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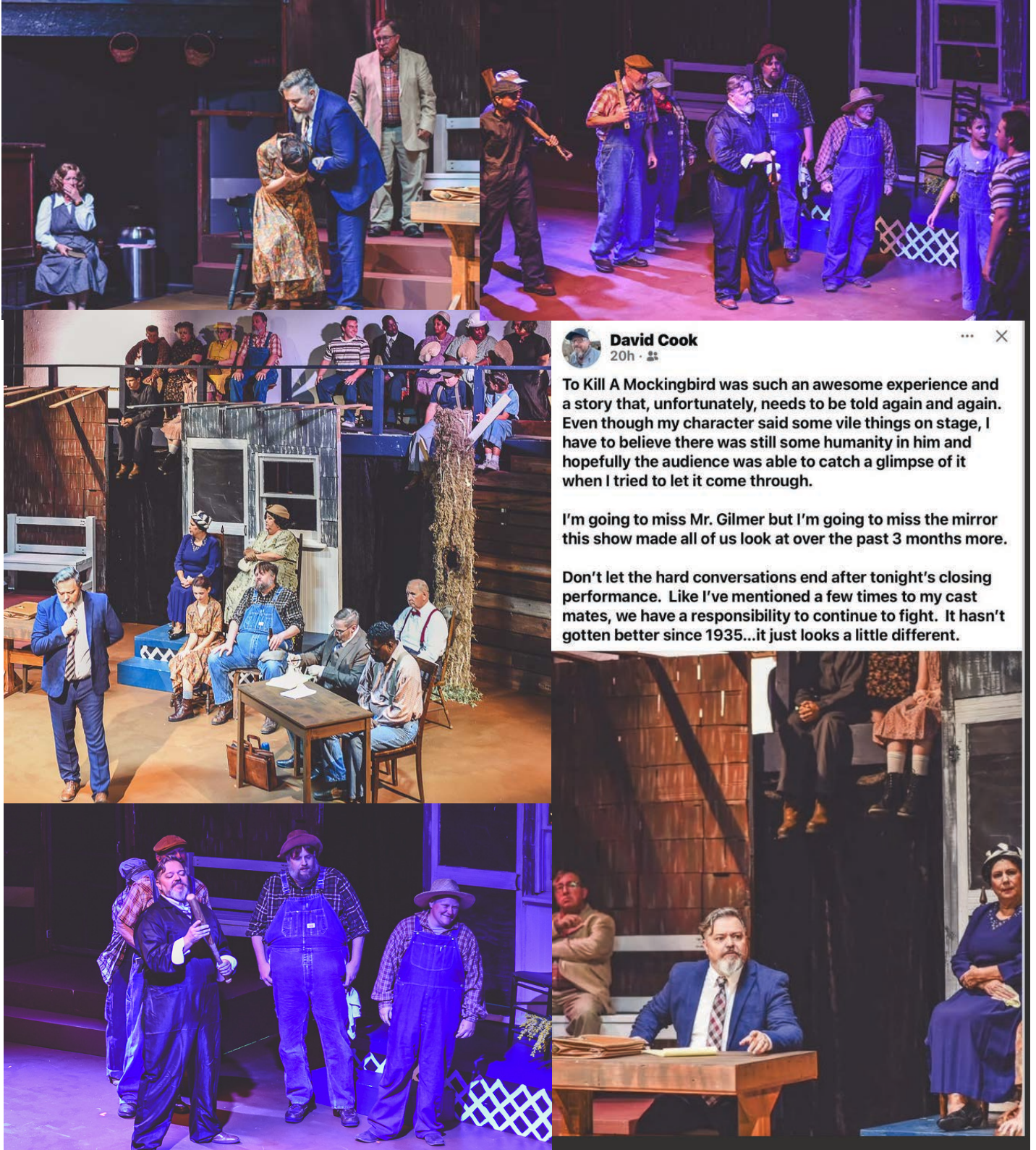
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# Tony Nomination?

