

Brevard County Chapter of Medical Assistants
Monthly Chapter Meeting
May 27, 2010
Beef O' Brady's -- Melbourne

- Officers Present:** Ofelia Sunde, CMA (AAMA) – President
Mary Hill, CMA (AAMA) – Immediate Past President
Linda Vitzthum, CMA (AAMA) – Vice President
Jeanette Smith, SMA – Secretary
Denise Stevens, CMA (AAMA) – Treasurer
Kris Hardy, CMA (AAMA) – Education/Projects Chair
Patricia Rock, LPN – Scholarship Chair
Gina Marie Meoni, SMA – Ways and Means Co-Chair
Jesus Pino, CMA (AAMA) – Marketing Committee Chair
- Officers Absent:** Mary Keho, CMA (AAMA) – Historian
Daria Hendrickson, SMA – Ways and Means Chair
Dan Anderson, SMA – Marketing Committee Co-Chair
- CEU Presentation:** Debra Arrington, CMA (AAMA), CPC. Topic: ICD/CPT Coding Basics
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Ofelia at approximately 8:12 pm.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the May 6, 2010 Executive Board meeting have been posted on the FSMA website and the Facebook page for the BCCMA.
- Treasurer's Report:** None given (Treasurer had to depart early due to an emergency)
- Correspondence:** The FSMA annual conferences are being moved to the West Coast for the next few years so that those from the other side of the state can have more opportunity to attend.

FSMA contract with Holiday Inn - Orlando expires in October 2010. FSMA fall seminar will still be held at this same hotel.

It was voted at the FSMA board meeting to try holding Conferences in both the West Coast and the East coast to accommodate members that can't make the drive Orlando. October 2010 will be held in Orlando; Jan 2011 will be in Tampa and May 2011 back to Orlando and Fall of 2011 Brevard county more likely will be hosting the FSMA conference.

Old Business: President Ofelia attended the FSMA Conference in April. The chapter purchased a half-page ad for \$25 to honor Sandra Richardson-Brown, FSMA Immediate-past President and BCCMA chapter member and to congratulate Mary Hill on her successful year as BCCMA President.

New Business: President Ofelia is developing the speaker calendar for the next few months. She requested that anyone who knows someone who would like to speak to our group to please contact her.

There was discussion about the Fox 35 News story from the Orlando physician who said that medical assistants are “dangerous to a patient’s health.” This is being addressed on the State and National levels by the appropriate people. Kris Hardy stated that mandatory certification for medical assistants would help prevent news stories like this one. She also suggested the following: 1) The Chapter should write a letter to the FSMA and the AAMA National Office giving our official response to this news story; 2) Get discussion going on how to bring the issue of uncertified medical assistants to light; and 3) Use Facebook page for BCCMA to facilitate discussion and spread the word about this issue.

Unfinished Business: There are tote bags and t-shirts for sale with all proceeds going to the Chapter treasury.

Announcements: Sept. 24-27: AAMA Annual Conference – Orlando
Oct. 30: BCCMA Fall Seminar Theme: Octoberfest
Wuestoff Hospice and Pallative Care – Viera

Next Meeting: The next regular chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th at 6:30 at Beef O’Bradys on Wickham Road in Melbourne (the one next door to The Joint). Beef’s will give 10% of the proceeds of food and beverage sales to the chapter that night, so plan to come at 6 pm to have dinner.

Prizes: The Silent Auction earned \$15. Nichol Ramdhaine was the winner.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Jeanette Smith, SMA