

**Texas Bar Foundation  
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Last Steps Instructor Training  
Spring 2019**



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**Jeremy Pope**

Chaplain, Community Hospice of Texas

“I will be assisting Patients and families to have end of life conversations. I will also be teaching others how to lead these conversations.”

**Favorite movie:** Casablanca



**Karen Telschow Johnson**

Eldercare Attorney

“As an Attorney, many times I have clients with a terminal diagnosis wanting to get their affairs in order. Unfortunately, many of them have not discussed Advance Care Planning with their doctors. Attending the Instructor training will help me equip other attorneys and health care professionals feel comfortable discussing end of life care with evidence-based conversation templates.”

**Favorite movie:** Brigadoon



**Wendy Parker, LMSW**

Advance Care Planning Facilitator for VSTEPS  
VITAS Hospice

“I will use my training to not only teach the community but also help train people within my organization. This is an important, but also sensitive discussion and I’m grateful that I’ll be able share with others how to navigate this conversation.”

**Favorite movie:** Sliding Doors

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**Xotchil Plascencia MSW**  
Social Work Case Manager  
North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP)

“Great program! I really needed the language, methodology and follow up information useful in the primary care setting.”

**Favorite movie:** Sixteen Candles



**Jillian Harrell, RN**

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

“I’ve just found most people leave advance care planning as the last thing that they want to talk about or do. But from my personal experience, the more prepared the easier it will be on everyone.”

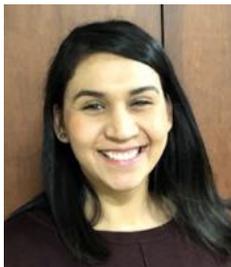


**Estella Williams**

Retired from federal service

“I’m excited to soak up a new whole world of knowledge. How great it is when we are prepared! Grateful that we are encouraging people not to run from that which is necessary. I really want to help families so they are prepared and not arguing over decision making in times of crisis.”

**Favorite movie:** Thelma and Louise



**Melissa Lopez – MSW**

VITAS

“Excellent presentation! This is critical information needed for working with my patients’ daily care.”

**Favorite movie:** Serendipity



**Cheryl McCutchan, MSW**

Student, TWU and intern with VITAS

“Information was so helpful. I am excited to bring this to the community! I have a passion for helping the aging population remain as independent and comfortable as possible. I hope this training will help in my future practice.”

**Favorite movie:** Rudy



**Father Andrew Powell**

Chaplain, Union Gospel Mission

“As the spiritual director I have many important conversations at UGM and I appreciate knowing about the Respecting Choices approach. My predecessor was very comfortable with this model and after today’s conference I feel well equipped.”

**Favorite movie:** Ben Hur



**Karina Rendon-Ortiz**

UTA Student

She is hoping to reach the Asian community with the advance care planning message.



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**Natasha Bahr, LMSW, UNT Health Science Center**

“This course was amazing and has changed my approach. Thanks to the wonderful Instructors for showing me a different approach. I believe that this will help me to talk about ACP with families and patients.”

**Favorite movie: La La Land**



**Lana Talton, RN**  
Assistant Director of Nursing,  
Trinity Terrace Retirement Community

“I believe this offers a more delicate way of starting the conversation and will impact the outcome of my conversations.”

**Favorite movie: Beaches**



**Angela Ramsay**  
Palliative RN,  
Community Hospice of Texas, Ft. Worth, TX

“I believe this training will help me become more comfortable with the language around Advance Care Planning.”

**Favorite movie: Frasier**



**Brenda Burrell, LMSW**

Palliative Social Worker & Patient Advocate,  
Community Hospice of Texas

“Having more language to accurately and ably describe what end of life decision-making entails is very helpful in assisting my patients.”

**Favorite movie: Dateline**



**Maggie Thomas**

Retired Journalism Professor

“The training will help communicate ideas that are complex more easily and help clear up misconceptions.”