NABIP-TX Board Member - David Cook, hit the stage in

# To Kill A Mockingbird



# Way to go David!

# NABIP-TX PAC At Work

News from NABIP-TX PAC: On Friday October 10th, we gathered NABIP-TX lobbyists Shannon Meroney and Mike Meroney, along with members from Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin chapters to hand deliver PAC checks and meet with multiple state representatives and Senators from all over the state. They were all in Dallas hosting fundraising events for the TX-OU Red River Rivalry Shootout game. We delivered around 40 checks in a fast-paced and exciting day.

Many thanks to NABIP -TX members Mark Bellman, Scott Long, Chuck Rosen, Cliff Stubbs, Cyndi Stubbs, Audra Sullivan, Stacy Cochran. We are very thankful to each of them for sharing their day with us.





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## Por qué NABIP es la opción adecuada para usted

La Asociación Nacional de Profesionales de Beneficios y Seguros (NABIP) es la organización líder para profesionales de seguros médicos y beneficios para empleados. NABIP ve por los intereses de más de 100,000 representantes autorizados de seguros médicos, agentes, representantes generales, consultores y profesionales de beneficios a través de más de 200 capítulos en todo Estados Unidos.

Trabajamos colectivamente para garantizar que todos los estadounidenses tengan acceso a servicios de atención médica económica y de alta calidad, y beneficios relacionados. Para cumplir con esa misión vital, NABIP promueve los intereses de sus miembros y defiende soluciones bien fundamentadas en políticas públicas en Washington DC y en las capitales de los estados en todo el país.

A medida que el panorama de los seguros y beneficios médicos ha evolucionado, también lo ha hecho la asociación. Aún así, nos hemos mantenido firmes en nuestro compromiso con nuestros miembros, proporcionando amplias oportunidades y recursos de desarrollo profesional para promover la excelencia, incluyendo programas de certificación, conferencias y herramientas de desarrollo empresarial.

Bajo el nombre recientemente renovado de NABIP, estamos mejor posicionados para actuar como defensores de confianza de nuestros miembros y sus clientes durante las próximas décadas. Entre más profesionales se unen a la asociación, NABIP se vuelve más fuerte.

### Dando forma al *futuro* de la atención médica

Nuestro nuevo eslogan refleja la convicción de NABIP de que todos los estadounidenses deben estar capacitados para tomar decisiones acertadas sobre la atención médica y los beneficios para acceder a servicios médicos y servicios relacionados de alta calidad y económicos.

### Qué hacemos

Abogamos por soluciones económicas y responsables del mercado de seguros médicos para asegurar el futuro y la estabilidad de nuestra industria.



#### Operation Shout

El sistema comunitario de NABIP permite que los miembros sean escuchados por legisladores. El programa Operation Shout es un componente indispensable de los esfuerzos generales de defensa legislativa de NABIP.



#### Compliance Corner

Este beneficio en línea proporciona actualizaciones integrales sobre las nuevas leyes y regulaciones federales en las áreas de seguros, trabajo e impuestos.

## Como miembro de NABIP, puede recibir:

Consejería sobre cambios en la política de atención médica

Actualizaciones sobre tendencias de mercado en desarrollo incluyendo Medicare, fusiones y adquisiciones, etc.

Recursos y herramientas de toma de decisiones para ayudar a navegar el mercado de beneficios y seguros

Acceso a cursos educativos, capacitación y certificación

Red de contactos y oportunidades de desarrollo de negocios

Oportunidades de cabildeo para apoyar el futuro y la estabilidad de la industria

Cuando se trata de su carrera profesional, su conocimiento, especialización y experiencia son invaluable. ¡Únase a lo mejor de lo mejor y lleve su carrera al siguiente nivel!

¡Únase ahora! Visite [NABIP.org](http://NABIP.org) para enviar una solicitud de membresía hoy.

