

Friday, Dec. 8, 2006

8:30 a.m.— Noon

Location:

UMC Family Center
1300 Lavaca Street
Austin, TX 78701

Texas Health Institute

presents a

Focused Forum: *Making the Business Case for Behavioral Health Services*

Space is limited...register today!

Registration fee is \$10.00 (Lunch provided)

To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form.

Registration must be submitted by Friday, December 1, 2006.

Confirmation will be sent to the email address you provide on your registration form. Direct all inquiries to

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Behavioral healthcare benefits are essential components of employees' healthcare benefits. According to *An Employer's Guide to Behavioral Health Services*:

- Mental health and substance abuse disorders represent the top 5 causes of disability among people age 15-44 in the United States and Canada
- Productivity decline due to mental illness and substance abuse cost employers \$17 billion each year

FORUM PRESENTERS

Ron Finch, Ed.D.,

*Director, Center for Prevention and Health Services, National Business Group on Health
Primary author, *An Employer's Guide to Behavioral Health Services.**

Henry T. Harbin, M.D.,

*Co-chair, National Committee on Employer-Sponsored Behavioral Health Services (NCESBHS)
Member, President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health*

FOCUSED FORUM TOPICS

- Major trends in the epidemiology, treatment and cost of behavioral healthcare in the United States
- The state of employer-sponsored behavioral healthcare services in the United States
- Recommendations to improve the design, delivery and purchase of employer-sponsored behavioral health services
- Measuring quality in behavioral healthcare

The Institute's health policy forums provide a setting for policymakers and stakeholders to exchange nonpartisan information, analysis and discussion related to critical healthcare issues in Texas.