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President’s Corner

Hello Everyone!

Earlier this month, the NAME Leadership Team met in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for three days of strategic planning meetings. The meetings focused on the direction of NAME for the upcoming years. During this time, we also had phone calls with some of NAME’s strategic partners and key stakeholders. These conversations focused on the possible scenarios that may emerge with regards to health care reform and the impact it could have on school based Medicaid programs. The phone calls and strategic planning meetings made it clear that everyone is working together to educate others about School-Based Medicaid programs and the importance these programs have for children and schools throughout the country.

We look forward to seeing everyone this fall at NAME’s 15th annual conference in sunny Fort Lauderdale. Registration has already opened for the October 15 - 18 conference. Sign up early and reserve your room now!

Let this be your view during your morning walk or run in October...



Shannon Huska (CO)
2016-17 NAME President

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2017 NAME Conference

“The Sunshine State is Calling Your NAME”

by Deneen Gorassini (FL), 2017 Conference Committee Chair

We are only four and half months away from the 15th Annual NAME Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, October 15-18, 2017. The NAME Conference Committee has been busy planning activities and putting together a schedule of ‘breakouts’ and ‘nuggets’ presentations from submitted proposals.

Registration for the Conference is open! Register and make your hotel reservations at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort. Arrive early or stay late! Plan a trip to the beach, visit South Beach or the Everglades National Park or shop on Las Olas Boulevard!

The Conference web page is regularly updated and now includes the preliminary program and information on conference social events, a charity run/walk, sponsorship opportunities and much more! The “Conference Corner” contains: frequently asked questions, detailed documents regarding the conference, air/ground transportation, and other useful information.

Click here for the [NAME Conference Webpage](#)

We look forward to seeing you in October!

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Health Care Reform

NAME has been closely monitoring the various health care reform initiatives that Congress is considering. While it is still uncertain as to if/what changes will be forthcoming, it does appear that legislative and/or regulatory changes may ultimately impact schools' capacity to access Medicaid to support health related services for students. In order to better prepare to support schools and states to implement potential changes, NAME has been conducting an environmental scan with various stakeholders, focusing on the following:

What are the most probable scenarios that you think may emerge in the next three years with regard to health care reform?

What will the potential impact be on school-based Medicaid under each of these scenarios?

How can NAME best support school-based Medicaid in local schools and state agencies when reform occurs?

It is our hope that by analyzing the answers to these questions, our organization will be able to develop additional capacity to work with federal agencies and NAME's strategic partners to ensure that public policy reflects our conviction that **health is essential to learning**.

As always, please contact me at John.Hill@MedicaidforEducation.org if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions about school-based health services.



NAME Election News

The results of the NAME Board of Directors 2017-2018 election are in!

Please congratulate:

Dario Avila (TX) – President Elect

Lucy Senters (KY) – Region 1 State Medicaid Representative

Margie Bobe (CA) – Region 3 Local Education Agency Representative

Rebekah Ludwick (PA) – At Large State Medicaid Representative

If you are interested in the region 3 State Education Agency representative position on the board, please contact Charles Tyler, Jr. Nominating Committee Chair at ctyler@bcps.org.

For the 2018-2019 year, the following board positions will be up for election:

President Elect (serves as President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President . Must represent a State Education or State Medicaid Agency.)

Region 1 – Local Education Agency Representative

Region 2 – Local Education Agency Representative

Region 2 – State Education Representative

Region 3 – State Medicaid Agency Representative

At Large – State Education Representative

As a Board member, you will serve a 3 year term and your responsibilities include: attendance at the monthly Board meetings via conference call; in-person attendance at the Board meeting and Long Range Planning meeting immediately following the NAME conference; and participation on one of the NAME committees.

Elections for these positions will occur in May, 2018. While it is early in the process, if you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Charles Tyler, Jr., Nominating Committee Chair, at ctyler@bcps.org. You must be a NAME member in good standing when your application is submitted. Some financial assistance for travel may also be available.

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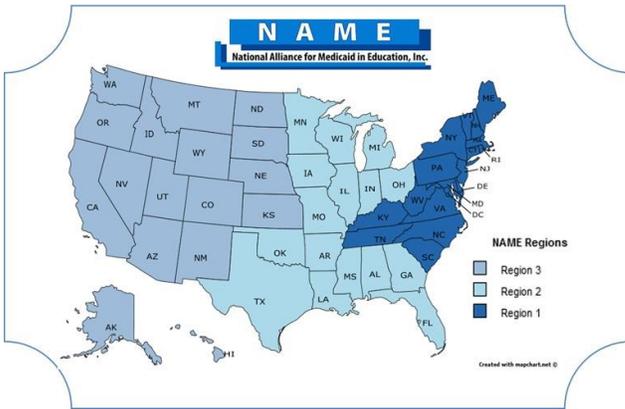
Region 3 Representatives:

Jeremy Ford (CA) Local Education Agency

Christie Guinn (NM) Medicaid Agency

Stacie Martin (KS) Education Agency

To contact us: Region3@medicaidforeducation.org



NAME National Conference Call

On April 26, 2017 the Region 3 Representatives hosted the NAME National Conference Call “How to Meet Compliance from One State’s Perspective”. The representatives chose the topic of program compliance as a result of the feedback that was given in the Region 3 Town Hall Meetings held during the 2016 Conference in Bozeman, MT.

The goal was for participants to learn first-hand about one state’s experience in working to meet compliance billing for school-based Medicaid services. Christie Guinn, NM School Health Manager and Region 3 State Medicaid Agency Representative, discussed the process that has been used in New Mexico for several years, including tools and strategies that other states and LEAs can utilize in their own programs to ensure compliant Medicaid billing.

The presentation and handouts are posted in the “Members Only” section of the website under the NAME National Conference Calls section <http://www.medicicaidforeducation.org/members/name-national-conference-calls>. We hope to have an audio recording of the call posted soon as well.

The Region 3 Representatives appreciate the opportunity to provide valuable information to our members. As always, please let us know how we can help you, or if you have something that you would like to share with us, by emailing: Region3@MedicaidForEducation.org.



Committee News

by Stacie Martin (KS) Education Committee Chair

Have you ever been in a meeting and heard a lot of unfamiliar terms and acronyms being used?

The NAME Education Committee has put together a glossary of terms and list of acronyms related to Medicaid and Education school health programs to assist our members!

To find these tools; Members will need to log in to the NAME “Members Only” website > [Tools! Acronyms, Glossary of Terms, and Association & Links](#)

Welcome New Board Members

Please welcome **Terry Riley** to our board. Terry is the new Region 1 State Education Agency Representative. Terry replaces Becky Stoddard, who recently retired. Mr. Riley is the Coordinator of the Office of Special Education for the West Virginia Department of Education where he handles all aspects of Special Education and the Medicaid reimbursement program for West Virginia. Prior to his employment at the West Virginia Department of Education, Terry worked for the Morgan County Schools.

We look forward to working with you, Terry!

The NAME Region 3 Representatives are excited to welcome **Heather Rich** from Idaho as the new At-Large Local Education Agency Representative to the NAME Board. As an At-Large Representative, Heather is available to NAME Members across the country.

Heather is a Speech-Language Pathologist who provides school-based services for Fremont Joint School District 215 in Southeast Idaho. Heather acquired her Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from University of California-Chico in 2003 and her Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in 2004. In May 2016, she received her 3rd Award for Continuing Education (ACE) from ASHA which recognizes individuals who have made an intensive, personal effort to advance their professional learning beyond their degree. She currently resides in Rexburg, Idaho and enjoys traveling, gardening, and raising chickens.

We look forward to working with you, Heather!