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CDI Program Goes from Cooperative to Collaborative

The difference between a cooperative clinical documentation improvement (CDI) program and a collaborative one can be millions of uncaptured dollars, improved quality programs, and a happy HIM staff.

Many hospitals have launched CDI programs with the hope of improving physician documentation and boosting specificity in coding. But results vary widely between facilities. A common problem in CDI programs can be building cohesiveness between CDI specialists and coders.

Fostering a collaborative relationship between CDI staff and coders can be as vital to a well-operating CDI program as writing effective physician queries. This lesson was experienced first-hand at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where staff recently revitalized the CDI program with a collaborative and successful effort.

MUSC staff shared tips on how to build a collaborative CDI program during the presentation "Change a Cooperative Relationship into a Collaboration Relationship: CDI and Coding" on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the AHIMA Annual meeting.

Clarifying Roles

Clearly defining the CDI staff and coder roles, revising the two groups' workflow, and establishing protocols have helped MUSC's CDI program increase CC/MCC capture rates and Medicare case-mix index, decrease mortality index, and boost employee satisfaction.

Most importantly, the changes improved the clarity of physician documentation, which extends to better patient care, said Christine Lewis, MHA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, manager of health information services at MUSC. Lewis co-presented with Cheryl Erickson, MS, RN the clinical documentation improvement manager at MUSC.

MUSC launched its CDI program in 2004 using two RN's as CDI specialists and a designated CDI coder. The program was initially successful, capturing lost reimbursement and improving documentation. But MUSC staff wanted to take the program to the next level and incorporate changes around the new MS- DRG system.

After Ericson was hired as CDI manager in 2008, the organization took steps toward improving the CDI staff's relationship with physicians and HIM coders.

While the relationship between the nurse CDI specialists and coders was congenial, disagreements did flare up, and power struggle became an issue at times.

"There was not always a collaborative relationship," Lewis said. "[But] we are in the same division. We need to support each other, because if we don't, how are we going to make our division look good to outside departments and physicians?"

In order to improve the program and relationship, coder and CDI specialist roles were clearly defined. Through training, the RN CDI staff was reminded that they are not coders. While they require coding knowledge their main focus should be finding missing documentation in the record and getting that record ready for the coders.

This redefinition removed any unrealistic expectations that CDI staff should be expert coders, and it validated all the work coders did after the CDI review, Ericson said. However, CDI specialists also received education in ICD-9 and DRGs, which improved their initial referring codes as well as their working relationship with coders.

With both roles of the program fully respecting the other, the stage was set for an integrated, collaborative CEDI program.

Streamlining Workflows

The CDI workflow processes were streamlined to reduce the number of cases returned to CDI staff for coding for clarification. All back-end queries were no longer done by coders, but by a

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CDI specialist located in the coding department charged specifically with working all open queries. This coding-based CDI specialist also reviews cases sent from the CDI floor before passing them along to coders.

"If coders still have an issue with the record, she is there as a resource instead of trying to track down the original [specialist], who is typically on the floor and not available," Ericson said.

This change knocked down the time it took to finalize billing and led to significantly more reimbursement for the facility.

The CDIs and coders also meet once a quarter for joint training, goal alignment discussions, and to improve camaraderie.

The discharge summary review process was also streamlined, ensuring physicians were queried soon after patients were discharged and summaries were available for CDI review.

Overall, the changes have led to an improvement of the facility's quality measures like mortality index, increased capture rates, and improved staff morale.

CDI and coding staff have an increased level of respect for each profession, which has improved department operations and helped the departments meet annual hospital goals, Ericson said.

From AHIMA Today, September 28, 2010



CHRIS MCCANN, MPA, RHIA
MHIMA PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everybody made it through all of the snow we received this winter. Although the snow is certainly beautiful to look at, I'm looking forward to some warmer days!

The MHIMA delegates are attending virtually or live the AHIMA Winter Team Talks on March 28th in Washington, D.C. Tammy Bird, our new Legislative Liaison and Karen Schmidt will stay another day and participate in Capital Hill Day and will meet with our members of Congress to discuss issues related to health care and health information. Please feel free to contact me or any of the delegates, if you have questions or comments concerning Team Talks or Hill Day.