## Why NABIP Is the Right Choice for You

The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) is the leading organization for health insurance and employee benefits professionals. NABIP represents more than 100,000 licensed health insurance agents, brokers, general agents, consultants and benefit professionals through more than 200 chapters across America.

Collectively, we work to ensure all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare and related benefits. To meet that vital mission, NABIP advances the interests of its members and advocates for sound public policy solutions in Washington DC and state capitals throughout the country.

As the health insurance and benefits landscape has evolved, so has the association. Still, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to our members, providing vast professional-development opportunities and resources to promote excellence, including certification programming, conferences and business-development tools.

Under the recently rebranded moniker NABIP, we are better positioned to serve as trusted advocates for our members and their clients for decades to come. As more professionals join the association, NABIP becomes even stronger.

### Shaping the *Future* of Healthcare

Our new tagline reflects NABIP's belief that all Americans should be empowered to make wise healthcare and benefits decisions in order to have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare and related services.



#### Operation Shout

NABIP's premiere grassroots system allows members to have their voices heard by lawmakers. Operation Shout is an indispensable component of NABIP's overall legislative advocacy efforts.

### What We Do

We advocate for affordable and responsible health insurance market solutions to secure the future and stability of our industry.



#### Compliance Corner

This online benefit provides comprehensive updates on new federal statutes and regulations in the areas of insurance, labor and taxes.

## As a NABIP member, you can expect to receive:

Guidance on healthcare policy changes

Updates on developing market trends including Medicare, mergers and acquisitions, etc.

Resources and decision-making tools to help navigate the benefits and insurance market

Access to education, training and certification courses

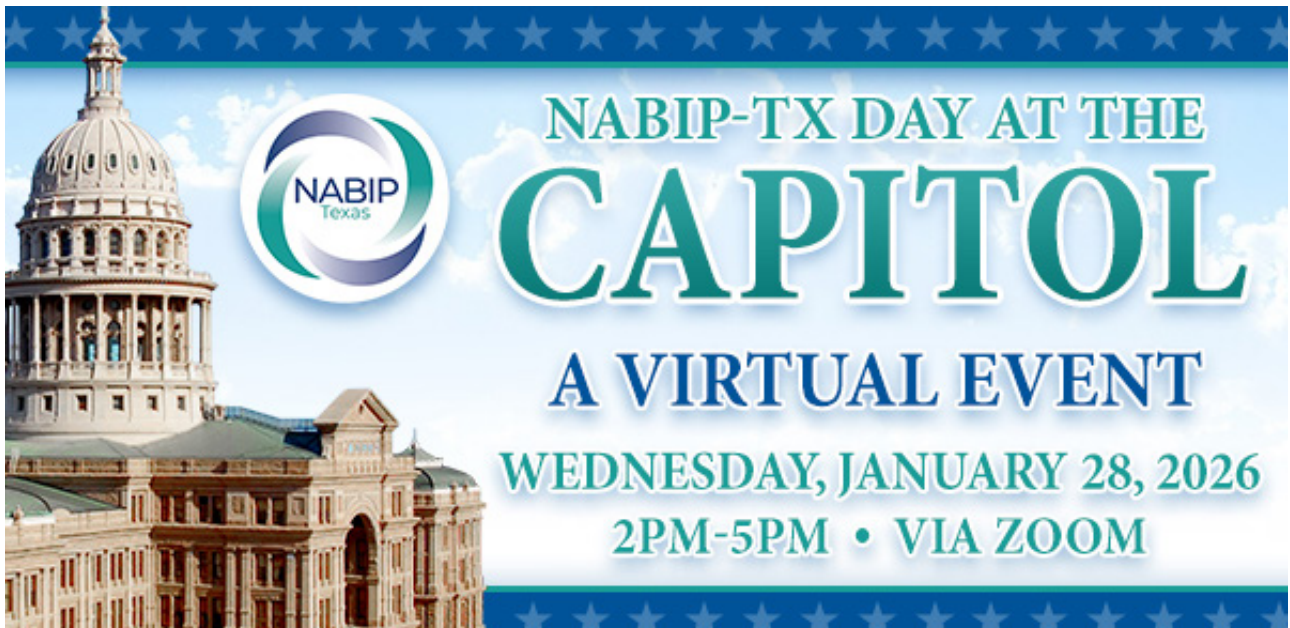
Networking and business-development opportunities

Lobbying opportunities to support the future and stability of the industry

When it comes to your professional career, your knowledge, expertise and experience are priceless. Join the best of the best and take your career to the next level!

