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President’s Corner

“There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.”

Ronald Reagan

Dear NAME Members:

For the past year, it has been an honor serving NAME as your President and President-Elect. And it has been a truly challenging and wonderful experience. As we reflect, we realize how busy the year has been. This particular year was filled with both triumph and sorrow. We applauded the passage of the federal parental consent regulation, and distressed in the passing of a dear NAME colleague. But amid the highs and lows, we find an undying commitment that is the cornerstone of our organization. A commitment that allows NAME to *advocate program integrity for school based Medicaid reimbursement.*

So, as the sun sets on our terms, we’d like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have shown your commitment to NAME and to the world of Medicaid-in-Education. This includes all of our partners, local and national, with whom NAME has engaged in efforts to value children’s health as essential to learning. It includes the NAME Board of Directors and its committees, whose volunteer work and commitment not only enable NAME to function, but have made our terms as NAME officer’s smooth and enjoyable, albeit busy experiences. And it certainly includes you, the NAME membership, for making NAME the organization that it is today.

From a Presidential perspective, I look forward to next year as Mark Smith takes over the helm of NAME. I am confident his leadership skills and commitment to NAME will benefit our organization greatly. I wish Mark and the incoming NAME Board of Directors well in their endeavors to uphold our mission.

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2013 Conference Committee News

2013 Conference Co Chairs
NAME Welcomes You to Grand Rapids
by Jane Reagan and Teresa Pastore, Co Chairs

The NAME Conference planning committee is completing final touches to the program; double-checking that we have each speaker’s bio; that course descriptions, objectives, A/V needs and room assignments are confirmed; menus are created; entertainment secured, and every little detail covered. *What more* could a professional involved with Medicaid-in-the-schools want? We are preparing for your arrival in Grand Rapids and are striving for the best educational sessions ever.

We know how busy you are in the first month of the school year. We all are experiencing cuts in travel budgets. But we also hope to persuade you and your administrators that the **benefits far outweigh the costs of attending the only Conference in the country that focuses on helping you do your work more effectively, efficiently and with integrity.**

This special issue of the NAMEtag provides you with just enough information to get you *geeked* about coming to the Great Lakes State to learn, network, and enjoy. **Early bird rates to register have been extended to September 12th**, so it’s not too late to register and make hotel reservations. Then you just need to pack the car, train or carry-on overhead compartment and head to Michigan!

We hope to see you in Grand Rapids, October 8-11!



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NAME, Inc. would like to thank the following three companies for their generous support as a Gold Sponsor to the 10th Annual NAME Conference:

- Fairbanks LLC
- Paradigm HealthCare Services
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*2013 Conference Update
Education and Program Sub Committee*

The 2013 Conference Program is Looking GRAND

Kelly Gicobbi and Lisa Newton, Co Chairs

You will be amazed at the expertise your colleagues and others have to share with you in Grand Rapids in October. To ensure you receive an *Insightful* education and experience *Grand* networking (and fun!), the 2013 Education and Program Subcommittee has been working since April to select speakers and coordinate with other conference subcommittees to create an outstanding program that packs over 30 sessions into three full days. Highlights include multiple general sessions with nationally acclaimed presenters; the return of town hall meetings; concurrent nugget and breakout sessions; and we even squeezed in some time for social events!

Start your Conference learning by arriving Tuesday— no longer a ‘pre Conference’ day. Half of the nugget sessions, on topics ranging from audits to “understanding multiple funding streams”, begin on Tuesday afternoon, October 8. The rest are on Wednesday, as are breakout sessions that start Wednesday afternoon and continue through Thursday.

- * To see the latest Preliminary Conference Program: [Click here](#)

Additional Conference Links-

- * To register for the Conference: [Click here](#)
- * To register for the Social Events: [Click here](#)
- * To register at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel: [Click here](#)
- * For Things to Do and See in Grand Rapids: [Click here](#)

We'll see you in Grand Rapids, Michigan October 8-11!

