FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Date: May 1, 2020

To: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA), Speaker of the General Assembly
Tatiana Kordic, CMA (AAMA), Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

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

Spring FMSA Annual Meeting

The Central Gulf Coast Chapter with member consensus continues to assist in supporting the FSMA purpose to enable chapter members opportunity to enhance and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and professionalism required by employers and patients; protect medical assistants' right to practice; and promote effective, efficient health care delivery through optimal use of multi-skilled Certified Medical Assistants – CMA (AAMA) working alongside fellow Medical Assistants, RMAs and CCMAs.

The chapter has transitioned well with the change of our meeting location. Following the 2019 Annual meeting the chapter officers, and welcomed any members wanting to meet as well to discuss frequency of meetings, developing a mini seminar program, plans for Christmas gathering. The Chapter offered October 24, 2019- Education and meeting (CEU-Teachers and Respiratory Related Illnesses), encouraged members to take the opportunity to attend the FSMA Fall Seminar, next the Chapter offered February 27, 2020-Education and meeting (CEU-Thunderstorm Asthma), scheduled for April 23, 2020-Education and meeting (CEU-Alpha Gal syndrome-red meat allergy). The Chapter is encouraging members to make plans to attend the

upcoming FSMA Annual Conference and General Assembly, Orlando, Florida. Christine Petsalis-Giri, CMA (AAMA), Vice President CGCC, communicated throughout the year with Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA) Marketing/Community Outreach Chair with updating our Chapter information on the FSMA website. Much appreciation to both for the continued effort to keep our members with current information. Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA) Treasurer continues to maintain our financial records. As well she maintains communication with National AAMA with program planning for CEUs approval. Nancy Collins, CMA (AAMA), Secretary maintains our chapter minutes reflecting our current happenings.

The Central Gulf Coast Chapter extends best wishes to the FSMA for a successful May Annual Conference.
We wish to thank Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) FSMA President for her leadership and the Executive Council for their ongoing work to promote the many available educational opportunities.