



*Michigan Association of
Healthcare Advocates*
Southeast District

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Dear Presidents and President Elects:

During my tenure as President-Elect my thoughts often centered on ways I could bring the volunteers at large on board with SED/MAHA and MHA making them aware of the total concept and how each interact with one another.

Since I've assumed the responsibilities of the District President, I have been busy working on the previously mentioned. As some of you know, I have shared many of those ideas with you.

It was such a joy seeing and greeting you at Mackinac. MAHA's 66th Annual Conference offered a wealth of information for the attendees. Hopefully, you shared this information with your boards and summarized it in a document and/or pictures for the volunteers as a whole to see thus keeping them and your respective hospitals informed.

I am indeed happy to report to you as a result of the Retreat held July 7th-9th for District Presidents and the MAHA board, we worked very hard keeping all of the volunteers in mind. As a result, there were a number of great changes you will soon see. One of many will be a completely new look for the Highlights. There will be tools to enhance the volunteers understanding of our total concept. Volunteers will be able to share with their families, friends and

their communities of SED/MAHA's intent to educate and advocate in a different yet more acceptable way.

Please keep me informed of the happenings within your groups and hospitals. I would love to spotlight you on the MAHA website (www.mahaonline.org). Also, I would love to attend your meetings and events however, you must make me aware. Please feel free to contact me relative to any information I have mentioned in this letter.

If I don't have the pleasure of seeing you before our next membership meeting which is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at Silver Shores Banquet Center in Wyandotte, I wish you the best summer ever. Remember, we are all volunteers working towards one cause. If you have not forgotten, my theme for the year is: TOGETHER...WE CAN!

**Sincerely,
Pat Esselman, SED District President**