Got questions? Just email us at: ConferenceCommittee@MedicaidForEducation.org.

*2013 Conference Update
Sponsorship Sub Committee*

Become a NAME Sponsor Today

by Mary Hall, Chair

The success of the NAME Annual Conference is due in large part to the generosity of the NAME Sponsors. Without their support, registrants’ costs would be much higher. Have YOU thanked a NAME Sponsor recently for keeping your Conference costs down each year? Better yet, invite a business or potential sponsor to sign on for the 2013 Conference! Sponsoring the NAME Annual Conference is a perfect opportunity to support NAME’s education, advocacy and collaboration efforts. NAME is the only organization in the U.S. with the mission to improve the integrity of Medicaid school based services programs. Nearly 300 Medicaid and education professionals benefit from the learning sessions and networking the Conference offers for three full days.

NAME’s Conference provides sponsors with access to members from local, regional and state Medicaid and education agencies, LEAs, and vendors from nearly all the states plus the District of Columbia. Conference activities include: The Academy for those beginning their education-Medicaid partnership; Town Hall sessions allowing members to discuss current state projects and current issues of concern; and over 30 general and breakout sessions that will deliver training and education for every level of involvement and interest. Sponsors are invited to exhibit from Tuesday afternoon until Friday morning.

NAME Conference Sponsors may choose from various sponsorship levels, each offering acknowledgement and recognition during the Conference and at least one complimentary Conference registration and a year’s membership with NAME. Any company or individual may become a sponsor by choosing the level of participation or engage us in designing the right sponsorship package that highlights your organization’s uniqueness. It’s easy! Contact Mary Hall at 804-365-4579 or mhall@hanover.k12.va.us, or you can check out the sponsorship site at <http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1174114>.

Invite someone to become a sponsor for the 2013 Conference and we will see you there!



2013 Conference Update

Charity and Silent Auction Fundraiser Sub Committees

The NAME Silent Auction Fundraiser for Child's Hope

by Kathy Merry and Kevin Bauer, Chairs

Do you want to go home from the NAME Conference not only with great memories, but with great mementos?

Here's how...

What has become a BIG event at our Annual Conferences is the Silent Auction fundraiser. We set up a room and fill the tables with all the items you have brought from your home state as donations. Attendees can bid on these anytime during the day, from Tuesday through Thursday. The items can reflect the culture, sports, geography, famous people, special features and landmarks of that state because they have come from all over the country. The auction proceeds will benefit our selected charity. This year, it's Child's Hope, an organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect www.ChildrensHope.org.

Bring one or more items – a book, CD, calendar, jewelry, sports team gear, a jar of preserves from your region, tee shirts, prints, a bottle of wine, craft beer...whatever you think would sell! Coordinate with your state colleagues for a good variety, all for a worthy cause. You will be amazed at the wide variety of great items donated, and the buzz they create as we bid against each other!

So pick up your items to donate, bring your checkbook, credit card or cash, and you *and* Child's Hope's children will win! It can't get any better than that!!

NAME is also holding a special raffle for this beautiful, hand-made quilt, designed specifically for NAME to represent Michigan (the mountains in background will be replaced by majestic pine trees with Petoskey stones scattered along the water's edge).

This quilt pattern is by Sue Pritt and each fabric has been chosen from the quilter's collection to best represent "Up North" Michigan.

Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets (minus the cost of the quilt) will go to the selected charity, Child's Hope, and will be sold onsite all week long. Save up to buy tickets at \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Will YOUR name be called during the drawing?



This is Leeanna Brunsell, the generous quilter (with her very alert granddaughter) who has been working all summer making TWO quilts for the NAME silent auction fundraiser. She has been a quilter, quilt teacher and speaker for (get the calculator out) 36 years, and a longarm quilter for about 25 of those years.

She works at the Michigan Department of Education.