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Kellye Cunningham, assistant to the city manager, wears two leadership hats – one at the regional level and one at the county level. She is one of more than half a dozen City of Burleson employees elected to top leadership positions in regional, state or national associations related to their work with the City.

Cunningham is currently vice president of the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT). She will serve as president starting in January 2013. UMANT is comprised of people employed in entry and mid-management positions with municipal government agencies in the North Central Texas region. The goals of the group are to network, participate in training sessions and seminars, provide for the advancement of the urban management profession, and contribute to the understanding and resolution of governmental issues and concerns.

Cunningham is also the chair of the Johnson County Alliance for Healthy Kids (a coalition formed and led by Cook Children's) and the Johnson County Diabetes Coalition.

Cunningham was hired by the City of Burleson in May 2007. She is the 2012 Barney Knight Certified Public Manager Scholarship Recipient, selected this summer by the Texas City Management Association in recognition of her commitment to the profession. She is currently attending classes in order to receive the CPM (Certified Public Manager) credential. Cunningham is scheduled to graduate December 2013.