

CASE MANAGEMENT CONNECTION

Central Virginia Chapter
Case Management Society of America
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President's Message

Health Care Reform---Meet Case Managers!!

As I begin my new role, as president of the Central Virginia Chapter of CMSA, I am aware of many changes in health care. What the focus of my presidency will be is building from the firm foundation established from past leadership and allowing for future growth of the chapter. Derenda Lovelace, our past president, is a role model of what this chapter can be. The knowledge is here to share with new members and the timing is right to invite others to join us.

With the changes Health Care Reform will bring, we need all the knowledge and contacts to assist Case Managers in being the resource person for help in a changing environment. If case management wanted a symbol it may be Superwoman's cape. We are powerful, quick to respond, and able to jump through barriers. Case management should be one of the supporting players in any Health Care Reform.

Case Managers need to obtain knowledge to be able to work with Health Care Reform and all of its changes. Know we will bring as much information to our chapter as possible. This information will go back to the community through you as Case Managers. It is encouraged to invite new people to come to our education meetings to meet us and learn what CMSA does for its members.

There are many changes ahead, we have the talent and qualifications to help others and grow in numbers. Health Care Reform meet Case Managers.

Paula Simpson, R.N.
President of CVC CMSA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication: We are committed to publishing as fine a newsletter as possible and we thank everyone who has submitted information to be included in the newsletter. We still need everyone's help to keep the information flowing so please continue to send in information of events and articles of interest to Brenda Kitchen by email (bkitchen@mcvh-vcu.edu). We need your experiences to give direction to others in the case management arena. We continue to publish the newsletter 4 times a year - Sept, Dec, March and June. If you have information to put into the newsletter please get it to Brenda by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Leadership: If you would like to become more involved with our organization please contact one of the board members with ideas or to see just how you can become involved. The board is always open to new ideas and assistance in making our organization better for you. Also a special thanks to those that serve on our board. They work tirelessly to ensure that our local chapter is a success. What you might not know is they are responsible for such things as setting up the educational meeting and getting CEUs as well as submitting information for awards received by our local chapter to national. We even have a representative from our chapter going to Washington D.C. These are just a few things that board members work on for you our members, so if you see a board member don't forget to thank them for all their hard work.

Membership Development: Anyone interested in receiving a copy of our membership list please contact Lee Bank at lbank@vmlins.org

During the month of August for new members we will pay for the local chapter dues. So, if you work with someone or have a friend who is interested in joining CMSA this is a great way to save some money.

Educational: There are many exciting educational opportunities planned for this year. If anyone has a topic of interest or speaker for the upcoming year, please notify the board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

Topic: "Being Aware of the Cultural Differences of your Hispanic Patients"

Speaker: Rosa Hopkins, RN

When: June 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Where: VCU Spine Center Conference Room
8700 Stony Point Parkway, First Floor

Central Virginia Chapter
Case Management Society of America
Annual Meeting
When: August 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm
Where: James River Winery
11008 Washington Highway (Route 1)
Glen Allen, Va. 23059
(804)550-7516
RSVP to Lee Bank at lbank@vmlins.org

NATIONAL NEWS

Keep your records current: If you need to change any of your information contact Michele Lee in Member Services at 501-225-2229 ext 20 or mlee@acminet.com.

Please note that nominations for the Chapter Excellence and Innovation awards have been submitted to our chapter's educational programs.

Your vote counts!!! Don't forget to vote for our national board. Our own Betty Overbey is running for office on the National CMSA Board.

Mark your calendars for CMSA's 20th Anniversary Conference & Expo, "Dreaming and Doing: Making A Difference Together" on June 8-11, 2010 at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL. This event offers all case management professionals a variety of opportunities to become involved in activities designed to influence the new health care system and to incorporate current information and best practices into the activities designed to advance optimal client-centered care delivery. Discover new and updated evidence-based practices and cutting-edge technologies, treatments, services and pharmaceuticals.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**ANNOUNCING THE CMSA DINNER CLUB
WHEN: THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
WHERE: DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS EACH MONTH**

**Next dinner is July 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Glory Days
10466 Ridgefield Parkway
Richmond, Va. 23233
804-754-3710**

THIS IS A PURELY SOCIAL GET TOGETHER. IT IS PAY YOUR OWN WAY. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DINE AND CHAT WITH OTHER CASE MANAGERS OUTSIDE THE WORK AND FORMAL MEETING SETTINGS.

Please RSVP to LEE BANK. Hope to see you there!

LEE'S EMAIL IS lbank@vmlins.org

Please note that there will not be a dinner club gathering in June.

A scholarship has been formed in memory of Mary Gambosh. Mary was instrumental in getting the Central Virginia Chapter, Case Management Society of America started. The scholarship money will be available to members of the Central Virginia chapter who are in good standing. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so.

EDUCATIONAL/RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

PMSI has continuing education courses – you can go online at www.pmsionline.com directly for information.

From Elliot Eisenberg, DC

The other day this wonderful piece came to my attention. In this ever-stressful world, where we are faced with multiple demands and priorities, I find it important to value the time we have and fill our time with value. I hope the following illustration will a reason to pause, for just a minute and consider how you are spending your time. Don't forget to take a little time for yourself, your health and your piece of mind.

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever you have failed to invest in good purposes. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in HEALTH, HAPPINESS, and SUCCESS! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

JOB POSTINGS

None at this time.