

THURSTON-MASON COUNTY

Medical Society

April 2015

## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE TMCMS PRESIDENT

**By Bob Lang, MD**

Last Thursday I attended a stimulating meeting of the THURSTON THRIVES CLINICAL ACTION TEAM on your behalf and will be discussing our relationship with this Team at our next board meeting.

I also have been attending the meetings of the Thurston County Safety Net Council on behalf of the medical society for the past six years - since my first Presidential term. I believe a close association with TCSNET was beneficial when Project Access was in full swing and medical insurance was not universally available. Now times have changed and I think the medical society should reevaluate our relationship with the Council. If you have strong feelings about our participation on one or both of these Team/Councils please let me or one of the board members know your thoughts.

On a lighter note, I would like to stimulate your interest in a fundraiser for the TMCMS Volunteer Care Institute. The Golf Tournament has been a success in years past and we are currently researching the feasibility of a formal gala and silent auction next spring. For a great example of a successful event, check out the Kitsap County Medical Society's Fire and Ice annual event (<http://www.kcmedical.org/FireIce/index.html>). Please discuss this with your husband, wife, or significant other. We will need a group of dedicated volunteers for a Gala Planning Committee. I think that with the strong support of our medical society and the entire Thurston and Mason County medical community we could raise significant funds to support worthy medical causes in the local community. We will be providing more information

on this in the coming months and please be thinking about how you may want to be involved.

### ARE YOU ACCEPTING NEW MEDICARE OR MEDICAID PATIENTS?

Every month the TMCMS gets several inquiries from people who are looking for a new physician. Many of these people have either Medicare or Medicaid insurance and are having a difficult time finding a new physician. In order to be able to assist the public and make referrals to our members we surveyed our membership last month. Thanks to everyone who responded to our email survey regarding whether or not their practice is accepting new Medicare or Medicaid patients. We have put together a contact list of physicians that will be available on the website. If you would like to be included on that list please email me at [jlayton@tmcms.org](mailto:jlayton@tmcms.org).

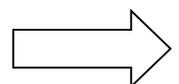
### HEALTH CARE CHAMPIONS EVENT

The TMCMS and the Thurston Chamber of Commerce are hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Health Care Champions event on June 16 at the Olympia Country & Golf Club. This event celebrates leaders in our community who have made a significant impact within health care this year.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award please contact Jena Layton at [jlayton@tmcms.org](mailto:jlayton@tmcms.org). Please help us identify those people who unique contribution, although exceptional, might go otherwise unnoticed. All we need is a name and contact information.

Last year the following physicians were recognized:

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- Health Care Safety Net Award – Rodney Joe, MD
- Community Impact Award – Mariella Cummings
- Distinguished Service Award – Michael Matlock, MD

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Governor, the House and Senate have released their budget proposals. The following is from the WSMA's legislative blog. As always, this information is fluid, for up-to-date information see the WSMA Capital Report Blog at the WSMA website. See how the three budgets address the WSMA's priority issues.

#### \$100 million to continue Medicaid enhanced payment

- Governor's proposal: \$79 million
- House proposal: \$0
- Senate proposal: \$

#### \$16 million to support GME

- Governor's proposal: \$0
- House proposal: \$4.9 million
- Senate proposal: \$16.3 million

#### \$8 million funds for health professional loan repayment

- Governor's proposal: 3 million
- House proposal: \$7.65 million
- Senate proposal: \$9.4 million

#### No taxes on physician services

- Governor's proposal: No taxes directed at physicians
- House proposal: 20% increase in the B&O tax on independent practices
- Senate proposal: No taxes directed at physicians

### MANAGING YOUR ONLINE REPUTATION

Join your colleagues for this informative event: Dr. Ravi Goel will be speaking on "Managing your Online Reputation" and Tierney Edwards, JD, WSMA Legal Analyst, will be speaking on "Social Media & the Internet – What Physicians Need to Know Now" at the Silver Cloud Hotel in Seattle on **Wednesday, April 29 from 6:00-8:00 PM**. This **FREE** event is sponsored by the WSMA Young Physicians Section and the AMA. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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### WSMA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The WSMA Leadership conference is coming up next month on May 15 and 16 at Campbell's Resort in Chelan. Register for this conference at the WSMA website.

There will be several outstanding presenters, all experts in their respective fields, discussing such topics as Creating Brilliance, Getting Things Done, and Burnout Proof Your Career, among others. The conference features interactive sessions designed to engage attendees with a focus on enhancing your leadership skills. You'll leave Chelan with concrete ideas and skills that you can immediately put to use in your professional life.

### CRISIS STANDARD OF CARE WORKSHOP

It was recognized during the H1N1 pandemic that healthcare systems could be stressed to a point that healthcare professionals would find it difficult to adhere to normal treatment procedures and conventional standards of care. Attend this important workshop to learn about Crisis Standards of Care, how they are implemented and what this will mean for your patients, institutions and communities in a disaster situation.

To register for this **FREE** workshop, go to [www.cscolympia.eventbrite.com](http://www.cscolympia.eventbrite.com). This workshop is on **Tuesday, May 19 from 10:00-3:30** at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Olympia. Lunch will be provided.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **TMCMS board meeting** – April 16, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Olympia WSMA offices
- **WSMA Leadership Development Conference** - May 15-16 in Chelan, WA
- **Health Care Champions Event** – June 16, 5:30 PM at the Olympia Golf & Country Club
- **TMCMS Board Meeting** – June 18, 6:30 PM

### DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your TMCMS/WSMA membership for 2015. The 2015 TMCMS Directory will be coming out in the next few months and we want to make sure that you are included. All TMCMS members will be included in our new website directory which will be online in the next few weeks. To renew your membership please go to the WSMA website at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org).