President’s Corner

Happy Winter Everyone!

As I reflect upon the NAME Conference in September, I feel lucky to be acquainted with such a great group of individuals. The wealth of knowledge and resources that can be found throughout NAME’s members are vast and should be taken advantage of by all. Even though we are connected throughout the year through the various NAME resources such as the website and National calls, it is always great to see everyone in person at Conference each year. I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2016 NAME Conference in Bozeman, MT and all the individuals who worked tirelessly to pull off yet another great and successful NAME Conference.

NAME needs your active involvement to help serve all of their members. We are always in search of additional individuals who are looking to be more involved in the organization. A great way to get involved is through one of NAME’s many committees. If you have an interest in a committee or would like to learn more about the committees that make up the NAME organization, please complete a short survey, which can be accessed through the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QB7RZ6C. Additional information about the committees, including the committee chairs, can be found in the “Members Only” section of the NAME webpage.

I hope the rest of your fall is wonderful and that you remember to check out the NAME website for all the great resources that are available.

Shannon Huska (CO)
2016-17 NAME President

Membership Renewal Time

By Margie Bobe (CA) Membership Committee Chair

If you did not attend the 2016 NAME Annual Conference in Bozeman your membership will expire on December 31, 2016! To renew, simply Click Here to access the “Join NAME” webpage. Annual dues are still only $50 and the MANY benefits can be found Here.
This is the third in a series of six articles highlighting the other not-for-profit organizations and associations that the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) works most closely with to educate stakeholders about the critical link between health care and education. We refer to these six organizations as our strategic partners and rely on them to help co-create a future where children’s health is seen as essential to their learning.

CASE is an international professional educational organization affiliated with the Council for Exceptional Children whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential and uniqueness of each individual in society. The Mission of CASE is to provide leadership and support to members by shaping policies and practices which impact the quality of education. CASE and NAME have work closely together on school-based Medicaid issues since NAME’s inception in 2004.

Most recently, NAME agreed to provide school-based Medicaid content for a CASE Lucky 21 monograph titled “Medicaid in Schools”. NAME’s Education and Research Committees worked on developing 21 questions and answers to assist school administrators and other interested parties to better understand why and how schools can access Medicaid to help offset medically related service costs in public schools.

The “Medicaid in Schools” monograph was completed this past August. NAME greatly appreciates that CASE provided a copy of this publication to each attendee at our 2016 NAME Annual Conference. For those that did not attend the conference and desire to obtain a copy, “Lucky 21: Medicaid in Schools” is available for purchase on the products section of the CASE website (http://www.casecec.org) for $5.00 each or $4.50 for quantities of 26 or more plus shipping and handling.

Contact me at John.Hill@MedicaidforEducation.org if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions about NAME and/or school-based health services.

2017 NAME Conference

Fort Lauderdale is one of the most desired destinations in the nation with more than 13 million visitors annually! With its beautiful beaches, art, culture, delicious restaurants and amazing shops lining the scenic boulevards, Fort Lauderdale is the place to come to learn, network and have some fun.

The Conference Committee continues to work on selecting speakers and topics for all conference session types. If you have suggestions or even have a topic you would like to present, the Call for Presenters is forthcoming, keep checking the Conference webpage for all updates: NAME Conference webpage.

Fall in South Florida is high season, so be sure to get your travel arrangements planned early! Fort Lauderdale is easy to reach, within an hour’s drive of three international airports (Miami-MIA, Fort Lauderdale-FLL and Palm Beach-PBI) and offers fantastic sightseeing and entertainment opportunities for visitors. If you decide to arrive early or stay late, typical fall weather is clear sunny skies with temperatures in the low 80s; perfect for swimming, fishing, kayaking or just relaxing on the beach! Whether you take a dive into the Atlantic, hike the Everglades or stroll along the River Walk to the Arts and Entertainment district there is something for everyone!

Known as the “Venice of America” we hope you will take this opportunity to join us in Fort Lauderdale to sail in to the sunset as the Sunshine State is Calling Your NAME

Looking forward to seeing you in Fort Lauderdale!
Changes in the Medicaid Rules Could Impact Funding for School-Based Health Centers in New York City Schools

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are an emerging concept in schools today. In a SBHC, the student can go to the health suite to seek medical care from the school nurse, a nurse practitioner or a physician. The intent of the centers is to keep kids healthy and in school at the same time. For parents, convenience is a large factor, as they do not need to leave work or struggle to obtain transportation to take their child to the doctor.

A change in New York’s Medicaid rules could adversely affect access to SBHCs in New York City.

See the complete article through the link below:
http://wwwchalkbeatorgpostsny20161006newmedicaidrulescouldthreatenfundingfornewyorkcitysschoolbasedhealthcentersWBE1k0VCM8

It Was a Success!
2016 Conference Recap

By Rena Steyaert (MT) Conference Chair and Teresa Pastore (MA) Conference Co-Chair

The 2016 NAME Conference Committee would like to thank all those who attended this year’s conference, and is deeply grateful to all those who volunteered their time to plan and work the event. The 2017 Conference Committee will study the results of all 2016 conference evaluations to prepare for next year. It is never too early to begin the process of securing approval for travel to the 2017 NAME Conference. We think it will be worth your efforts! Keep watching for updates on the NAME website.

For our members who did not attend the conference here is a brief summary and to see the full summary of the 2016 Conference, along with conference presentations and the updated list of attendees, log in to the NAME Members-Only section of the website and click here http://wwwmedicaidforeducationorgannualconference2016bozemanmt.

Beautiful Montana weather greeted 266 attendees as they arrived in Bozeman, Montana for the 14th Annual NAME Conference, September 18-21, 2016. The conference was held at the Best Western GranTree Inn and the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, MT. The view from anywhere in Bozeman offered a tremendous sight of mountains and sunny skies. The use of two hotels located next to each other made this conference unique and attending general sessions, nuggets and breakout sessions in both facilities was done with ease by the attendees. The close location to Yellowstone National Park was a plus and was taken advantage of by many of the conference attendees during their time in Montana.

NAME’s federal partners from the Office of Special Education Programs and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services were not able to join us for this year’s conference. However, we had many sessions on the topic of Free Care and examples of some states work in that new area of providing health services in a school setting. Over 100 people attended Sunday’s NAME Academy: Introduction to Medicaid School Based Services session that featured three speakers on the roles of Medicaid, Education and the Local Education Agency (LEA). Town Hall meetings gave attendees from each region the opportunity to reconnect with those in their region to discuss issues they are experiencing and what issues NAME should focus on in the coming year.

Tuesday began with the 4th Annual Anya Drumheller Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/1 Mile Walk. Over 50 people participated in a refreshing “right after the rain” mountain air run/walk. Bozeman’s Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) was the local charity chosen this year. Through NAME’s silent auction efforts, a $200 certificate donation from the Westin, Fort Lauderdale hotel and your generous contributions, NAME was able to donate $3,500 to this well deserving organization. Thank you all who contributed so generously.

The annual Fireside Chat provided the audience information about some of the most recent actions around Free Care and an update from the convening meeting held in Washington DC on July 27, 2016.

Thanks to financial support from seventeen organizational sponsors, NAME was able to keep 2016 Conference attendees’ costs down.
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