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MHIMA Attends 2010 AHIMA Capitol Hill Day

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On March 23, 2010, Denise Holstege, RHIT, MHIMA Delegate, and Charlie Robinson, BS, RHIT, CCS-P, MHIMA Delegate and Legislative Liaison attended AHIMA's 2010 Capitol Hill day in Washington, D.C. Denise and Charlie met with the offices of Congressman Peter Hoekstra, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Congresswoman Candice Miller and Senator Debbie Stabenow. Holstege and Robinson met with these offices to discuss two key initiatives for HIM professionals in 2010. Congressman McCotter's office supplied a letter that urged for a two year delay in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) requirement for EHR adoption by 2015. In addition, this letter requested the critical access hospitals (CAH) and hospital based physician offices not be excluded from ARRA stimulus money for EHR adoption.

Senator Stabenow's office expressed interest in additional funding of education dollars that would support training and/or retraining for the use and implementation of EHRs. Congresswoman Miller suggested that there are federal grants that could assist with training and/or retraining for the use and implementation of EHRs. During a time of enormous change in our healthcare system, each of the offices that were visited expressed genuine understanding and need for the items that Holstege and Robinson presented.

Below are the two key issues presented to our State Representatives:

Issue 1: Health Information Management Workforce: Introduce and Support the "Allied Health, Health Information Management and Medical Informatics Investment Act"

- HIM professionals serve patients and the healthcare industry as not only the stewards of health information, but also as the workforce leading the adoption of standards-based electronic health record (EHRs) systems and interoperable health information exchange (HIE).
- At time when our nation's need for HIM skills is increasing, the number of educated and trained HIM professionals is limited and notably insufficient to meet projected needs.
- Healthcare workforce shortages were recognized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and it's Health Information Technology and Education for Clinical Health Act (PL 111-5).
- In addition, many Allied Health professionals need training in the use of EHR systems. A study by AHIMA and the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) found a significant lack of such curriculum in Allied Health Programs (see the AHIMA/AMIA report and competency requirements on the attached Health Information Management Workforce Resources sheet).

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- Introduce and pass AHIMA's draft legislation the "Allied Health, Health Information Management and Medical Informatics Investment Act." The bill reauthorize Title VII of the Public Health Service Act to:
 - Provide funding and programs under the Health Resources and Services Administration specifically for allied health and health information education allied health professionals are the largest segment of healthcare employees who must be skilled in the use of EHRs and HIE.
 - Provide funding for the development and use of EHR education laboratories so that those being trained or educated have an EHR system on which to learn. Many of today's allied health students and professionals do not have access to EHRs for skill building and practice readiness.

Issue 2: Workforce: Circulate a "Dear Colleague" Letter in Congress to Direct the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to Reflect the New Roles of HIM

- The current Bureau of Labor Statistics Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) categories that encompass the HIM profession are divided between 1) Medical Records and health information technicians; and 2) Medical and health service managers.
- These categories do not capture the true capacity of today's HIM workforce nor do they accurately provide HIM workforce projections for the future.
- AHIMA has petitioned the Bureau of Labor Statistics to adopt a new category to determine the workforce level of HIM.
- Because the current classifications are unclear, the target workforce numbers as provided by the BLS are unrealistic and the occupation itself is not clear to the public, to employers, to the government, and to potential students.
- AHIMA recommends renaming "Medical Records and Health Information Technicians" (29-2071.00 (116c)) to "Medical Records and Health Information Specialists."
 - Consider subcategories under this classification
- "Medical Records and Health Information Technician" (29-2071.01)
- "Medical Records and Health Information Manager" (29-2071.02)
 - Remove "Health Information Manager" occupational information from "Medical and Health Services Managers" (11-9111.00 (114c) and place within the new "Medical Records and Health Information Management Specialists" (29-2071.00).

Charlie Robinson To Run For AHIMA Director

MHIMA congratulates Charlie M. Robinson, BS, RHIT, CCS-P, Past President for SEMHIMA and MHIMA, on his candidacy for Director on the AHIMA Board of Directors. Charlie is an HIM Director for CareTech Solutions in Troy, MI where he currently works on contract at Doctors' Hospital of Michigan as the Director of HIM, Patient Access, Cash Posting and is the Privacy Officer. Additionally, Charlie is an Adjunct Faculty member for the Davenport University Allied Health and HIT program. Robinson has also served as a facilitator for the "Coding for Physician Practices" CoP and currently is in his second year of a three year term on the RHIT exam construction committee. He has also served as a member of the AHIMA e-HIM work group in 2009. Learn more about Charlie at www.voteforcharlie.org and don't forget to vote for Charlie at www.ahima.org June 7th to June 25th 2010.

