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## Washington Medical Case Management Association

### Monthly eNewsletter

## November 2009

In the original November eNewsletter sent out on November 19th, we inadvertently left off Cathy Jo Hall's name as a nominee for the Case Manager of the Year Award for 2009. We've corrected that and apologize to Cathy Jo for this omission!

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#### *President's Message*

November is a time of year when we pause to reflect on our blessings and what we are thankful for. It is also a time of year that we bless others through our giving. Next month at the WMCMA meeting, there are four opportunities for giving.

1. Members are asked to bring food as admission to the event which will be given to the Lynnwood Food Bank. This Food Bank distributes food to an average of 1,062 households (almost 4000 individuals) each month.
2. A silent auction will be held to raise funds for one of the charitable organizations nominated during last month's survey. This year's recipient is the local chapter for Canine Companions for Independence®. This organization provides highly-trained assistance dogs free of charge for people with disabilities. If you have a basket or gift item for the auction, please notify one of the board members or Sharon Berry.
3. WMCMA is collecting DVDs (new or used) which will be sent to American soldiers in Iraq or Afghanistan. Please bring any DVDs you wish to donate to the meeting. Many thanks to Nancy Campbell for coordinating this effort.
4. We will have the BeadforLife table for you to purchase jewelry to support this world project. The beads made by Ugandan women become income, food, medicine, school fees and hope for

these women and their families.

Thank you for your participation and support of WMCMA.  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Dianne Gesner-Moore  
WMCMA President

## WMCMA Annual Holiday Luncheon is December 10, 2009

Join us in December for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Lynnwood Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is one of our most well-attended meetings for networking, good will, appreciation, and camaraderie as we end the current year and prepare for the new year. This is WMCMA's gift to members to provide this free luncheon (we encourage a food bank donation), and it is still a great bargain for non-members as well.



Wendell Matas, WMCMA's Immediate Past President, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. We will also be holding our Annual Silent Auction. Proceeds from this year's Silent Auction will be donated to the [Canine Companions for Independence](#), AND, due to the popularity at the Annual Conference in October, we will have the [BeadforLife](#) table again at our event.

***Silent Auction ~ Annual CM Awards Announcement ~ 2010 WMCMA Board Announcement ~ Door Prizes ~ Holiday Music ~ Santa Visit***

### **COST**

**Members:** In lieu of a registration fee this year, Admission is a donation to the Lynnwood Food Bank (bring items to the luncheon)

**Non-Members:** \$25; Donation to the Lynnwood Food Bank is appreciated

Click [here](#) to see a suggested list of items to donate

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Register [online](#), or call the WMCMA office at (425) 329-9456 or email [sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com](mailto:sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com). Deadline to register is Friday December 4, 2009. Please help us by registering early so we can get an accurate headcount for lunch and room space.

### **SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED**

We would love to have you and/or your company donate a gift basket or gift for our Silent Auction. If you are interested, please email [sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com](mailto:sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com) or

call WMCMA at (425) 329-9456.

## WMCMA November 2009 Meeting Highlights

WMCMA was fortunate to have Dr. Dan Friedman speak at the WMCMA meeting on Thursday November 12th to present "Influenza Update 2009". This program was well received with comments from attendees including:



- "Was educational and informative. Speaker was knowledgeable and easy to hear and understand. Will help me to have current information to educate community members."
- "Really provided details I could use in my practice, also cleared up a few items misrepresented in the community via the news."
- "Appreciated his relaxed style and sense of humor. He is easy to follow and knows his topic well."

We thank Dr. Friedman for taking the time to present to our group. We also thank [MedImmune](#) for sponsoring our November program and appreciate their ongoing support of case management.



## Multi State Licensure for RNs



### The Issue

Nurse Licensure rules and regulations were formed when nursing was practiced primarily within the boundaries of one or two states. With the development of managed care, tele-health and mobile populations, nurses are frequently required to work with patients who travel or reside across multiple state lines. Unlike driver's licenses, many state nursing licenses are not recognized by other states.

