professionals
- ▶ Updates on state legislation that affects your business
- ▶ Group prescription drug purchasing program

Renew Online Now:

<https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.tbgh.org/join.htm>

Renew By Phone Now: 214-382-3037

Gov. Perry Appoints TBGH President to New Texas Health Care System Integrity Partnership

Gov. Rick Perry recently announced the appointment of fifteen people, including TBGH President and CEO, Marianne Fazen, to the new Texas Health Care System Integrity Partnership, an advisory group for the development of the Texas Health Care System Integrity Authority (THCSIA), recently created by Executive Order. [Click here to read the Governor's Office Press Release.](#)

Odessa Wins Texas Municipal League Municipal Excellence Award for 2006

The City of Odessa's **Family Health Project** has resulted in millions of dollars in savings for the city and employees, a high participation rate, and increased employee satisfaction. There are numerous components of the project—an onsite family health clinic offering free health care; a self-administered benefit claims processing operation; a network of direct contracts with local health care providers; a fitness center, and a Family Health and Wellness Center. **Darrell Wells**, Director of Risk Management for the City of Odessa says Odessa is on track to realize more than \$2 million in savings since this highly successful project began two years ago.

Learn more about it:

http://www.tml.org/awards/MA_2006_large.htm