Annual Report Of The President 2009-2010



KAREN SCHMIDT, RHIT, CCS
PRESIDENT, MHIMA

Thank you for allowing me the chance to serve as MHIMA President for the past year. It has been an exciting opportunity, at times a challenge, and always rewarding!

I am grateful for the chance to recognize and celebrate the following successes and to thank an extremely talented team of volunteers I was honored to work with:

Strategy I: **Education**

- ✓ *Karen Kramer* and her team hosted several educational meetings to meet the needs of the membership; all receiving high marks for being informational, in good locations and well coordinated.
- ✓ *Sheila Bowlds* and her knowledgeable CDIP team used various avenues of technology to reach out to the membership for coding education.
- ✓ *April Martin's* one-woman-show silent auction not only gave us revenue to turn into student scholarships but she also organized the first annual bowling event -mixing fun and talent (bowling talent that is!).
- ✓ *Nancy Walker* and *Charlie Robinson* and their team ordered the perfect weather for the second annual golf outing. *T.J. Hunt* has begun coordinating the third annual golf outing scheduled this August.
- ✓ The funds from the golf outing and the silent auction allowed the *Charities Committee* to increase the student scholarship awards to allow up to 7 students to receive a \$750 individual scholarship with a voucher to attend the annual meeting. In addition, 26 students will receive \$100 towards successful completion of their RHIT/RHIA examinations along with a voucher for registration to the annual meeting.
- ✓ *Carol Jennings* and her mentoring project team coordinated board member attendance at various programs held throughout the state. Recruitment letters were sent to all the HIM school programs. Carol individually has done an outstanding job in her mentoring role by presenting various HIM topics and career opportunities to the students this past year.
 - ✓ *Kim Buti* in her volunteer role, along with *Pat Rubio* and *Melody Czapski* assisted with the various awards mentioned above; including the Harbert Student Achievement award which is to be presented at the annual meeting and new this year, the Mentor Award.
 - ✓ *Carol Jennings* and her energetic Convention Arrangements Committee worked diligently to have the annual meeting include educational topics of interest and benefit to the members in an economically difficult time period; evidenced by the interesting and exciting agenda.
 - ✓ *Margaret Neterer* and her team continue to 'out do' themselves reaching a continually increasing number of community program presentations reaching a record high number again this year. MHIMA was also proud when Margaret was recognized nationally and was presented AHIMA's 2009 Outstanding Community Education Coordinator Award.

Strategy II: **Advocacy**

- ✓ *Charlie Robinson* and his legislative team were very active at a national and state level. Charlie teamed up with the HIMSS (Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society) organization to lobby in Washington DC advocating electronic healthcare sharing. Charlie, along with *Denise Holstege*, represented MHIMA on AHIMA's Hill Day in Washington DC meeting with Michigan legislative representatives to promote current HIM initiatives. Working with MHA (Michigan Hospital Association) Charlie, along with other volunteers, represented MHIMA at Michigan's Healthcare Advocacy Day in March in Lansing.
- ✓ Over the past year the *board and other volunteers* worked with MHA, AHDI (Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity), HIMSS, UMQA (Utilization Management & Quality Association) and MCHIT (Michigan Coalition for Healthcare Information Technology) partnering on HIM related projects.

Strategy III: **Membership**

- ✓ *Peggy Chapo* is at the forefront of membership communication as Chief (and only) Editor of FOCUS through her tireless efforts to search out and include timely information from a national and state level reaching all of our membership.
- ✓ *Karen Kramer* and her team are reviewing recommendations made by AnneMarie Girard (who investigated other web sites) looking for opportunities to enhance MHIMA's web site to continue to serve the membership.
- ✓ *Marsha Allen* coordinated and had oversight for the majority of the items on the web site, i.e. adding board member photos, keeping the membership updated.
- ✓ Letters of 'thanks' were sent to volunteer's employers from the president.
- ✓ *Sally Rynberg* was indispensable this year in her role of Geographic project manager continually updating the web site and gathering data for the CSA score card.

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- ✓ eUpdates were sent out to the membership on 'hot topics' as they occurred.
- ✓ *Melody Czapski* revised the Willingness to Serve and Volunteer form, collected volunteer information and developed the volunteer spreadsheet. *Chris McCann*, in her forthcoming role as President, has advocated using each and every volunteer in the upcoming year.
- ✓ *Volunteers* will be recognized at a 'Volunteer Reception' in addition to volunteer ribbons on their annual meeting name tags.
- ✓ *Regional Associations* and *Program Directors* conference call time was established on the agenda of each board meeting for open discussion and updates. The updates provided valuable information to the board (as well as communication back to the regions and school programs).

