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Message from the Board

By Marty Bassett RN, BSN, MA, President



The Annual Vendor Show of The Central Florida Chapter of CMSA was on Thursday, November 11. Our theme was Red, White and Blue because it was Veterans Day, and we honored all veterans who were in attendance. Many thanks to Victor Sargent, the Chairman, and all the board members who worked together to make this a success! We received many compliments from both vendors and case managers.

Congratulations to our new officers for 2011: President - Darlene Armstrong, Vice-President - Patti Dorrell, and Secretary - Marsha Stein. Lynne Bergey will continue as Treasurer for a second year. Thanks to these members who have volunteered their time to serve our Chapter and to all those members who voted!

Please join us for the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 9. Those who bring a toy to be donated to the Shriners for their Annual Christmas Party and a canned food item to be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank will be given free admission. Give Kids the World will receive our charity gift this year. We will have many door prizes for our attendees.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year. I hope you have realized the benefits of being part of this great Chapter. Some of the year's highlights included the National CMSA Conference held in Orlando in June, where we had many of our Chapter members in attendance; we recognized our Chapter Case Manager of the Year - Marsha Stein; held our Annual Vendor Show; benefitted from many educational speakers at our monthly meetings; supported our 2010 charities - toys for the Shriners, food for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and cash for Give Kids the World. Congratulations to all for a fantastic year!

Enjoy your holiday season!

Marty Bassett, RN, BSN, MA

President

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"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Chapter Notes

CMSA Monthly Member Meeting
November 5, 2010



Marty called the meeting to order at 8:05am. The minutes from the last meeting were read, with one change - the date of the next meeting. Darlene motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Victor and the minutes were approved by the board.

Nominations report: Terrie reported that she will have the ballots available for the vendor show and as a member comes in the door will encourage them to vote. She has created a voting booth.

Member report: 203 members. New pins have been ordered and will be here for the vendor show.

Treasurer report: Lynne reported October income of \$5,245 and expenses of \$3,609. Total cash (including CD) \$15,864.00

Programs report: Joanne reported that there is a waiting list for program slots for next year. In January the Wound Care Center of St. Cloud will be presenting.

Vendor Show: Victor has 47 confirmed vendors. 17 premium booths sponsors. With the patriotic theme it was suggested to wear navy blue slacks and red and white top. Patriotic hats were ordered for board members to wear. The menu will have a BBQ theme, Joanne will arrange with Jimmy. Discussed the door prize and decided on a Kindle instead of the usual cash door prize. Lynn will purchase from Amazon. The chapter booth will be decorated with red, white and blue. Floor plan was discussed and will be available the morning of the show. Suggested arrival for members who can help assist with set up is 9:30am.

Website: Artemis received the 50% down payment for the web development changes. Lisa reported the calendar will be simplified and that Artemis will put that in production. She has been working with Nikki Johnson and Ted Howard from National CMSA and they will be able to automatically upload membership.

CEUs: No CEUs for November or December. .

Old Business:

December Christmas luncheon - Darlene will buy the gifts this year. Budget for the gifts was discussed and determined to be \$1000. Darlene would like to see everyone leave with a gift and discussed having more \$20.00 gifts. Everyone was in agreement. Poinsettias will be purchased for the tables and they will be part of the gift. Charities were discussed - suggested was Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, no decision was reached. We will have a food drive so everyone will be encouraged to bring canned food.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2010 at Perkins in Altamonte Springs.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Dorrell, Secretary



MEETINGS

4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Educational offering with CEU & CCM

Location: Bahia Shrine Auditorium.
2300 Pembroke Dr.
Maitland. 32701

RSVP- Member-free
Non-member-\$15
Non-RSVP- Member-\$5
Non-member-\$20
First time guest—FREE

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Government News

Human rights – a central concern for the global HIV response

On World AIDS Day 2010, the global community is focusing attention on protecting human rights of all people affected by HIV.

