President’s Thoughts...

Here we are in mid-February, looking at snow on the ground and wishing for warmer weather (except those select few who love the winter!).

The Board is working feverishly on our Annual Conference, and we’re very excited to bring you a great line up of speakers on topics that hit home with all of us every day. By now, you have received an email with the agenda and registration forms. Please take a moment to complete those forms and get them approved so you don’t miss out on this educational opportunity. We have also blocked some rooms at the hotel, so get yours booked early. You can always cancel up until the day of the conference if needed.

This is an election year, so if you’ve ever considered running for one of the positions on the Board of Directors, please let one of us on the Board know. Open positions this year will include President-Elect, Treasurer (Melinda Wheeler—incumbent), Membership, and Correspondence (Brenda Becker—incumbent). If you have interest in learning more about any of these positions, please reach out to one of us on the Board. Serving on the Board of Directors is so much fun and so satisfying. I encourage you all to consider the opportunity.

Please continue to tell your colleagues about IAMSS and encourage them to pursue membership with us. I feel so strongly that the amount of information and knowledge available to this group is invaluable and definitely worth the cost of membership! We do have a flyer available for anyone who needs some talking points to take to their leadership team if they need a little extra boost getting approval to join.

I’m so proud of this organization and how far we’ve come in the past 25 years. I look forward to watching us continue to grow and offer education and support to the credentialers of Iowa!

Rhonda Meyers, Manager, Medical Staff Office
UnityPoint Health—St. Luke’s

President, Iowa Association Medical Staff Services
Check out the new Iowa Association Medical Staff Services FaceBook page set up by our own Rhonda Meyers, IAMSS President!

2019 IAMSS Membership—170 total members, and 19 new members

New Members: Karen Cota, Veterans Memorial Hospital; Jessica Ward, Siouxland Urology Associates; Margie Dehn, Burgess Health Center; Gail Morgan, Cherokee Regional Medical Center; Stacia Varner, Lakes Regional Healthcare; Lea Cliff, Paramount Health Options; Shelly Martin, Floyd County Medical Center; Michelle Sweet, Floyd County Medical Center; Jennifer Mahler, Siouxland Hospitalists; Gail Borgerding, Covenant Medical Center, Sartori Memorial Hospital & Mercy Hospital (Oelwein); Lorraine Van Pelt, Clarke County Hospital; Dawn Jones, Wayne County Hospital; Chrisy Barr, Acute Care, Inc.; Tori Jamison, Greene County Medical Center; Kris Paulsen, Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System; Ilene Fagen, UnityPoint Health–Des Moines; Wendy Fitzsimmons, UnityPoint Health–Des Moines; JoAnn Leach, UnityPoint Health – Des Moines; Amber Smith, Waverly Health Center

Following are the members who will be recognized at the Annual Conference:

5-year anniversary: Ashley Avery, Midlands Choice; Lori Cherrier, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center; Emily Cifuentes, Acute Care; Amy Dillon, Mercy Medical Center–Des Moines; Crystal Ehringer, Buchanan County Health Center; Erin Hoover, Paramount Health Options; Jill Rogers, Adair County Memorial Hospital; Melanie Smith, Dallas County Hospital; Trina Tucker, Great River Health System

10-year anniversary: Karen Pottebaum, Sanford Sheldon Medical Center; Jessica Rold, Health Partners of Southeast Iowa

15-year anniversary: Kern Packer, Story County Medical Center; Renee VanGinkel, CredentiaSource-Mercy Medical Center Des Moines

20-year anniversary: Gina Boehmer, Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa; Debbie Poole, UnityPoint Health – Trinity; Cindy Snell, Cedar Valley Medical Specialists; Janet Treat, Jackson County Regional Health Center

25-year anniversary: Terry Conlee, UnityPoint Health - Keokuk

Doctors’ Day – March 30, 2019

Don’t forget the people who give us a reason to come to work every day! National Doctors’ Day provides a time for people to show appreciation to the doctors who care for them or their loved ones. The first National Doctors’ Day was on March 30, 1933, the anniversary of the first use of anesthesia. The day was celebrated by mailing cards to doctors and by placing flowers on the graves of deceased doctors. Although Doctors’ Day would remain an unofficial holiday for the next 58 years, it wouldn’t become an actual national holiday until Congress passed Proclamation 6253 in 1991.
CPCS Examination Eligibility Requirements
At the time of application, candidate must be currently employed in the medical services profession for at least the past 12 consecutive months AND have a total of three years’ experience in the medical services profession within the past five years.