Washington state nurses and their employers are vulnerable to:

- Excessive costs for additional licensure
- Administrative oversight of additional fees
- Vulnerability to lack of malpractice coverage

### The Solution

Nurse Compact Licensure. Twenty state boards of nursing have joined together to form a Nurse Compact in which participating states mutually recognize nurse licenses from other Compact states. Washington state currently does not participate in the Compact. The Case Management Society of America (CMSA) is alerting and encouraging individuals and organizations to aggressively encourage the non-Compact State Boards of Nursing to join the Compact or to encourage

federal legislation mandating recognition of nurse licensure across state lines. Please join us in getting the Nurse Compact Licensure in Washington state.

### **Join us in a Letter Writing Campaign!**

We encourage every WMCMA member and WMCMA supporter to write a letter to the Washington State Nursing Commission in support of Washington state's participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact **before December 1, 2009**. To make this as easy as possible, a letter template has been created so all you have to do is plug in your information, personalize the letter as you see fit, and send it to the Washington State Nursing Commission address that is included within the letter. The letter was emailed to everyone on the WMCMA email list last week, but if you didn't receive that and would like a copy of the letter template, please email [sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com](mailto:sharonb.wmcma@gmail.com) to request the template be emailed to you. Pass this along to every nurse you know to join us in supporting this important issue!

For more information on this issue, click [here](#) to visit the CMSA website.

### **WMCMA Case Management Awards 2009 - Voting Underway Now**

Online ballots have been emailed out to vote for the WMCMA Case Manager of the Year award and the WMCMA Excellence in Case Management award. **Please vote by November 25, 2009**. The winners of these two awards will be announced at the WMCMA Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2009 and will receive a plaque commemorating their award, a free membership to WMCMA/CMSA for the following year, and a \$100 gift card. All nominees will be recognized during this event. Congratulations to all the nominees for their contributions to case management!

#### **WMCMA Excellence In Case Management Nominees for 2009:**

- Virginia Edwards
- Jan Hudson
- Maureen Leyva
- Susan Marchand
- Sue Meador-Flett
- Jo Merkli
- Kathleen Parry
- Cherri Trettevik

#### **WMCMA Case Manager of the Year Nominees for 2009:**

- Julie Blaswich
- Tess Brown
- Cathy Jo Hall
- Judy Neufeld
- Lisa Schessler
- Gloria Simmons
- Diane Stortz

- Jennifer Windau

## WMCMA Board Elections Underway Next Week

The WMCMA Nominating Committee is actively working on the nominations and online ballot for the upcoming 2010 Board of Directors Election. Please keep an eye out in your email inbox for the online election ballot to come out by the end of next week and VOTE! You will have one week to cast your decision on who will represent you on next year's Board. All WMCMA members are eligible to vote and every vote counts. The results of this election and your 2010 Board of Directors will be announced during the Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2009.

## Attend Our Monthly Meetings Via Teleconference

Are you interested in attending our monthly educational programs but live too far or can't get away from your desk? You can attend most of our meetings by telephone and receive the CCM CEUs for attending. WMCMA has offered teleconferencing into our meetings for over a year now, and based on attendee feedback, we recently changed Teleconference Service Providers to provide better quality listening. Our attendees have noticed a positive difference in the quality of the call, so if you've tried it in the past and it didn't work for you then, make sure and check it out again. Teleconferencing costs \$10 which includes the toll-free phone line and the CCM CEUs. Speakers often provide us with their Powerpoint presentation that we send to you so you can follow along as well. If you are interested in this option, look for it in the program notices that we email to you and sign up to try it!



## Advertise your CM Position with WMCMA

Did you know that WMCMA is able to advertise job opportunities directly to our members and other case management professionals who are on our email list? We've had many employers tell us that they fill their positions based on the advertising done through us. Our members appreciate hearing about job opportunities available to them and employers feel they are really able to gear their open positions towards their intended audience. To learn more about our classified advertising process, click [here](#).