Join now! Please visit [NABIP.org](http://NABIP.org) to submit a membership application today.

# NABIP-Fort Worth CE's with the Meroney's



NABIP-TX DAY AT THE  
**CAPITOL**  
A VIRTUAL EVENT  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026  
2PM-5PM • VIA ZOOM

The banner features the NABIP Texas logo on the left, which consists of a stylized 'N' and 'T' in a circle. The background of the banner shows the Texas State Capitol building. The text is in green and blue colors.

[Register Here](#)

# Tips & Sips & CE's In Dallas



# SAN ANTONIO HAPPY HOUR & KARAOKE





# Hollis - Hutzler

## NABIP-TX Opens Nominations for Scholarships and Award

### HOLLIS ROBerson SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hollis Roberson, C.U.I., F.M.I., R.H.I. was truly a Texas legend whose accomplishments would fill many volumes. He worked tirelessly in the insurance industry for 34 years. His work with the Texas Association of Health Underwriters (Now the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals-Texas) is memorialized in the awarding of the top honor of NABIP-TX - The Hollis Roberson Award. Because of Hollis' support of all forms of professional development, the Hollis Roberson Scholarship for Enhanced Professional Development was established to help the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals-Texas members who have earned NABIP Designation or Certifications. The scholarship goal is for the recipient to continue in the health insurance industry, ensuring the future of the industry.

Selection will be made without regard to the applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, religious belief, gender, marital status or physical handicap, in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments, and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act 011973.

Submission of completed application and all documentation required under the guidelines below should be sent to Hollis Roberson Scholarship, NABIP-TX Hoovers Corporation, 312 North Avenue East, Suite 5, Cranford, NJ 07016.

- Applicant must be a member of NABIP and NABIP-TX
- Scholarship will be in the form of a reimbursement for the cost of taking a NABIP certification course, at an amount of 50% of course cost, to a maximum of \$200 per course. There is a lifetime maximum of 3 scholarships per member for Certifications. Passing each course is required.
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Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

NABIP Certification or Designation Applying for:

### Shirley Hutzler Excellence in Legislation Award Nomination Form

#### 2025 NABIP-TX Outstanding Legislation Industry Award



The basis of NABIP-TX's legislative groundwork was created by Shirley Hutzler in her years of dedicated service to our industry and our association. She became involved in legislative efforts in 1991 while serving as NABIP-TX Vice President. Her legislative involvement has included acting as volunteer liaison to the Texas Legislature and the TDH, serving on panels, meeting before committees and making presentations to NABIP-TX chapters across the state. Shirley also occupied the position of NABIP-TX lobbyist in 1996 and served in that capacity until 2007. Shirley has also held every association office including NABIP President (1996-1999), NABIP-TX President (1999-1999), Region VI Vice President (1999-1999). Her hard work and dedication has also earned her numerous recognitions including the NABIP Shirley Hutzler Award, NABIP-TX Volunteer of the Year, NABIP-TX Most Outstanding Team, Three NABIP-TX Distinguished Service Awards, NABIP Landmark Award under her NABIP-TX Presidency, NABIP-TX Hollis Roberson Award (1991) and was the first recipient of the NABIP-TX Shirley Hutzler Excellence in Legislation award. When presented with this award for response was what many have heard her say before: "It is incredible to be so recognized and honored for doing something I love so much."

