



## E-Newsletter – Spring 2007

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### **TCWW Ounce of Prevention Forums A Huge Success**

The newly formed Texas Coalition for Worksite Wellness, a program of the Texas Business Group on Health, is holding forums across the state dedicated to investing in the health of your employees. These valuable workshops have been well attended and provide useful, actionable information. For a recap of our previous workshops in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas, click here: <http://txworksitewellness.org/> and scroll down to the "What's New" section. Registration information for the Austin workshop on June 1<sup>st</sup> is below.

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#### **Register Now:**

#### **Ounce of Prevention Workshop in Austin**

Hosted by TBGH's Texas Coalition on Worksite Wellness

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Hilton Austin, 500 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**For additional info and to register online now, visit:**

[https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.dfwbggh.org/tbgh/op\\_workshop060107.htm](https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.dfwbggh.org/tbgh/op_workshop060107.htm)

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### **You're Invited!**

Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health

#### **May 2007 Luncheon Program**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007**

DoubleTree near the Galleria (Midway & LBJ)

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

#### ***Benefits Lessons Learned from a Small Arkansas Retailer***

**Speaker: Tom Emerick**, Vice President, Benefits Design & Continuous Improvement, **Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**

**Sponsor: Holmes Murphy**

Hear how the biggest company in the world tackles the issues of healthcare and employee benefits! **Tom Emerick**, Wal-Mart's Vice President of Benefits Design & Continuous Improvement, will discuss the company's 2007 Benefits Strategy and the new "hybrid" healthcare plan. He will also talk about the future of health plan design and how the company will overcome its critics to keep the customer as king.

**For additional information and to register online now, visit:**

[https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.dfwbggh.org/SharedSSL/events07/register\\_general\\_may23.htm](https://ssl.vds2000.com/ssl.dfwbggh.org/SharedSSL/events07/register_general_may23.htm)

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## 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

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### DFWBGH Recognized as Community Leader for Value-Driven Health Care

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, Michael Leavitt, recognized DFWBGH as a Community Leader for Value Driven Health Care in a meeting with DFW area business leaders at SMU on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

During this special meeting with Secretary Leavitt, senior executives of 15 major DFW employers, most of which are DFWBGH members, pledged their support for the four cornerstones of the Secretary's Value-Driven Health Care initiative: interoperable health information technology, quality and price transparency, and incentives to reward high quality, cost-effective health care.

Secretary Leavitt then presented a certificate officially designating DFWBGH as a Community Leader to our executive director, Marianne Fazen. The Community Leader distinction sets DFWBGH apart as a leading convener of health care stakeholders committed to working together to improve the quality, efficiency and value of health care in our community.

Visit <http://www.dfwbgh.org/pressroom.htm> to read what this designation means to DFWBGH. To see photos of this exciting moment, visit [http://www.dfwbgh.org/events07/Leavitt Meeting Photos.ppt](http://www.dfwbgh.org/events07/Leavitt%20Meeting%20Photos.ppt). To learn more about the Secretary Leavitt's Value Driven Health Care initiative, please visit [www.hhs.gov/transparency](http://www.hhs.gov/transparency).

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### Rx Purchasing

We're excited about the success of our Rx group purchasing program. TBGH has renewed its contract with Systemed to provide PBM services at group discounts. For more information, visit <http://www.tbgh.org/rxpurchase/>.

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