Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

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To: Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA), FSMA President
Executive Council Members
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Central Florida Chapter President

The Central Florida Chapter meets 6 times a year. The last meeting for 2015 will be on November 18, 2015 at the I-HOP at 1345 Lee Road in Orlando, FL. Meetings for 2016 will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, October, November.

At our chapter meeting on October 14, 2015, Charmain Staley, CMA (AAMA), a Care Coordinator with Physicians Associates, gave an excellent presentation on Care Coordination as part of Population Health. Attendees earned 1 CEU. We had a seminar at this meeting to see if attendance would increase – it did not – only 9 people attended. We will hold another seminar at our November 18, 2015 meeting – topic ICD10. Whether we continue to have education at our meetings will depend on attendance.

Our fall seminar will be held at Lincoln Technical Institute in Fern Park, FL on October 17, 2015. Seven CEUs are being offered. The North Florida and Central Florida chapters will cohost a spring 2016 seminar to be held on March 12, 2016 at Florida Technical College in Deland, FL. Information will be posted online at www.fsmaonline.org and on our Facebook page – Central Florida Chapter of Medical Assistants – when details are finalized – probably mid-January 2016.

We are also considering holding a min-seminar in February 2016 – from 8am – 1pm – 5 CEUs - $5 – 10 pp breakfast included. Everest University in Lakeland has offered to host. It is still in the planning stages.

Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA), Adelette Flowers, CMA (AAMA) and I participated in a Community Resource Fair at Orlando Health on September 30, 2015. We handed out MARweek pins, AAMA membership brochures, information on Central Florida Chapter meetings and seminars to the MAs and Office Managers who attended. We will also be participating in an Orange County Health, Education and Resource Fair in Apopka, FL on October 27, 2015.

We continue to look for effective ways to get our members involved on the local and state levels. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!