FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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Our Chapter has been meeting regularly on a monthly or semi-monthly basis according to the AAMA guidelines with the exception of holidays.

We have been holding our meetings at the Meridian College Campus in Lakewood Ranch, FL. We had an excellent turn out along with very interesting speakers. Speakers have included two homeopathic doctors from the college of East West Medicine in Sarasota, Florida. We have tried to diversify our learning into other areas of medicine such as the homeopathic field.

We have included meetings on Ergonomics in the Workplace and a speaker on the opioid epidemic which has gripped our area. Our studies have included our hospice speakers from the local Tidewell Hospice Center. The speakers from the local Rape/Crisis and Abuse Centers have given us several interesting and objective programs on how the Medical Assistant can be “in-tuned” to their patients and what may be causing issues in their life. Our meeting CEU’s have been from 2 to 3 each meeting which has helped many of our members achieve their recertification.

Our schedule for the upcoming 2017-2018 year has yet to be solidified, however we are working on speakers in the area of oncology, allergy and pulmonology along with men’s and women’s specific health issues.

Meeting schedule is tentative for November 1st at Meridian College, December 5th at Meridian College and we will do the annual Toys for Tots toy drive. We will be working on a Winter Seminar event at the Manatee Technical College sometime in January or February which we are working to have 6 to 7 CEU’s.

We had no members stepping up to replace any of our officers this year. Myself, Debra Hancock continues to be President and Jennifer Shepard is maintaining the Vice President. Cheryl Wagner is overseeing out Treasurer position. We still have two positions that are yet to be filled, Secretary and Marketing Chair. We hope to have those filled soon. In the meantime, Ann Rouseau Morris has graciously offered to assist when possible in the Marketing area of updating the website and sending emails to members.

We are continually striving to help our members attain CEU's and encourage our members to grow and network in their profession and to be a vital part of the community. We continue to work together and support our chapter activities.

Coming up with new ideas to support our members and their positions in their community and their profession is our goal and commitment for the 2017-2018 year.