



e-newsletter

CASE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS
January 2010



A Message to CMSST Members

Each year, CMSST Board of Directors have strived to expand the educational programs provided to CMSST members and enhance CMSST presence within the community. This year is no exception. Your Board of Directors are fully committed in their endeavor to meet both membership and community needs. Conveying information to our members is an identified priority need, henceforth, this E-Newsletter. Due to work commitments, some of our members are unable to attend the monthly meetings in which Society updates are provided. For those of you who have been members for a long time, you may recall that a monthly newsletter used to be mailed to each of our residences. This E-Newsletter is being implemented with the same intent :keeping members apprise about Case Management Society of South Texas.

January 21st Meeting Update

President

Cecilia Canamar

- (1) Introduction of 2010 Board of Directors
- (2) PayPal availability for membership dues
- (3) Monthly review of each Bylaw article with final draft of revisions and/or additions by the end of June then presented to the membership for approval
- (4) Laptop purchase for ongoing consistency of financial documentation with each new Treasurer
- (5) Implementation of written Policies and Procedures to provide the foundation knowledge for future board members
- (6) Purchase of wireless microphone enhancing speaker flexibility during CEU presentations
- (7) Annual Members Only Business Meeting, as referenced in Article IV Section 1 of CMSST Bylaws, will be held in November

Director of Membership

Genaline Escalante- Valdez

- (1) Membership: 127 with 22 additional new members joining on the 21st for total of 149
- (2) Meeting attendees: 91

Director of Annual Conference

Frankie Sue Hernandez

- (1) 2 day Educational Conference will be held during Case Management Week in October
- (2) Mardi Gras Theme
- (3) Venue still pending

Director of Publicity

Edie Gonzaba

CMSST will be participating in a community event each quarter during 2010:

- (1) Habitat for Humanity on March 27
- (2) Care Packages for "Adopt a Troop"
- (3) Blankets/Coats for the Homeless
- (4) Food Bank Drive in December

Treasurer

Erica Barrett

An Audit Committee, as referenced in Article IV Section 1 of CMSST Bylaws, is being implemented to provide an annual review of business and finances at a Members Only Business Meeting being held in November in lieu of a CEU meeting presentation.

Director of Education

Pilar Tamez

- (1) Introduction of January sponsors for the CEU presentation
- (2) Provided information regarding availability of sponsorship for monthly CEU presentation. Sponsorship forms available at www.cmsst.com
- (3) Next Meeting: Feb 18th
Speaker: Dr. Tim Peterson

JANUARY HIGHLIGHT

Speaker:

Dr. Jorge Alvarez
Interventional Cardiologist

Topic:

Cardiac Catherization: A Virtual Tour

Sponsors:

Huebner Creek Health & Rehab

Medina Valley Health & Rehab

Cibolo Creek Rehabilitation* Health* Living



This month's meeting door prize sponsors/ winners:

Sponsor: Medina Valley Health & Rehab Center

Winners:

Jimmie Cornelius
Trisha Garza

Sponsor: CMSST

Winners:

Karen Freeman
Renee Claiborne
Paul Deaver
John Stevenson
Keith Barnhill
Roy Casillas
Cathy Lewis

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Job Posting

Some members inquired, at the end of the meeting, regarding the lack of opportunity to announce job openings at their respected facilities. In order to meet the need of providing ample time for the meeting Sponsors to promote their facilities/ services prior to presenting the featured speaker, and also being cognizant of the attendees' limited time due to work commitments, the duration for the Board to provide CMSST updates may be constrained. In order to accommodate this job posting need, there will now be a job posting

board available during the monthly meetings held at Luby's beginning in February. Those with job opportunities are being encouraged to arrive early at Luby's, utilize the job posting board and allow themselves ample time to network amongst the attendees to promote the postings pre and post meeting. In the past, late arrivals missed the announcements so they too will now have the opportunity to visualize the job opportunities. In addition, job postings are available at www.cmsst.com

Annual Educational Conference

The Board would like to thank those who have already shown their exuberance in participating at the 2010 Annual Educational Conference being held in October. Our conferences would not be a success without your ongoing support and partnership with CMSST. As Frankie Sue Hernandez reported at the meeting on the 21st, the conference will be held during Case Management Week—the third week in October. This year's conference will revolve around a "MARDI GRAS" theme. Those interested in participating as an exhibitor may now submit a sponsorship form available at www.cmsst.com. Exhibitor brochures with detailed information will be generated and distributed once all the essential conference components have been finalized.

2010 Board of Directors

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Habitat for Humanity



" Together, We Can Make
A Difference"

Join us on March 27 as we lend a helping hand along with other community partners at Habitat for Humanity.

If interested in participating, please visit www.cmsst.com and click on the Habitat for Humanity Registration form for submission to Edie Gonzaba, Director of Publicity

Audit Committee



CMSST members from different levels of care settings are currently being sought by the Board of Directors to be appointed to the Audit Committee.

If interested in participating, please visit www.cmsst.com, select the "Committee" link located on the left side of the homepage and click on the "Audit Committee Form" for submission to Erica Barrett, Treasurer