CPMSM Examination Eligibility Requirements
At the time of application, candidate must be currently employed in the medical services profession for at least the past 12 consecutive months AND have a total of five years of experience in the medical services profession within the past eight years.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

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2019 CPCS & CPMSM Testing Windows

**CPCS: Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist**

**CPMSM: Certified Professional in Medical Services Management**

**SUMMER 2019 TESTING**
Application Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2019
Testing Period: Saturday, June 29, 2019—Saturday, July 20, 2019

**FALL 2019 TESTING**
Application Deadline: Friday, August 30, 2019
Testing Period: Saturday, October 26, 2019—Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019

Check out NAMSS.org for job postings around the country. Job openings can be found in the left column under “Visit the Career Center”.

Single certificant recertification requirements: 30 total credits every 3 years, with 15 approved by NAMSS

Dual certificant recertification requirements: 45 total credits every 3 years, with 25 approved by NAMSS
Iowa Rules—Supervision of Physician Assistants

This rule making will become effective on February 6, 2019.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend subrule 21.4(6) as follows:

21.4(6) Remote medical site. The supervisory agreement shall include a provision which ensures that the supervising physician visits a remote medical site to provide additional medical direction, medical services and consultation at least every two weeks or less frequently as specified in unusual or emergency circumstances. When visits are less frequent than every two weeks in unusual or emergency circumstances, the physician shall notify the board in writing of these circumstances within 20 days. "Remote medical site" means a medical clinic for ambulatory patients which is away from the main practice location of the supervising physician and in which the supervising physician is present less than 50 percent of the time when the remote medical site is open. "Remote medical site" will not apply to nursing homes, patient homes, hospital outpatient departments, outreach clinics, or any location at which medical care is incidentally provided (e.g., diet center, free clinic, site for athletic physicals, jail facility). The supervisory agreement shall include a provision which ensures that the supervising physician visits the remote medical site, or communicates with a physician assistant at the remote medical site via electronic communications, at least every two weeks to provide additional medical direction, medical services and consultation specific to the medical services provided at the remote medical site. For purposes of this subrule, communication may consist of, but shall not be limited to, in-person meetings or two-way, interactive communication directly between the supervising physician and the physician assistant via the telephone, secure messaging, electronic mail, or chart review. The supervisory agreement shall also include a provision which ensures that at least one supervising physician meets in person, and documents the meeting, with the physician assistant at the remote medical site at least once every six months to evaluate and discuss the medical facilities, resources, and medical services provided at the remote medical site. The board shall only grant a waiver or variance of this provision if substantially equal protection of public health, safety, and welfare will be afforded by a means other than that prescribed in this rule.

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Save the Date . . .

IAMSS Annual Educational Conference

April 11-12, 2019

Holiday Inn & Suites

West Des Moines—Jordan Creek

Reach out to your colleagues who may not be IAMSS members to attend this valuable conference!
**2019 IOWA ASSOCIATION MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES**  
**ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

12 CEUs (pending approval)

Holiday Inn & Suites at Jordan Creek | West Des Moines, Iowa  
April 11 & 12, 2019

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Registration—
Registration form is attached. All registrations are due by **March 29, 2019**.

Please mail the completed registration form with payment to:

Melinda Wheeler, IAMSS Treasurer  
Mahaska Health Partnership  
1229 C Avenue East  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
Email: mwheeler@mahaskahealth.org

Hotel Accommodations—
A block of rooms has been reserved at Holiday Inn & Suites Jordan Creek, 6075 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines up until March 18, 2019. To make reservations, call (515) 309-3900. **Be sure to mention IAMSS** and you will receive a room rate of $124.00/night + taxes. Cancellation policy requires notification by 12PM (Noon) on the day of arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

Meals—
**Thursday** — Breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks included. **Dinner on your own.**  
**Friday (1/2 day)** — Continental breakfast included.

Dress Attire—
Please dress comfortably. Room temperatures are difficult to predict; therefore a sweater or jacket is always recommended.

Directions to the Holiday Inn & Suites Jordan Creek—
Take exit 70 Mills Civic Parkway off Interstate 35. Drive west on Mills Civic Parkway .64 miles to Holiday Inn and Suites at Jordan Creek on the right.

Vendors—
We will have **cash-and-carry fun vendors** onsite selling items to purchase, so make sure you bring some spending money.