



### Visit with the Scouts

On November 22, 2013, Dr. Coleen Cox-Ballah along with her mother (a Brownie Girl Scout during her younger years) visited the boy scouts of Troop 205 in Syosset to talk about case management's role. Coleen shared her experiences as a case manager, educator, and as an Air Force Veteran. In return, the scouts discussed with Dr. Cox-Ballah their constitutional rights and obligations as a citizen. In this visit, Coleen was able to assist the scouts in fulfilling their first class rank requirements.\* The visit which lasted 45 minutes was very interactive. Coleen shared why she became a case manager and what made her join the Air Force. The scouts were very curious about where case managers can be found, how many cases does a case manager have and can a case manager refuse a patient which then led to a brief discussion about Adult

Protective Services. Coleen never misses a teaching moment! She also shared her volunteer work with CMSA LI and encouraged scouts to continue engaging themselves in volunteer work in their community as part of their obligation as a citizen. Coleen took advantage of this opportunity to personally thank the scouts in their recent involvement with CMSA LI's Annual Conference when they helped put together folders and bags for the organization's annual event.

CMSA LI Public Policy Committee is looking forward to organizing more events such as this to educate the public about case manager's role.

\*First Class Rank Requirement #5. Visit and discuss with a selected individual approved by your leader (elected official, judge, attorney, civil servant, principal, teacher) your constitutional rights and obligations as a U.S. citizen.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/firstclass.aspx>