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OREGON MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT GROUP

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The rumor is running around the Portland metro area that spring is here. I am having a difficult time believing it with the cold and overcast weather continuing, but am trying to have faith that the sun will soon appear and we will once again feel the warmth on our faces!

OMCMG accomplished a lot in 2005. Our meetings were full of professional information that all of us can use and share with others. CEUs that we earn each month are of value to our CCMs and members licensed in other states. All this plus lunch!

If you know anyone who would like to join, please contact a board member and they will tell you how.

Our speakers, next year, are at the cutting edge of medical science and will bring us the latest news. I encourage all of you to join us monthly and bring an associate. I can guarantee you a wonderful lunch with interesting people. There is time to network with those in our field with new ideas and contacts only available through OMCMG.

The Board voted at its retreat in February, to start providing the newsletter in several different forms. You will have your choice of having it e-mailed to you, picking up a copy at the monthly meetings or viewing it on the Web site at omcmg.org. You should have received with the last meeting notice a letter that outlines each option and how you are to let us know how you would like to receive your copy. We are more than happy to e-mail each and everyone but at the same time we will need your e-mail address. Please let us know.

Leslie Conner can use help with the newsletter 3 or 4 times a year. She can't do it alone! Please call her or a board member for more information.

The OMCMG board welcomes your ideas and suggestions for subjects you would like addressed at future luncheons. We are also looking for anyone willing to write an article for our newsletter about their area of expertise. Do you have an idea for the conference? Is there a vendor that you would like to see this year? The board is asking for all members to add their input. OMCMG also welcomes our members to join the board to help make 2006 a successful year.

Happy Spring!

Cristie Wiggs-Greenlee,
President, OMCMG Board of Directors



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Mission Statement

OMCMG's mission is to provide a common ground for individuals practicing case management in health-related fields. We seek to provide peer support and education in a relaxed, non-competitive environment. OMCMG strives to promote quality and growth of case management on a local and national level.

Upcoming Events

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 at the Oregon Medical Association, 5210 SW Corbett Avenue, Portland. Exceptions to regular meetings are listed below. There will be no meeting in July. The annual conference will be held in November at the Portland Airport Shilo Inn. Dates and times may be subject to change. For additional information, contact Margaret Horn at 503-341-7562 or mhorn@avamere.com.

June 1

Anti-Infectives

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August 3

Type-2 Diabetes

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September 7

Pediatric OSA • Dr. Holger Link

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503-572-1695

October 5

RSV / Synagis

Sponsor:

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November 2-3

Conference

Portland Airport Shilo Inn

December 7

Hepatitis C

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Jana Caldwell, Therapeutic Associates

February 1

Psoriasis

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Lunch and Strategy

OMCMG Board Members celebrate past successes and map new strategies.

Early each year, newly-elected OMCMG board members convene an all day retreat to assess past achievements and make plans for the year. The gathering also assigns committee chairs and orients new members to board functions.

As in the past, this year's board meeting was hosted by Tom and Cathy Coogan at Judy Baumhalt's beautiful home nestled at the base of Mt. Hood. Cathy and Judy prepared a great breakfast and an even more wonderful lunch. Members were very grateful not only for the sumptuous repast but also for the warm reception the board receives each year.

The following are the goals established for 2006

Goals for 2006

- Update and adopt new Bylaws, with a draft ready for review at the June Meeting.

- New position descriptions for all board members and committee chairs, with a draft ready for review at the June Meeting.
- Increase membership by illustrating membership advantages in mailings, on the Web site and in the newsletter.
- Update the Web site and ensure its ongoing currency.
- Convert printed newsletter to electronic (via e-mail and on Web site). Printed version mailed as needed and available at all meetings.
- Finalize purchase of liability insurance for the OMCMG officers and board members.



Left: Membership Chair Dena Rossi, new At-Large Member Judy Jessing and At-Large Member and past President Mary Ellen Pierce.



Right: Board Treasurer Jeane Covey and Conference and Speaker Committee Chair Margaret Horn.



Left: Lunch time!

Right: The cooks! Judy Baumhalt and Cathy Coogan.



Case Management Society of America

Free Online Case Management Tools

- www.CMSA.org — Online case management resources and FREE online continuing education credits.
- Web-on-Demand — Save valuable research time by accessing the case management body of knowledge through Web-on-Demand at www.CMSA.org – free only to CMSA members.
- Members Only Resources — Disease-specific Resource Paths and CMSA's Ethical Statement online!
- National Case Management Week — Celebrate National Case Management Week, October 8-12, 2006. Free resources available at www.CMSA.org.