Strategy IV: **e-HIM**

- ✓ *Nancy Walker* and her team worked tirelessly at a national and state level as the voice for MHIMA in healthcare information sharing initiatives. Nancy represents the membership as a voting member of the Privacy & Security section of MiHIN (Michigan Health Information Network), she was elected to M-CEITA (Michigan Center for Effective IT Adoption) steering committee, is involved in regional HIEs (Health Information Exchanges) including active membership in SEM HIE (Southeastern Michigan Health Information Exchange) and is also working closely with MCHIT to define HIT & HIM job roles.

Strategy V: **Coding**

- ✓ *Sheila Bowlds* and the CDIP team updated the membership by providing ICD-9-CM and CPT training and updates, along with coding roundtable sessions. The training sessions were not only attended in person, they also included audio conferencing and new this year, video conferencing.

Central Office Coordinator

- ✓ *Marsha Allen*...she touches many, assists with almost everything, can be found anytime and anyone who has worked with her is acutely aware of her devotion and loyalty to MHIMA and it's members. I cannot thank her enough for all her support (and patience) to make my role a rewarding experience. Thank you Marsha.

I would like to end my year with some inspiration; I would like to believe that the following words describe **each and every one of us** in our roles and professions:

We have total control of our destiny
 We are adventurous and try new things
 We don't settle for second best
 We share information and our talents
 We teach when the opportunity arises
 We never hesitate to ask if we don't know

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If you are interested in being placed on our mailing list for upcoming sessions in 2010, please feel free to contact either one of us by telephone or via email. Stay tuned for more information and we look forward to sharing this exciting opportunity with you!

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AHIMA Key Initiatives

Membership

There are 56,780 members in 2009. 14 Direct Recruitment Mailings were sent. 15 Recruitment Emails were sent. New initiatives were initiated; electronic birthday cards, membership certificate, and a global Join Now button was added to the AHIMA website.

The 2010 Membership Goals are to Grow membership, Develop shore & long-term membership strategy and planning, Improve efficiency of servicing members through Electronic membership cards and certification which can be printed from your profile, a more electronic approach to the renewal cycle, and make installment billing less accessible and raise the fees.

Communication

A new CoP has been developed that will make it easier to utilize once you have familiarized yourself to all of the functions and the new look.

An AHIMA Community Town Hall has been developed for members to make comments on how to improve the site.

The Advantage has been developed in a digital copy to be emailed and reviewed easily online.

There are 10 E-Newsletters—AHIMA ICD Ten, AHIMA Resources, AHIMA Student Connections, AHIMA Academic Advisor, CAHIIM, AHIMA CodeWrite, AHIMA Advantage, AHIMA Long-Term Care insights, AHIMA Research Perspectives, AHIMA Certification Connection and AHIMA Foundation. Members can subscribe to any or all of these newsletters.

Professional Resources

ARRA Resources include—Business Associate Agreement Template, Sample Breach letter, Model Plan for Breach notification, Meaningful Use Analysis, and Meaningful Use Comments.

ICD-10 include—Preparation Checklist, Model Training Plans, Terminologies and Classifications, and Articles, samples, exercises.

Professional Workgroups—Include

CAC Steering Committee, A Team to pilot the ICD-10 readiness IT systems assessment tool, Three LTC groups addressing 3 distinct topics: EHR implementation, ICD-10 implementation, and MDS 3.0, Meaningful use response team, National Quality Forum (NQF) HIT utilization, Interim Final Rules (IFR) standards and certification response team (SCRT).

Global Objectives

Increase HIM Presence in Standards Development, Improve HIM Education, Serve Members, and Develop and Extend Best Practice in HIM.

Current Global Initiatives

Standards Work: IHTSDO (Snomed CT)—HL7 Functional Model for EHR/PHR and Record Management and Evidentiary Support, Participation in Research on Certification comparison between Europe and US, Best Practice sharing with Canada, Development, and sharing of International curriculum model.

Opening on February 25th of a global office in Brussels, Belgium, and a global website and newsletter.

Be creative and
informative!

If you would like to contribute
to an upcoming
issue of FOCUS

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Ava George Elected As AHDI President Elect

Congratulations to Ava George, CMT, AHDI-F. She was in Washington, D.C. and achieved her Fellow designation with the Association for Healthcare Documentation Improvement (AHDI-F) and also won the AHDI President-Elect position on The AHDI Board of Directors on the same day. She will officially be President-Elect at the annual meeting in August in Austin, Texas. That term runs from August 2010 to August 2011 with the position of AHDI President occurring at the annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, in August 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 11, 2010
TOTAL MHIMA ASSETS
\$71,542.93

Congratulations!

