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President’s Corner

My focus this year as President is to recognize that NAME exists and benefits its members *thanks to its all-volunteer work force*. To inspire everyone to be actively involved, I’ve listed below just a few examples of what NAME Committees are doing for us this year.

- ◆ **Communications Committee** and **Web Committee** coordinate to provide timely news you can use, on the web and delivered to your inbox, as well as answers to questions and general information requests emailed to NAME.
- ◆ **Conference Committee** is planning breakout sessions, menus and networking opportunities for the 2016 Conference and a venue for 2017.
- ◆ **Education Committee** is finalizing questions and answers for publication by the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) in its “Lucky 21” series on Medicaid claiming for school-based services.
- ◆ **Finance Committee** and **Financial Procedures Review Committee** are overseeing and maintaining accurate records of NAME’s financial affairs.
- ◆ **Government Affairs and Public Relations Committee** collaborates with government agencies and national organizations, such as Healthy Schools Campaign and National Association of School Nurses, regarding issues of interest to Medicaid-participating schools across the country.
- ◆ **Membership Committee** reaches out to new and potential members, completes member enrollments and issues dues reminders.
- ◆ **Nominating Committee** identifies willing and qualified candidates to fill mid-term Board vacancies and run for election – announcements in this issue of the NAMEtag and submit your Board member nominations this spring!
- ◆ **Policy and Procedures Committee** maintains policies and procedures to guide NAME’s work.
- ◆ **Research Committee** identifies topics of interest to NAME members, develops NAME survey questions and methodologies, and formats reports to share research and survey results.
- ◆ **Executive Committee** (NAME’s 5 officers) oversees progress toward NAME’s annual and long-range goals.

Please consider how you can contribute to – and therefore draw more benefit from – our all-volunteer network of busy professionals working to achieve NAME’s mission and vision. For committee contact information, log in to the NAME web site and click “Committees” (on the right side bar menu).

I look forward to working with you!

Tracy Brunner (IN)
2015-2016 President

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*From
the Hill*

John Hill, Executive Director

National School-Based Health Care Awareness Month!

The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) currently works closely with five other national organizations. They are: the Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE); the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE); the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD); the American Association of School Administrators (AASA); and the School Based Health Alliance (SBHA). Among other things, these partners help us educate other stakeholders about the critical link between health care and education. We refer to these five organizations as NAME's *strategic partners* and we rely on each other to help co-create a future where children's health is seen as essential to their learning.

Periodically I will use this column to highlight each of our strategic partners and focus on the work they do to improve school-based health services. Last month, February, was National School-Based Health Care Awareness Month which is organized by one of our strategic partners, the School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA). For more than a decade, each February the SBHA has raised awareness of the critical role our nation's public schools have in assuring the health and well-being of children and youth. Their annual month-long campaign reminds us that school-based health centers (SBHCs) across the country are an important safety net for some of our most vulnerable students. During the 2016 campaign, the SBHA began building support for an upcoming piece of federal legislation that will be introduced by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI). This comprehensive school-based health care "vision" bill will provide support for SBHCs to expand clinical operations, innovate service delivery models, maximize reimbursement, and secure the status of SBHCs as essential community providers.

As soon as we learn of the introduction of this bill, the NAME Governmental Affairs and Public Relations Committee will share with you on the NAME website. So, to keep updated on the status of this legislation and other SBHA activities, I encourage you to monitor the [NAME website](#) as well as the [SBHA School-Based Health Care Awareness Month website](#). You may also find at either website, ways you personally can make a difference in the health of children and youth.

What do you think? Contact me at John.Hill@MedicaidforEducation.org with your suggestions, concerns or questions about NAME and/or school-based health services.



Spread the Word: Affordable Health Coverage for Children, Teens, and Parents

by Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign,

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide quality health care coverage to eligible children and teens. In states that have expanded Medicaid, more parents and other family members may qualify as well. The programs cover annual check-ups, immunizations, dental care, and more. You can help families access these important services by using the resources of, or joining the Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign, a nationwide effort spreading the word about the benefits of Medicaid and CHIP. The Campaign also reminds you that enrollment can occur year-round in these programs. When you or your school or agency work with like-minded organizations nationwide, we can increase the number of eligible children and teens who have health care coverage.