**Favorite TV show: The Good Doctor**



**Bronda Hayes**

Community Ambassador,  
Community Hospice of Texas, Waco, TX

“This training will help provide with better guidance in exploring the subject. This is especially important as I do public speaking in the community. I am a volunteer with the Junior League and also a professional trainer with Unbound (an Advocacy group focused on eliminating sex trafficking & ministering to victims).”

**Favorite TV show: Grey’s Anatomy**



**Becky Shumake, LMSW**

Pathways Program Manager,  
Community Hospice of Texas, Waco, TX

“I am grateful for the training. I believe that the wording will help those reeling with all the new information from terminal diagnosis.”

**Favorite Movie: Secret Life of Pets**



**Lucas Baker, MA-CE, ThM**

Hospital Chaplain,  
Baylor Scott & White Health, McKinney, TX  
US Army Reserve 2008 - Present

“As a hospital chaplain this will help me focus my conversations with families. As a Veteran, I provide Military Honors to Army Vets throughout North, East and West Texas – sometimes Oklahoma. I also volunteer as a funeral coordinator at my church & with DFW National Cemetery for homeless veterans that have no family or social connections. Having this information is a gift that I will be better prepared to share.”

**Favorite TV Show: Lost**

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**Justin Sanders, MSN, RN, FNP-BC**  
Trinity Terrace

“How do you foresee using this training? I will use this format throughout my career as an RN working with patients and in clinics as a family nurse practitioner.”

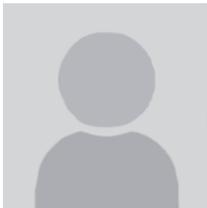
**Favorite movie: The Exorcist**



**Kenneth Altfather**  
Retired Chaplain Director

“I will use this information with residents in CCRC where I live and with the church group as requested.”

**Favorite movie: To Kill A Mockingbird**



**Janie Williams, LVN**  
Patient Navigator, The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

“I help patients that are newly diagnosed and they are usually not thinking about this topic. Having a template to guide our conversations is really helpful as I interact with all age groups.

I really appreciate being awarded the scholarship especially since my husband is on disability. Thank you for your generosity.”

**Favorite movie: Top Gun**



**Mary Collins, RN**  
Nurse Manager, Trinity Terrace

“I do this every day as the Home Care and Resident Nurse Manager for Trinity Terrace. I never really knew how to complete the conversation and now I do! And I’m so thankful!”

**Favorite movie: Forrest Gump**



**Theresa Clarkin, LBSW; AMC-SW**  
Director of Social Services,  
James L. West Center for Dementia Care

“At James L. West, I work with many families experiencing a time of transition for their family member. Deciding to send their loved one to a care center can be difficult. Additional decisions, like End of Life care, can make this time even more challenging. Care & Prepare and the Last Steps training gave me tools for helping families focus on the individual needing end of life decisions; remaining person centered. I now am better equipped to assist family members through this decision-making process with improved techniques.”

**Favorite movie: Under the Tuscan Sun**



**Vicki Sikes- Kiraly, LMSW**  
**Population Health Social Worker**  
Silverback Care Management (Southwestern Health Resources)

“One of my responsibilities is to address ACP with chronically ill elderly & disabled persons. I also volunteer with my church and will be able to guide others in the community and at work in making educated choices about end of life care.”

**Favorite movie: Terms of Endearment**



**Emily Clark-Nimz, LCSW, LCDC, CDP**  
UNTH Geriatrics

“I will be able to provide Advance Care Conversations for our patients, many of whom are low income – Medicaid/Medicare, some are homeless; 60% are minorities. Additionally, I volunteer with Women’s Center of Tarrant County, Planned Parenthood and NAMI.”

**Favorite movie: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles**



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**Kate Taylor, NP**  
UNTHSC – Social Work

“How I am using the training...”

**Favorite movie:**



**Leah Johnston, LMSW**  
Title, UNTHSC, Geriatrics Research Staff

UNTHSC, Geriatrics Social Services Coordinator

“I am using the training to facilitate our Advance Care Planning appointments with patients in our clinic. At these appointments we assist patients in defining their wishes for end of life care and communicating with their family members. The Care & Prepare training has provided a useful process to facilitate these conversations.”

**Favorite movie: High Fidelity**