The recipient of this award is selected by the Hutzler and committee which carefully reviews all persons nominated. In making its selection, the committee takes the contributions above and beyond the call of duty, without personal gain. Your recommendations must be supported by an accompanying statement that details the accomplishments of your candidate to include present and former positions, connections with health insurance, biographical information and of utmost importance, the specific accomplishments that entitle your candidate to this prestigious award. *Please Note: only state board members (which includes local presidents) and previous Legislative Excellence award recipients can submit nominations.*

Please complete this form and return to the NABIP-TX office by **December 15 at 5pm**

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I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Chapter)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals – Texas (NABIP-TX)** is proud to announce that nominations are now being accepted for two prestigious honors that support both industry professionals and students, while recognizing excellence in service and leadership.

### The Hollis Roberson Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to help NABIP members who have earned a NABIP designation or certification further their career in the health insurance industry. The award provides financial assistance to recipients so they can continue advancing their professional knowledge and expertise, ensuring they remain strong advocates for clients and the industry.

### The Shirley Hutzler Legislative Excellence Award

This distinguished award honors individuals who have shown outstanding dedication to legislative advocacy in the health insurance industry. The Shirley Hutzler Legislative Excellence Award highlights the importance of public policy engagement and celebrates those who have made a significant impact in protecting and promoting the role of health insurance professionals.

NABIP-TX invites all members and stakeholders to submit nominations for these scholarships and awards. Each honor represents a unique way to support education, recognize talent, and celebrate leadership within our industry and communities.



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*Please attach receipt of payment and proof of passage. Proof of passage must include date of completion for Certifications and date of earning for Designations.*



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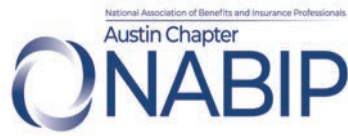
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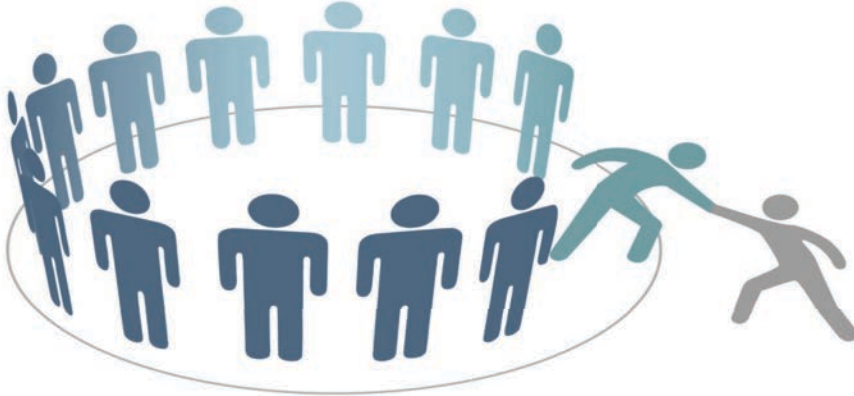
# Chapter Agendas

**AUSTIN**

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## NABIP Austin -Virtual -November 20th - OBBBA and 2025 Year End Compliance



📅 November 20, 2025  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
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📍 N/A

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NABIP Austin is pleased to welcome Misty Baker

**Speaker: Misty Baker**



**Course Title: OBBBA and 2025 Year End Compliance**

**Course ID: TBD**

**Provider number: TBD**

**Credit Hours: 1**

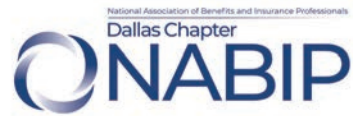
**Free for NABIP Members AND Guests!**

**\*\*Registration Link will arrive in a separate email. Please be on the lookout for the link closer to the date of the event.**

***Meeting starts at 3:30 pm and the speakers will start right after meeting announcements.***

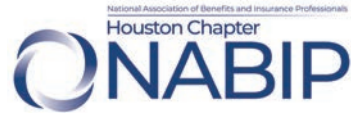
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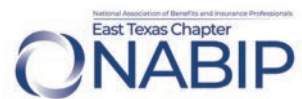
HOUSTON

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EAST TEXAS

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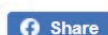
# NABIP-Coastal Bend Healthcare Happenings: 2025 Legislative Session Review with the Meroneys



November 11, 2025  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
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Virtual Online



***You don't want to miss this! Please join us for our  
next event here: [REGISTRATION Required](#)***

This will be a virtual event at **no cost** to NABIP members!