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PASSED EXAMINATIONS!

CCA's

Katherine Kelley
Kristen Morrissey
Gloria Nancarrow
Joanne Saari
Anne Sebastian
Angela Zuknick

Kimball
Goodrich
Ishpeming
Munising
Casco
Byron

CCS's

Sylvia Daniel
Clara DiMambro
Pamela Smith

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Sterling Heights
Temperance

CCS-P's

Annette DeGraaf
Pallavi Gupta

Wyoming
Houghton

RHIT

Annabel Debarr
Tina Ervin
Debra Foley
Grace Gentry
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Kimberly Lambert
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April Martin Receives MAHDI Member Of The Year Award

I believe that April Martin, RHIA, CMT, AHDI-F, truly deserved the 2009 MAHDI Member of the Year Award. Her accomplishments over the many years she has been a member have been numerous. She has always been a hard worker, an achiever, and a go-getter. She is past president of MAHDI, Huron River Chapter, and took great pride in opening bridges from MAHDI to MHIMA which no one else in Michigan had done. She did most of this while attending school, working, teaching school, and running an association to boot. She also started a new chapter, the Huron River Chapter amongst all of this. Yes, she is truly an energizer bunny! Having an MT Track at MHIMA is something that we credit to April as this is something that has never happened before. Having MHIMA's presence at MAHDI meetings, and having MAHDI's presence at MHIMA meetings is due to April's persistence and never relenting bridge building. She never gave up hope that one day we could build this bridge and both of us could cross it equally. She has been director of AHDI for 3 years, 3 years of hard work in which she gave her all, advocated at DC for transcriptionists in Michigan, and we are truly proud to have her as our 2009 Michigan Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity Member of the Year! Good Luck April as you go on to be included in the hopefuls for AHDI Hall of Fame for 2010 and possibly AHDI Member of the Year for 2010! We will be cheering and rooting for you!!!!

April brings the rare combination of education, transcription experience, and business savvy. One of her best attributes is that she is willing to advocate for others and willing to give new transcriptionists mentoring. She is always looking for opportunities to give back to the community, whether it is through CEC opportunities, fund raising capabilities, or volunteering her services, April always exceeds expectations!

Dianna F. Hall, CMT, AHDI-F
MAHDI State Delegate 2010/2011
MAHDI Legislative Liaison
AHDI Awards Committee Chair

Liz Aschwege, CMT, AHDI-F
MAHDI 2010 President



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- 9:30 A.M. Golf Starts, Games and Beverage Cart
- 1:30 P.M. Buffet Lunch and Cash Bar
- 2:30 P.M. Recognition, Awards and Raffle Drawings

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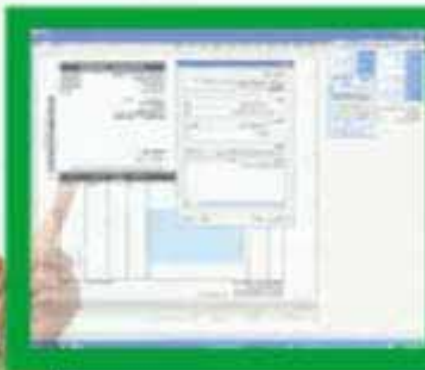
AHIMA Election

Hello everyone! Please remember that the AHIMA Election will be June 7 - 25, 2010. The candidate CoP will be open from May 24 - June 4. It is a good time to get to know the candidates and ask questions prior to the Election. This year Michigan has a candidate on the ballot. Charlie Robinson, RHIT, CCS-P is running for Director of AHIMA. Please exercise your right as a member to vote.



