FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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To: Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the General Assembly

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RE: Treasure Coast Chapter Annual Report

From: Treasure Coast Chapter

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

Our 2018-19 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 $10 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 meeting a year further south with and Earn and Earn theme. We have 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. Our first event was scheduled for April 15, 2018. The theme was titled: Eat, Earn and Elect. This event not only did we have an educational topic on Nutrition, but also held election for Chapter Officers.

Since this time last year, the chapter has been able to offer our members **25.5** AAMA CEUs-(last year we had 19.5). Our educational topics have been posted on the FSMA Calendar via the Webmaster, emailed to members via Constant Contact, events were

shared on Facebook, and letters were mailed. Our topics have been informative and relative. Topics included:

- XLIF Procedure- March 2018
- Stop the Bleed- March 2018
- Foot and Wound Care- April 2018
- Medical Reserve Corp and the MA's Role- April 2018
- Migraines-May 2018
- Chronic Pain- Sept. 2018
- Breast Cancer- Oct. 2018
- Body in Nature- Nov. 2018
- Legal and Ethical Guidelines for the MA-Nov. 2018
- Patient Blood Management- Jan. 2019
- Cardiovascular Disease and Peripheral Artery Disease- Feb. 2019
- Gastrointestinal Disease and the Importance of Screenings- March 2019
- Technology in Healthcare: EPIC- April 2019
- Nutrition – April 2019
- Medical Marijuana and Narcan- Sept. 2019
- Patient Navigation- Oct. 2019
- Diagnostic Testing- Nov. 2019

We advertise our events through Constant Contact, on our Treasure Coast Chapter of Medical Assistants Facebook group and page, announce at our educational monthly meetings, on the FSMA website calendar and in our mailings. We are currently working on 2020 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 on April 15 following our educational topic. Officer update will be discussed at the General Assembly.

During the year, we have worked with many different projects. Our chapter has participated in a few community service events. Attendees who attend our educational meetings are asked to donate non-perishable food to the IRSC Food Pantry and excess goes to the Treasure Coast Food Bank to feed the hungry. Most recently our Chapter participated in Relay for Life of St Lucie County. We raise over $400 for the American Cancer Society- Thank you again to all who contributed.
We worked on the FSMA Adhoc Committee project to promote the Medical Assisting profession with letters to local employers, educators, and credentialed medical assistants. These letters also informed readers of the FSMA by-law changes that occurred in April 2018.
Our chapter officers also met several times to discuss the future of the chapter, the leadership, and how to make continuous improvements for our members.

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.