## NABIP-FW November Vanguard Event: Coats, Blankets & Community!

November 6 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us for a heartwarming Happy Hour with a Cause!

This November, NABIP-FW is hosting a special community campaign to help bring warmth and comfort to those in need. We'll be collecting coats and blankets during our monthly meeting — and celebrating with great company, food, and drinks at Bar Louie in Las Colinas.

★ Event Details:

📅 When: November 6th, 2025, 4 – 7 pm

📍 Where: Bar Louie, Las Colinas

🎯 Mission: Collecting coats and blankets for those in need

🎟 Event Type: Happy Hour – Free to Attend


Want to make an even bigger impact?

# LONESTAR

[www.nabip-lonestar.org](http://www.nabip-lonestar.org)



LONESTAR CE SCHEDULE

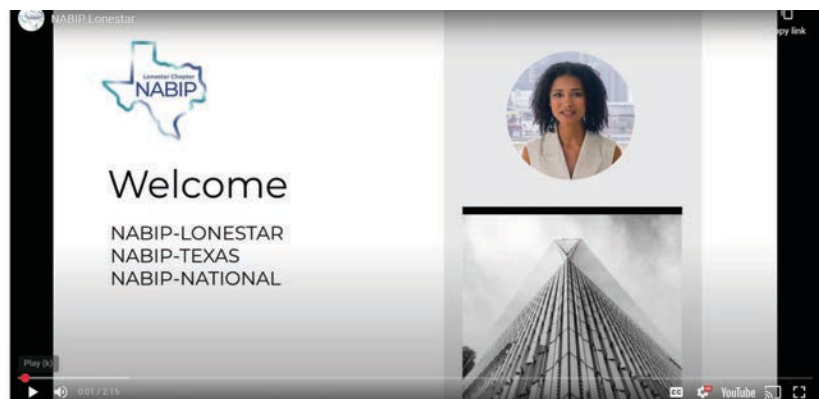


**NOVEMBER 13TH 10:00 AM**

Heather C Garcia with the  
ETC Companies  
1HR CE#141622  
Penalty Enforcement Roadmap

Heather Garcia is a Partner and Co-Founder of the ETC Companies. The ETC Companies is best known for ACA Compliance, but supports other Human Resources and ERISA compliance areas.

Watch Our Welcome Video Here  
<https://youtu.be/42QXm1GkuKk>



**SAN ANTONIO**

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NABIP - San Antonio Chapter

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**!! SAVE THE DATE !!** ... See more

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# **NABIP San Antonio Presents**

## **Margaritas with the Meroney's**

**Margaritas, Appetizers & 1 Hour  
Legislative CE Credit**

**Thursday, November 20  
3:30-6 p.m.**

**La Fonda Alamo Heights  
8633 Crownhill Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78209**

## NABIP-SOTX Legislative Luncheon

**US Rep. Monica De La Cruz - District 15**  
**Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr. - District 36**  
**CPA - Juan Javier Barrios**



**Panelist Discussion Medicare:**  
Lupita Trevino - HealthSpring  
Paul Moreno - Prominence  
Santiago Medrano - Wellcare

11/13/25 - 11:30 - 1:30 PM

McAllen Chamber of Commerce  
1200 Ash Ave, McAllen

Box Lunch Served at 12:00 PM

Members \$0

Non-members \$20

*Non-members pay at the door, cash/card*

**NO CE's For This Event**

**Sponsored by:**  
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Prominence  
Wellcare



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# NABIP-TX ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

## *Riding the Tides of Change*

*Navigating Success Together*

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OMNI • CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
April 14 - 15, 2026

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