CENTRAL GULF COAST CHAPTER

ASSOCIATE OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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To: Marsha L. Benedict, MSA, CMA-A (AAMA), President FSMA
FSMA Executive Board
FSMA Committee Chairs
FSMA Chapter Representatives

Re: FSMA Executive Council Meeting

From: Kathryn J. Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA)
President, Central Gulf Coast Chapter

The Central Gulf Coast Chapter has continued to meet to organize and prepare dates for future Chapter activities providing CEU opportunities.

Central Gulf Coast Chapter's Christine Petsalis-Giri, CMA (AAMA), Vice President has worked closely with Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Vice President, also FSMA Marketing/Community Outreach, providing her with current chapter information regarding Chapter meetings with CEU's, special events so the information is accessible to members and potential members on the FSMA website.

Our chapter was proud to have Nancy Collins, CMA (AAMA) represent us at the Annual FSMA meeting presented April 2019 as our proxy. She communicated the business transacted at the General Assembly, along with future dates of state opportunities.

Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA) chapter Treasurer has maintained our financial records. She also provides topics and information for CEU's for our members. This summer our chapter officers met to explore new educational topics, a future Mini Seminar and set our annual Chapter Christmas party.

Our chapter has found our new meeting place accessible and provides a professional conference room. This current year 2019 the chapter presented education February, topic "Strategies for better billing & collections", March, "Hospice vs. Palliative Care", May, "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder", each meeting was well attended. The Fall meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Heart Institute Northside conference room at 6:00 pm, topic is "Eating for Wellness". The chapter Christmas luncheon has been set for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12:30 pm, at a new location Olive Garden, Pinellas Park, Florida.

Looking to the 2020 year the chapter meetings are scheduled for February 27, 2020,"Thuderstorm Asthma", April 23, 2020, "Alpha Gal Syndrome (Allergy to Red Meat), October 22, 2020, "Formaldehyde – An Allergy Reaction or Something more Serious". Christine Petsalis-Giri, CMA (AAMA) will communicate our new information to FSMA updating our chapter activities and events.

The Central Gulf Coast Chapter extends to the FSMA thank you for the good work providing support through communication on the FSMA website, thank you to Marsha Benedict, CMA-A, (AAMA) for her leadership.

Our chapter takes pride in continuing to provide to the central west Florida opportunities for CEU's for medical assistants. Looking forward to the AAMA Annual meeting to be here in Florida September 11-14, 2020. Look for further details and plan to attend this National conference.