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Rosanna Alexander	Detroit	Pamela Hindle	Taylor	Susan Pilon	Grand Blanc
Spahalic Almedina	Woodhaven	Ebony Hornbuckle	Southfield	Judy Pountain	Portage
Diana Andre	Rochester	Angela Hornburger	Dearborn Heights	Joseph Price	Grand Blanc
Christopher Angi	Southfield	Sher-Rhonda Howell	Westland	Lynn Prokop	Romulus
Konstantinos Andreou	Southgate	Rickie Huddleston	Brownstown	Allileah Provost	Rockford
Deborah Aponte	Detroit	Amanda Hudok	Wyandotte	Jacob Pulimootti	Farmington Hills
Amy Ayers	Grand Rapids	Joslyn Idleburg	Detroit	Sonya Randle	Flint
Sonia Bazzi	Canton	Vickie Isaac	Taylor	Denise Richardson	Redford
Shannon Beard	Redford	Eileen Jager	Plymouth	Crystal Robbins	Jackson
Candace Benman	Flint	Layne Jodway	Brownstown	Rachel Ross	Lewiston
Muhammad Bilal	Troy	Brenda Johnson	Melvindale	Sarah Royce	Gladwin
Chartney Blair	Grand Blanc	Monterra Johnson	Detroit	Amanda Ruwersma	Stanwood
Janet Boyington	Detroit	Katrina Katcher	Macomb	Krystal Sankey	Detroit
Kyle Brandt	Lake City	Michael Kemner	Brighton	Attila Saraci	Southgate
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Anastasia Brookens	Mount Pleasant	Joyce Keskeny	Taylor	Virginia Sessions	Coopersville
Janeal Brooks	River Rouge	Jaimie Kietzman	Clio	Nicole Shea	Grand Blanc
Sarah Brown	Detroit	Sara King	Lapeer	Kristina Sible	Detroit
Tina Buck	Burton	Rachel Korringa	Grand Rapids	Wendy Simmons	Britton
Martha Buckley	Flint	Celeste Kotowski	White Lake	Mary Sims	Canton
Candy Campbell Groppi	Mio	Tammie Kovarik	Negaunee	Audrey Slappy	Harper Woods
Karen Carlson	Ishpeming	Julie Kowalec	Mount Morris	Gloria Smith	Niles
Marilyn Cashier	Buchanan	Cheryll Kregear	Southgate	Tamara Smith	Taylor
Melissa Chauncey	Holt	Debora Kress	Highland	Kristi Snider	Burton
Brenda Clark	Edwardsburg	Crystal Laituri	Gwinn	Deborah Sparks	Burton
J'Narias Copeny	Swartz Creek	Cari Langtry	Dearborn Heights	Nikki Stilwell	Midland
Ruth Covington	Detroit	Deneshia Larkins	Lansing	Robin Surbrook	Jackson
Stacey Cox	Rockford	Wendy Lehmoine	Wayland	Tammy Sutherland	Whitmore Lake
Deborah Cross	Kalamazoo	Kyriann Lewis	Belleville	Kendria Sutton	Mount Morris
Beverlee Diffin	Saginaw	Caresse Lindsay	Lincoln Park	Bethany Swayze	Wyandotte
Deborah Dingus	Caro	Paula Lipinski	Dryden	Patrick Sweeney	Flint
Mary Jo Doering	Ada	Michelle Litts	Pullman	Tammy Tackett	Albion
Carlos Doucet	Taylor	Kim Lobbezoo	Caledonia	Dawn Thoman	Jenison
Kenyatta Dumas	Detroit	Noreen Longuski	Marquette	Margaret Torres	E. Grand Rapids
Cindy Eastman	Taylor	Andrea Lucier	Wyandotte	Ricky Upton	Zeeland
Cierra Fennoy	Detroit	Kathleen Maurer	Oxford	Beth Van Allsburg	Walker
Amanda Fournier	Mount Morris	Jeri McKenzie	Allen Park	Jim VanderMey	Grand Rapids
Arita Franchi	Big Rapids	Carol Merriweather	Westland	Cassandra VanNest	Clarkston
Patricia French	Grand Rapids	Jodi Michaela	White Lake	Kathy Verkerke	Taylor
Nicole Furman	Brighton	Jennifer Michels	Southgate	Heather Waara	Southgate
Shamika Gamble	Detroit	Lynne Miller	Saranac	Beverley Walker	Ortonville
Lauretta Gilliland	Leslie	Susan Monger	Hudsonville	Jessica Walsh	Allen Park
Marcia Glynn	Niles	Tracey Nagy	Rockwood	Becky Walsh-Zimmerman	Big Rapids
Jean Hajek	Byron Center	Kristina Nestor	Southgate	Jill Weber	Tecumseh
Raida Hamdan	Detroit	Christine New	Ann Arbor	Heidi Weil	Westland
Jeana Hamelund	Big Rapids	Margaret Olson	Grosse Pointe Park	Laura Williams	Taylor
Rena Hancox	Flint	Rashawnda Owen	Dowagiac	Lula Williams	Flint
Antoinette Harwood	Inkster	Lori Pavlat	Iron Mountain	Cardell Williamson	Detroit
Brittany Hayes	Livonia	Kristin Perry	Rockford	Destalee Willyard	Utica
Mariam Hazime	Dearborn Heights	Perry Johnson & Assoc. Inc.	Southfield	Susan Wood	Grosse Ile
Sheila Heiman	Stockbridge	David Peterman	Hersey	Lue Wright	Niles
Tiffany Hemminger	Jackson	Melannie Phillips	Decker	Irene Kathryn Zarkin	Livonia

Delegates To Vote On Several Action Items

Several action items have been brought forth for consideration by the House of Delegates. The House Team on House Operations is bringing forward two proposed amendments to the AHIMA Bylaws. The House Team on Best Practice/Standards Team is bringing forward a proposed resolution, *Leading the Transition to ICD-10* and the AHIMA Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) e-HIM® Workgroup is bringing forward Ethical Standards for CDI Professionals. All of the action items have been fully vetted by House Teams, please consider the good work of these delegates.

