



## **UPDATE ON WINKLER COUNTY NURSES**

1. TNA has posted a copy of the complete transcript of the criminal trial on its website [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org). The transcript is divided into five volumes – one for each day of the trial plus one for exhibits. To assist readers in finding testimony, TNA has prepared and posted a detailed outline of the transcript and also broken out and posted separately the testimony of the physician, sheriff, hospital administrator and two nurses (FNP and LVN) who practiced at the Rural Health Clinic where the physician practiced.
2. The TNA Legal Defense Fund has been able to cover all of Anne and Vicki's defense fees and costs in the criminal trial, which amounted to over \$40,000. Thanks again to everyone for helping make this happen.
3. TNA honored Vicki and Anne at the TNA House of Delegates with its President's Award. Anne and Vicki as well as John Cook, one of their attorneys, attended. Both Anne and Vicki expressed their thanks for the help of their nursing colleagues and how that support helped them make it through their ordeal.
4. Anne and Vicki's civil suit in federal court against the physician, county, hospital administrator, sheriff, district attorney and county attorney remains pending. A second attempt at court-ordered mediation in April was unsuccessful. The trial is tentatively set for November 2010 but probably not likely to occur until later. The defendants have filed a number of motions claiming they cannot be sued based on their status as governmental entities or officials. The nurses' attorneys have filed opposing motions. No date has been set by the court for hearing these preliminary motions.