- WebEDsm is CMSA's online educational resource offering programs to case managers and allied health professionals serving the case management industry. (Member Discount!)
- CMSA & PRIME offer the “Essentials of Case Management — Tools, Techniques, Principles & Practices in Case Management.” This 17-hour CE home study course is approved for Nursing, CCM and CDMS. (Member Discount)

CMSA Products

- *Standards of Practice for Case Management* (©2002 Revision) — This internationally recognized document demonstrates guidelines for practice excellence in a variety of work settings.
- Discounts on specialty liability insurance program.

Membership Benefits

Free Publications

- *The Case Manager* — CMSA's official journal
- *ADVANCE* for Providers of Post-Acute Care
- Long-Term Care Interface
- Managed Care Interface
- *The Case Report* — membership newsletter located in *The Case Manager*
- *CMSA @ WorkForYou* — Quarterly e-newsletter featuring current news and information of interest to case managers

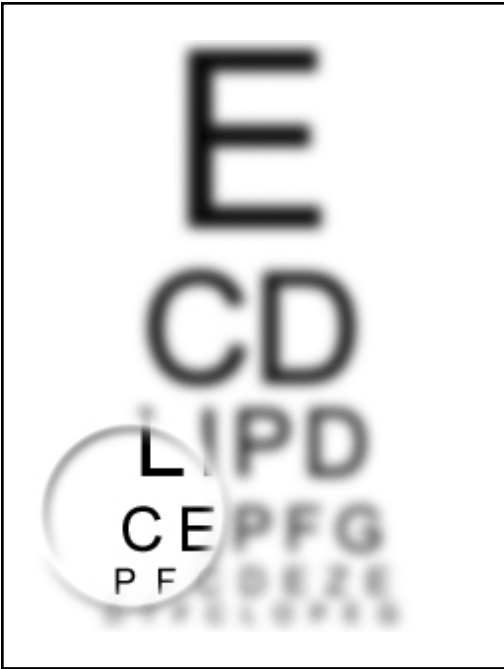
Continuing Education Programs

- \$100 Discount — CMSA Annual Conference, with 15 educational tracks (38+CEs), 300 exhibitors and Pre-Conference Workshops.

- Membership pins, tee-shirts and much more
- Council on Case Management Accountability's “State of the Science” papers number 1 and 2 — now available (number 3 available soon).

Networking

- CMSA Local Chapter Meetings serve as the basic building blocks for local networking and educational programming opportunities. Contact your local chapter for information on CE opportunities.
- Annual Membership Directory — now online at www.cmsa.org on the Membership page.
- 14 Special Interest Groups meet live at the annual conference and via online forum through the year.



New Classes Forming for People with Vision Loss

By Martha Zanger
Public Relation Manager for Vision Northwest

Vision Northwest is a non-profit organization that promotes quality of life to those affected by vision loss, through individual and group support, information and training. Serving the blind and low vision community for almost 24 years, we have become the source for helping people deal with the emotional changes that come with the certainty that an individual will have to live with decreasing vision, and maybe blindness.

In response to requests for information about how to live independently, Vision Northwest is now running a series of classes called Independent Living with Vision Loss. The class meets on Monday evenings for 4 weeks, from 7 to 8 p.m., at our office, located at 9225 SW Hall Blvd., Portland OR 97223. (Vision Northwest is located near Washington Square.) The classes are titled Introduction To Independent Living, Navigating Your Environment, You Can Do It Yourself, and Taking Charge of Your Life. Tuition for the 4 classes is \$20.00, and the tuition for client with family members in attendance is \$30.00. (We encourage participants to involve their family members.)

The next series of classes will start on June 5, and continue on June 12, 19 and 26. The following month, classes will be repeated on July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Registration is required, and can be done by phone. Call 503 684 8389.

If you are interested in having this series of classes presented at your retirement facility during daytime hours, please contact Martha Zanger at 503 684 8389.

Vision Northwest also has a store stocked with over 300 items that help people with low vision, including magnifiers, talking clocks and watches, lighting, kitchen items, and personal care items. Store hours are 10 am to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For more information about Vision Northwest, please visit our Web site at www.visionnw.com, or call 503-684 8389.

New Newsletter Format

We're very excited about the launch of our new newsletter format – primarily electronic, but printable for those without computers. It's expensive to print and mail nearly 1,000 of each edition, and the new format allows greater space and flexibility. Each issue will be e-mailed to all members, and a printed or printable version will be available for anyone who cannot or does not wish to receive the electronic version.

Choices and Flexibility

- If you give us your current e-mail address, you'll receive each newsletter electronically.
- Printed copies will be provided at each meeting.
- Current and past newsletter will be posted on our Web site – www.omcmg.org

Contact OMCMG if you want a printed copy mailed to you.

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Sponsoring meetings is a perfect way for you to reach a large number of professionals who have a strong influence in the health care industry. Meetings are held monthly and discuss a wide variety of topics.



Visit www.omcmg.org to view upcoming meeting dates and discussions. By sponsoring an event you have the perfect opportunity to inform targeted groups about your services and products. We welcome you to join us at our next meeting.



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