According to the bylaws, 40 days of notice is required prior to the vote to amend bylaws and 30 days of notice is required for other House of Delegates actions with prior notice. Since this action includes items to amend the bylaws, the notice is 40 days. This letter is the formal prior notice for action on the items found below.

Initial information for this topic has been posted to the State Leaders and House of Delegates CoP. Please refer to the State Leaders and House of Delegates CoP Category: House Action Items. There, you will find Topics for each of the action items.

1. Bylaws Amendment on Delegate Apportionment

Section 7. Election. Delegates for each Component State Association shall be elected by and from the Active Members of the respective Component State Association

A. Apportionment. The apportionment of delegates shall be based on Active Members of the Component State Association at the close of business on December 31st of the immediate prior year. Each Component State Association shall be entitled to ~~one two~~ delegates ~~and for any portion of 100 Active Members and~~ shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional ~~100 percent of Active Members or major portion thereof,~~ but no Component State Association shall be entitled to more than ~~five six (5) (6)~~ delegates.

MOTION: I move to accept the bylaws amendment on delegate apportionment, Article V. Section 7. A., to take effect July 1, 2011. The motion is proposed by the House of Delegates Team on House Operations.

Second: Since the motion is coming from the House Operations Team, it does not require a second.

Per the AHIMA Bylaws, it will require a 2/3s majority of votes cast to approve.

2. Bylaws Amendment on House of Delegates Composition

Section 7. Composition. The House of Delegates shall be composed of ~~the nine (9) AHIMA~~ Board of Directors and delegates from Component State Associations determined in accordance with Section 7. Each member of the House of Delegates shall have one vote and no proxies shall be permitted.

MOTION: I move to accept the bylaws amendment on the composition of the House of Delegates, Article V. Section 5., to take effect July 1, 2011. The motion is proposed by the House of Delegates Team on House Operations.

PROVISO:

This motion will be effective only if the motion to amend the AHIMA bylaws, Article V. Section 7. A., on delegate apportionment is adopted.

Second: Since the motion is coming from the House Operations Team, it does not require a second.

Per the AHIMA Bylaws, it will require a 2/3s majority of votes cast to approve. To clarify, both bylaws amendments (delegate apportionment and House composition) will be voted on simultaneously; however, if this motion (Article V. Section 5.) passes, it becomes effective only if the motion to change the delegate apportionment formula (Article V. Section 7. A.) passes.

3. Ethical Standards for Clinical Documentation Improvement Professionals

This Ethical Standards were developed by the Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) e-HIM® Workgroup. The Ethical Standards was reviewed and discussed by the House Team on Best Practices/Standards with no significant comments. The Professional Ethics Committee has reviewed and endorsed the standards. In addition, the Ethical Standards were presented during Winter and Virtual Team Talks without comment.

- Guides decision making and actions
- Relevant to clinical documentation professionals and those who manage CDI function.

Motion: Members of the Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) e-HIM® Workgroup move to approve the Ethical Standards for Clinical Documentation Improvement Professionals.

Second: Since the amendment is coming Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) e-HIM® Workgroup, it does not require a second.

Per the AHIMA Bylaws, it will require a majority of the votes cast to approve.

4. Leading the Transition to ICD-10 Resolution

The resolution was developed by the House of Delegates Team on Best Practices/Standards and presented during Winter and Virtual Team Talks without comment. It was also reviewed by the Clinical Terminology and Classification Practice Council with no significant concerns noted.

Motion: Members of the House of Delegates Team on Best/Practices Standards move approval of the proposed Leading the Transition to ICD-10 Resolution.

Second: Since the Resolution is coming from the House of Delegates Team on Best/Practice Standards, it does not require a second.

The resolution will require a majority to approve with prior notice.



Prior Notice:

Prior notification of the proposed action items is hereby effective as of today, April 12, 2010. Please verify at this time, that your AHIMA member profile has current information, including your e-mail address.