Here's how you can get involved:

[Download](#) Connecting Kids to Coverage flyers and posters to distribute or post.

Participate in monthly [webinars](#) that share enrollment best practices and lessons learned from organizations working to enroll kids and teens.

Follow the Campaign on [Twitter](#) and spread the word to your network using [sample tweets, posts](#), and [social graphics](#).

Check out the [Making Outreach Work](#) series to get and share tips such as:

[10 Things Schools Can Do](#)

[5 Ways to Get Teens Enrolled](#)

[5 Ways Primary Care Associations and Health Centers Can Help](#)

[Sign up](#) for the Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign Notes eNewsletter to get outreach and enrollment tips.

For more information on the Campaign, or to find out other ways you can get involved, go to InsureKidsNow.gov or email ConnectingKids@cms.hhs.gov.

NAME Elections and Candidates' Forum Teleconference Coming SOON!

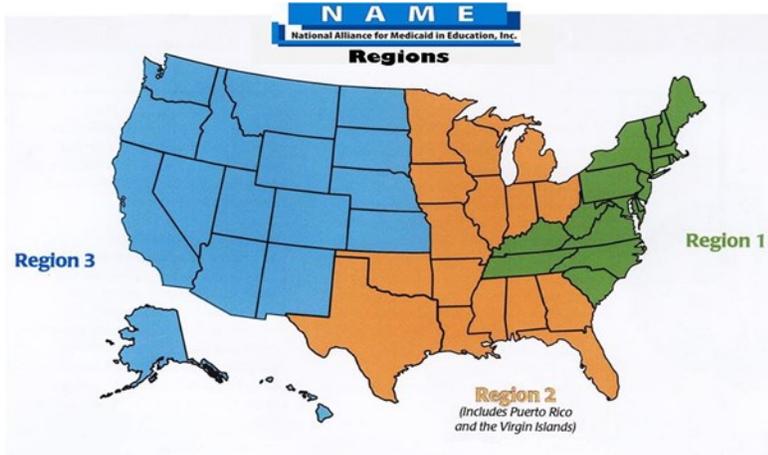
by Charles Tyler (MD), Nominating Committee Chair

If you recall from last year, the NAME election cycle changed in 2015 from fall to spring. This change allows a smooth transition for newly-elected individuals to learn from the veteran members. It also allows newly elected leaders to plan their travel so they may stay for two more days of "NAME long range planning" meetings of the Board of Directors, following the NAME Annual Conference.

The 2016 election will be held **this May**, and we are introducing an event that we think will assist you in getting to know all the candidates. Prior to the elections, NAME will be hosting a *Candidates' Forum in May 2016*, which is in a conference call format featuring all the candidates. Each will present their positions on issues important to NAME members, and take questions from you, the NAME members. Stay tuned and we will provide you with both the dates for the Forum and the actual election dates.

The month of May will be here quickly, so please consider nominating yourself or another qualified candidate for any one of these open positions:

- ◆ **President-Elect:** The President-Elect serves for three years: 1 year as President-Elect, 1 year as President, 1 year as Immediate Past President. The President-Elect must be from a state education or a state Medicaid agency.
- ◆ **Region 1 State Education Agency Representative-3-year term**
- ◆ **Region 2 State Medicaid Agency Representative-3-year term**
- ◆ **At-Large Local Education Agency Representative-3-year term**
- ◆ **Secretary-not elected by the voting members, but appointed in September for a 2-year term by the Board of Directors**



The composition of the board is twelve Regional Directors and five Officers. Some of the responsibilities of all these elected leaders for NAME include: attendance at monthly Board meetings via teleconference; in-person attendance at the 2-day Board meeting and annual Long Range Planning meeting that immediately follows the NAME Annual Conference; in-person attendance at one Strategic Planning Meeting held every 3 years (next will be April 2017); and participation on at least one NAME committee. Some financial assistance may be available for travel related to attending the Annual Conference and long range planning meetings referenced above.

The NAME Nominating Applications are available on the NAME members-only website > Committees> Nominating Committee <http://medicaidforeducation.org/members/committees/nominating-committee>

Applications will be accepted from any NAME member in good standing through **April 8, 2016**. To submit your application or if you have any questions please contact NAME Nominating Committee Chair Charles Tyler, Jr. at CTyler@bcps.org

This is the first 'call for candidates' for the 2016 election cycle, so if you are interested in helping NAME expand and flourish with your unique perspective, serving on the Board of Directors is a positive way to give back to NAME.

