FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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To: Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the General Assembly
Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA) Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

From: Gayle Bell, CMA (AAMA) North Florida Chapter President

The North Florida Chapter consists of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Nassau, Putnam, St. John's, Suwannee, and Union counties.

We have provided CEU meetings held at Flagler Hospital 400 Health Park Blvd. St. Augustine, FL 32086 for our members. On Saturday, May 21, 2016 "Help and Hope for the families and care givers of those with mental health illness." With speaker: Dr. Uma Eyyunni MD, Community Educator at Mother's Cry Inc. This program promoted mental health awareness. Focus on the emotional challenges, and address the financial, social issues and supportive ideas. Defined the role of NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) as a mental health organization. On Saturday, August 6, 2016 "Caregiving for Companion and Personal Care Clients " with speaker: Barbara Dodson, Recruiter for Home Instead Senior Care. A look into compassionate senior care as a profession.

We plan to continue to provide CEU opportunities. On March 11, 2017, 10am – 1:30pm we will hold a CEU meeting speaker :Dr. Uma Eyyunni MD of 'A Mother's Cry' on "Mental Health Awareness" focus is on mental illness in the youth, early diagnosis & intervention mental health issues, and when rehabilitation is required and its goals. Afterwards the election of chapter officers at Flagler Hospital 400 Health Park Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32086 Matanzas room.

Chapter president met with students at First Coast Technical College for the MAR week celebration. Questions asked of students were ones asked on the certification exam. Prizes given to students that answered them correctly.

We have corresponded with area employers and medical assistants to answer various questions as they arise.

Our ongoing community service project; We have three member volunteers at Good