Health, HIV and human rights are inextricably linked. HIV responses need to ensure that human rights are protected and promoted. At the same time, the promotion and protection of human rights reduces HIV risk and vulnerability and makes HIV programmes more effective. Those populations most vulnerable and at risk of HIV are often the same populations prone to human rights violations. HIV policies and programmes in the health sector must promote human rights and empower individuals to exercise their rights.

The right to health is central to the HIV response. While we are encouraged by news that HIV epidemics are stabilizing in most regions of the world, it is clear that too many people still do not have access to essential HIV services that can prevent HIV infections and save lives. Antiretroviral treatment is still only available to one third of people in need. Even with the expansion of programmes to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, in 2009 only 53% of pregnant women living with HIV were able to access treatment to prevent their infants from becoming infected.

Populations most at risk of HIV infection, including injecting drug users, sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender people are also those populations who have the least access to much needed HIV prevention, treatment and care services. For example, coverage of harm reduction programmes remained limited in 2009. Among 92 countries that reported, 36 had needle and syringe programmes and 33 offered opioid substitution therapy.

People living with HIV should not only enjoy their right to health but also their right to access crucial social services such as education, employment, housing, social security and even asylum in some cases. Ensuring the rights of people living with HIV is good public health practice, by improving the health and well-being of those affected and by making prevention efforts more effective. A wide range of countries have enacted legislation to prevent discrimination against people living with HIV. However, in many cases, there is poor enforcement of such laws and stigmatization of people living with HIV and most-at-risk populations persist.

HIV-related stigma and discrimination continue to undermine HIV responses. The fear of being shunned by their families and friends, marginalized in their communities or denied employment and other services is often the reason why people do not present for HIV testing or attend HIV services. All too often it is the negative attitudes and behaviours of health workers that make health services inaccessible and unacceptable to those people at greatest risk of HIV infection and in greatest need of prevention, treatment and care services. People living with HIV, drug users, sex workers and men who have sex with men should be able to attend health services where they feel safe and are ensured the best possible and non-judgmental care.

The failure to promote and protect human rights increases vulnerability and can drive HIV epidemics. In sub-Saharan Africa, women and girls are particularly vulnerable to HIV; 80% of all women living with HIV are in this region. In Eastern Europe, over 50% of HIV cases are among people who inject drugs. In France, Netherlands and Spain, between 1/3 and 3/4 of new HIV infections are concentrated among migrants.

On the eve of a new decade, we need to address laws, policies, and regulations that increase HIV vulnerability and risk, impede access to health services or infringe on human rights, particularly for vulnerable and most-at-risk populations. In nearly 80 countries, same-sex sexual relations are criminalized, with 6 countries applying the death penalty. In over 50 countries and territories, there are restrictions on travel and residence for people living with HIV. In many countries drug users are sent to prison or compulsory rehabilitation programmes rather than being provided with effective treatment. The health sector has a critical role to play in promoting public health approaches and arguments when laws are made and strategies developed by other sectors.

Today, I call on all sectors to protect human rights, including the right to health, and to combat discrimination. Working with people living with HIV is critical for an effective HIV response and Member States need to be mindful of the commitments made in the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS to promote better legal and social environments for people to access HIV testing, prevention and treatment.

WHO is firmly committed to the goal of achieving universal access to key HIV services. However, this will not be possible unless we make sure that the human rights of everyone, everywhere, are protected and promoted.

This article can be found at http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2010/polio_20101026/en/index.html

BULLETIN BOARD

Please join us for our monthly membership meeting on:

Thursday, Jan 27th 2011

Topic: Soft Tissue Radionecrosis

Speaker: Mary Cardy Weaver

Sponsor: St Cloud Wound Healing Center

RSVP via the Website

KEEP THE DATES 2010

Jan 28, 2010

Feb 25, 2010

Mar 25, 2010

April 22, 2010

May 27, 2010

June 24, 2010

July 22, 2010

Aug 26, 2010

Sept 23, 2010

Oct 28, 2010

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