FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

Date: October 5, 2019

To: President of the General Assembly
Marsha Benedict, CMA(AAMA)
RE: Treasure Coast Chapter Annual Report

From: Treasure Coast Chapter

The Treasure Coast Chapter of Medical Assistants consists of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties. The chapter continues to hold various events to its members.

Our 2019-20 meetings are combined with our free continued educational topics and are held between January-April and September-November and we meet at least monthly. We take the summer months off for planning and re-alignment. We meet at Indian River State College located at 3209 Virginia Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34981 in the FSU/IRSC College of Medicine Building Room 126. All meetings start at 6:00pm. Refreshments are provided at no charge for members and $5 for non-members. Our meetings are open to all and certificates of attendance are available.

We have rotated the days of our monthly meetings and have been tracking what days of the week have the highest attendance. We are also now tracking the number of students, members, visitors from other counties, and non-members as well. Our average attendance has been about 18 and increase from last year with a fixed day. Our highest attendance has been 27. We will be tracking all of these topics to accommodate the attendees needs the best we can.

We will also be holding about 2 meetings a year further south with and “Eat and Earn” theme. We are hosting a free Seminar on Saturday Oct. 19 in Stuart on Dementia and the Martin County HUGS Program. It is open to all students, medical assistants, allied health professionals, and the public. Attendees will receive a certification in being Dementia Friendly and a Certificate of Attendance they can submit for 3 CEUs to their governing organizations. We found a venue at the Southern Pig and Cattle in Stuart where we can have a private space, enjoy dinner, and be educated at the same time. We are hoping to schedule the April 2020 there where we can conduct elections for 2020-21.

Since this time last year, the chapter has been able to offer our members AAMA free CEUs. Our educational topics have been posted on the FSMA Calendar via the

Webmaster, emailed to members via Constant Contact and events were shared on Facebook. Our topics have been informative and relative. Topics included:

- Nutrition - April 2019
- Innovations in Cardiac Surgery - Sept. 2019
- Dementia and HUGS Seminar - Oct. 2019
- Parkinson's Disease - Nov. 2019
- Urology / Male – Jan. 2020
- Urology / Female – Feb. 2020
- Patient Navigation – March 2020
- Elections and Eat and Earn (Possible Medical Marijuana) - April 2020

We are currently working on 2020-2021 educational topics with a rotation of days. Most of these topics will be worth 1.5 AAMA CEUs. We have been fortunate enough to have a local healthcare facility with a speaker's bureau to provide our chapter with speakers and up to date topics. We have also reached out to other potential speakers and agencies for assistance in this area.

Our Chapter elections will take place in April following our educational topic. Officer update will be discussed at the General Assembly.

On behalf of the Treasure Coast Chapter, we would like to thank those who support our chapter during the year. We appreciate your time, support, understanding, mentorship, and guidance in our success. We look forward to your continued support and new opportunities.

All correspondences received were answered in a timely manner. There was open communications between all parties.