There will be a CHAT on the State Leaders and House of Delegates CoP to discuss the proposed bylaw amendments on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Discussion Prior to the Vote:

Topics will be initiated in the State Leaders and House of Delegates CoP for the action items, so discussion can occur before the vote. These discussions are for delegates and sponsors of the motions. Members may contact their delegates or start other CoP discussions to convey their opinions. The discussion period will begin on **May 24 and will conclude on June 4, 2010**. The title of the Topic will be:

Delegates Only:

- House Apportionment & Composition Bylaws Amendments
- Leading the Transition to ICD-10 Resolution
- Ethical Standards for Clinical Documentation Improvement Professionals

If you as members have any questions or opinions regarding these Action Items, please contact your Delegates with your input.

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Congratulations To The Newly Elected MHIMA Members

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Number of ballots cast:
 91 Paper 233 Electronic 324 Total

Number of valid ballots:
 91 Paper 233 Electronic 324 Total

Number of invalid ballots:
 None 16% of the membership voted

Thank you to the tellers of the Election Committee:
 Denise Holstege, RHIT and Kathy Thomas, RHIT

Marsha Allen, RHIA
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RHIT - CODER

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House Of Delegate Teams



House Operations Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - Continued work on House apportionment and composition
 - Delegate training events
 - House of Delegates business meeting agenda
 - Mid-term Delegate Survey
 - House performance measures and resources

- *Future Focus*

- House apportionment and composition
- 2010-2011 delegate training

House Performance Measures

- Guide
- Scorecards
 - House
 - House Teams
 - CSAs
 - Delegates
- Delegate Performance Data (Excel Workbook)



HIM Higher Education & Workforce Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - Clinical Practice Sites/PPE Guide
 - Student CoP Recommendations
 - Vision 2016, environmental scan results, Workforce Assessment Report, CCHIIM's ICD-10 Recertification Survey
 - Supporting PPEs - New interpretation of related CAHIIM standard and CCHIIM policy on CEUs for clinical practice sites
- *Future Focus*
 - Clinical Practice Sites/PPE Guide
 - Increasing HIM educators

Environmental Scan Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - 2009 CSA Environmental Scan 98% CSA participation!
 - Processing and communicating results
 - AOE Symposium and Student Academy
 - Workforce Assessment Report
 - Revamp of 2010 CSA ES form

- Engaging in the CSA ES Webinar 2010

- *Future Focus*
 - 2010 CSA Environmental Scan
 - Student Webinar

Professional Development & Recognition Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - Continuing education (CE) and training offerings
 - Promoting the HIM profession and credentials
 - Dialogue with the CCHIIM
- Credential development and ideas for new credentials
- Updates on goals
- ICD-10 Recertification Survey
 - Environmental scan results and Workforce Assessment Report
- *Future Focus*
 - Continued partnership with the CCHIIM
 - ICD-10 training initiatives

Volunteer & Leadership Development Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - Volunteer and Leadership Development Resolution
 - Volunteer leader competencies
 - 2009 AHIMA Volunteer Diversity Analysis
 - Foster inclusion and diverse leadership
- *Future Focus*
 - Advancing the resolution
 - AHIMA and CSA elections
 - CSA volunteer leader competencies
 - ACE and Fellowship programs

Best Practice/Standards Team

- *Accomplishments*
 - “Leading the Transition to ICD-10” resolution
 - Review group for proposed resolutions, HIM practice guidance, Ethics Self Assessment and the Ethical Standards for CDI Professionals
 - AHIMA planning for 2010 and 2011
 - AHIMA Foundation's research initiatives
 - 2009 environmental scan results
- *Future Focus*
 - Review group for HIM practice guidance
 - ACE program

SYMPATHY

Deepest to MHIMA member Ginny Pitts, RHIT, RN and her family in the loss of her sister **Joni Smith** on February 25, 2010.

Sincere sympathy to the family of MHIMA Student **Dawn Klenow-Lampinen** upon her death on February 5, 2010.

Genuine sympathy to the family of MHIMA member **Almeta (Reid) White, RHIT** upon her death on March 14, 2010.

Loretta J. Wiczorek, RHIT

August 9, 1945-March 1, 2010

Let us celebrate the life of Loretta Wiczorek! Born August 9th, 1945, she grew up in Detroit, with her loving parents and family. She was a budding concert pianist and enjoyed traveling, music and family events. Graduation from high school led her to work as a clerk at Oakwood Hospital. She continued to aspire in the HIM field under her then mentor, Marge Balmer. Loretta

obtained her RHIT, and then followed Ms. Balmer to work in the medial record department at Harper Hospital. Loretta was exposed to many facets of the health information department and primarily worked in quality and utilization processes. Loretta became Director of Health Information Services at Harper Hospital, and eventually moved to Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital as Director of HIM Services. She was a great advocate of the health information management field and served on the board for SEMHIMA. She continuously supported HIM accredited institutions by opening her department to HIM students for clinical internships. Loretta would counsel and instruct HIM students who benefitted from her many years of experience in the HIM field. She was quiet, confident, a great listener and a good friend to all. To quote a loved one of Loretta's, "She believed her friends and family were the golden threads in the tapestry of her life."