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2016 NAME Conference

SAVE the Dates !

September 18-21, 2016

Achieve a Big Sky State of Mind

by Rena Steyaert (MT), 2016 Conference Committee Chair, Teresa Pastore (MA) Conference Vice Chair



Are you ready to **Achieve a Big Sky State of Mind**? The 2016 Conference Committee is busy preparing and planning to give you a Conference experience that has you saying you *have* achieved just that! What is a “Big Sky State of Mind”? It is an experience you will find in the beautiful State of Montana, with its fresh air and clean running rivers and lakes that set the stage for you to open up to new ideas. This 14th Annual Conference will offer you inspiring views of mountains, wide open spaces and a desire for new information that will motivate you to take what you learn and put it into action back home in your school based health service program.

The Conference Call for Presenters was emailed and posted on the NAME website on Friday, Feb 19th. If you have helpful ideas or processes to share in a breakout or nugget presentation at this year’s Conference, ***please submit a proposal by the April 15 deadline***. Remember: the Big Sky is the place to bring those BIG ideas of what works in your state, to share with others.

This year all 2016 Conference sessions will be held in two adjacent hotels in Bozeman: the Best Western Gran Tree and the Holiday Inn. The hotels are separated only by a parking lot driveway. NAME has negotiated the same room rate for both hotels;

◆ NAME’s conference room rate **per night is \$146.45, including tax**.

Room reservations can be made at either hotel; each will provide you with the same easy access to the Conference sessions, meals, silent auction fundraiser and networking. Please note: Both hotels are two stories and if you require use of an elevator, we recommend the Best Western Gran Tree hotel, as the Holiday Inn does not have an elevator. Additional Hotel information along with booking codes can be found on the [NAME Conference Webpage](#)

Hotel information:

- ◆ [Best Western Gran Tree Inn](#)
- ◆ [The Holiday Inn](#)

Complimentary Hotel shuttle service from the Bozeman Yellowstone International airport (Airport code **BZN**) to your hotel is also provided. Once you have made your flight reservations, the hotels recommend you contact them with your arrival time, to ensure a timely pick up.

Continue to watch the NAME Conference webpage for updates on conference program, registration and other activities.



Regional News

Region 2 States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Wisconsin

Greetings from Region 2! We are pleased to share with you, news from our Region that was submitted by our members. We look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and feedback.

Region 2 Policies and Procedures Committee Members

Did you know? Two of your fellow Region 2 NAME members— Anne Glass (FL) and Kathy Merry (MI)—serve on the NAME Policies and Procedures Committee (P&P). The P & P Committee is in the process of organizing all of NAME policies and procedures that are relevant to our members. The Committee hopes that knowledge is power, and sharing such information will keep you interested and quench your curiosity about the internal workings of NAME. Once completed, the Committee will post those relevant policies and procedures on the NAME website.

Healthy Schools Campaign: Headquartered in Illinois

The Healthy Schools Campaign is a key member of a coalition of like-minded organizations working to “ensure that all children have access to healthy schools where they can learn and thrive...”. With headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, the Campaign was one of those organizations that worked to persuade the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to “revise” their “free care policy” (see link below). The Healthy Schools Campaign continues to provide guidance as the new ‘free care’ policy initiative is implemented around the country. To learn more about the Healthy Schools Campaign, visit their website: <https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/programs/national/national-collaborative/>.

The free care policy fact sheet developed by the Healthy Schools Campaign can be found here:

<https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/hsc-resources/free-care-policy-fact-sheet/>

Telehealth in Indiana

Indiana is exploring the possibility of adding Medicaid coverage for telehealth services provided in the school setting.

Ohio Medicaid Agency Changes Medical Necessity Requirements Impacting IEP Claiming

Beginning August 1, 2016, all speech, audiology, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services reimbursed by the Ohio Medicaid in the Schools Program (MSP) will require an order, referral, or prescription to establish medical necessity. Previously, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) served as the prescribing document for services delivered to students and reimbursed to Ohio schools.

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