In Loving Memory of
Claudia N. Tye, RHIT, CTR
March 30, 1955 - March 18, 2010

Claudia Tye (formerly Claudia Barr) was the beloved wife of Robert, loving mother of Andrea, Sara and Anthony and beloved grandmother of Ciara, Mya and Ella.

She was employed at Henry Ford Health System for twelve years and was a member of AHIMA, MHIMA, NCRA and MICRA. Claudia will be sorely missed by many.

In the words of Ciara, her ten year old granddaughter, Claudia was "Grandma, Wife, Mom, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Friend, Strength, Joy, Hope, Wisdom and Love".

Rita Montague, RHIT, CTR





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January 1, 2010

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS ACCESS ACT FEES

Subsection 1 of Section 9 of Public Act 47 of 2004 (MCL § 333.26269), states the following:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a patient or his or her authorized representative makes a request for a copy of all or part of his or her medical record under section 5, the health care provider, health facility, or medical records company to which the request is directed may charge the patient or his or her authorized representative a fee that is not more than the following amounts:

- (a) An initial fee of \$20.00 per request for a copy of the record.
- (b) Paper copies as follows:
 - (i) One dollar per page for the first 20 pages.
 - (ii) Fifty cents per page for pages 21 through 50.
 - (iii) Twenty cents for pages 51 and over.

A 'patient', as defined by this rule, shall not be charged an initial fee [see (1) (a) above] for his or her medical record. (333.26269(5)). However, a patient can be charged the other permitted fees for his or her medical record.

Subsection 6 of Section 9 of Public Act 47 of 2004 (MCL § 333.26269), states the following:

(6) Beginning 2 years after the effective date of this act, the department of community health shall adjust on an annual basis the fees prescribed by subsection (1) by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit consumer price index.

Pursuant to the above requirements, I, Janet Olszewski, Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health recognize the State Treasurer's certification of the annual percentage **decrease** in the Detroit consumer price index for the 2009 calendar year of -.6%. The maximum charges are as follows:

Year	Initial Fee (333.26269(1)(a))	Per page for the first 20 pages (333.26269(1)(b)(i))	Per page from paged 21-50 (333.26269(1)(b)(ii))	Per page for pages 51+ (333.26269(1)(b)(iii))
CY 2008	\$21.58	\$1.08	\$0.54	\$0.22
CY 2009	\$22.08	\$1.10	\$0.55	\$0.23
CY 2010	\$21.95	\$1.09	\$0.55	\$0.23

_____/s/
Janet Olszewski, Director

January 1, 2010

For questions concerning the consumer price index increase of medical records access act fees, please contact Mary Greco, Legal Affairs Specialist at (517) 373-3772.

Membership Report - April 8, 2010

SUBMITTED MARSHA A. ALLEN, RHIA

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Active RHIT/RHIA/CCS/CCS-P/CCA/CSP	1835	1814	-21
Active Senior	46	40	-6
Student	815	898	+83
Graduate	128	130	+2
Honorary	2	2	-
Corporate	9	12	+3
	2835	2896	+61
Certified Non-members	952	999	+47

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Calendar Of Events

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May 7, 2010	MHIMA	Conference Call	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
May 12-14, 2010	MHIMA	Marriott, Troy	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
July 16, 2010	AHIMA	Chicago, Illinois	Summer Team Talks	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
July 17-18, 2010	AHIMA	Chicago, Illinois	Leadership Conference	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
July 23, 2010	MHIMA	MHA, Lansing	Leadership Conference And Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
September 19, 2010	MHIMA	Conference Call	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
September 25-30, 2010	AHIMA	Orlando, FL	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
November 19, 2010	MHIMA	MHA Lansing	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
January 21, 2011	MHIMA	Conference Call	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
March 18, 2011	MHIMA	MHA Lansing	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
May 6, 2011	MHIMA	Conference Call	Board Meeting	MHIMA	231-767-9717
May 11-13, 2011	MHIMA	Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
May 16-18, 2012	MHIMA	Lexington, Lansing, MI	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
May 15-17 2013	MHIMA	Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717