Again this year, you had the choice to vote for our 2011 Board on-line or using a paper ballot. I want to thank everyone who ran for a position. I appreciate your willingness to serve and share your talents with our organization. Soon, we'll know who our newly elected 2011 Board members are. I also want to thank all of you who took the time to vote. Thank you for showing an interest in our organization.

We have another exciting annual meeting coming up May 11-13th at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Ginny Pitts and her committee have worked hard to bring interesting speakers and topics to this year's program. The Soaring Eagle is a beautiful facility and we're excited to have the meeting in the middle of the state again. I hope you're able to come. See you there!

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CMS Publishes Proposed Rule for Prohibiting Medicaid HAC Payments

Last week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a proposed rule for Medicaid regulations (effective July 1) prohibiting federal payments to states for any amounts expended for providing medical assistance for healthcare-acquired conditions. The proposed rule would also authorize states to identify other provider-preventable conditions for which Medicaid payment would be prohibited. If you are interested in participating in the review and response of the proposed regulation, contact AHIMA's director of federal relations at Allison.viola@ahima.org. Learn more.

Theft Remains Leading Cause of Data Breach

With one year of breach reporting on the books this month, theft remains the most common cause of data breach in healthcare. Of the 241 large-scale breaches reported to the Department of Health and Human Services by February 20, 136 (56 percent) involved theft. Of those, nearly 100 involved a laptop, desktop computer, or network server. Read more at the *Journal of AHIMA* Website.

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It's Raining Regs

Six Steps to Surviving 'Perfect Storm' of New Laws

Four big regulatory challenges are set to converge on healthcare in the near future, and they will have significant impact for HIM professionals.

"If you really think about it, it's the largest dramatic change we'll see in decades," said speaker Elaine Lips, RHIA, during the Monday, September 27, 2010 AHIMA Annual meeting.

The message to start planning now was delivered by Lips and Deborah Kohn, MPH, RHIA, FACHE, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, in their session "Turning Regulatory Compliance Initiatives into Strategic Advantages." Lips is president and CEO of ELIPSe, Inc., and Kohn is principal of Dak Systems Consulting.

ARRA, 5010, ICD-10, PACA

The healthcare industry is facing four enormous regulatory initiatives this year:

- ARRA/HITECH, including meaningful use and privacy and security enhancements to HIPAA, which Kohn called "HIPAA 2" with some provisions beginning this year.
- Upgrades to the HIPAA 5010 transaction standards, with the first state of testing recommended by the end of 2010.
- Transition to ICD-10 CM/PCS in 2013.
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PACA) also known as the healthcare reform law, with effective dates from 2010 through 2015.

All four are interconnected, and preparation cannot begin too soon Kohn and Lips stressed. "Strategic planning must begin yesterday for the convergence of these technical, process, and people issues," Kohn said. In addition, these changes must integrate with other initiatives that organizations may be in the midst of, such as EHR implementation, she noted.

It is important for HIM professionals to communicate to their organizations that the four initiatives - a "perfect storm" - should be planned for at the same time. "They really are interrelated," Kohn said. "Your CFO might not think that, but as HIM professionals you need to know that."

Lips emphasized that organizations should ask themselves if they would rather plan for four separate implementations or one big one. Time, resources, and money will be factors. "The compliance dates are set; there's a lot to be done between now and 2013," Lips said.

Getting the Advantage

As these initiatives converge, HIM professionals will be at the center of the action. Each regulation will change the way HIM works, for instance:

- Meaningful use: HIM departments should prepare for changes to domains like computerized physician order entry and clinical documentation and impact on legal EHR and EHR implementation.

- HIPAA 2: "They're really starting to enforce it," Kohn said. "We are raising the bar on expectations."
- PACA: "Contractors will be conducting medical reviews before paying claims," Kohn said. "We will have to be ready with all that information prior to payment [if a review is conducted]."

While there are consequences for lack of preparation, there are also significant advantages for early compliance. These include more specific coding, improving clinical documentation, more accurate reimbursement, better utilization management and case mix, reducing adverse impact to revenue cycle, and better retention of coders, Lips said. "You can gain operational and strategic advantages in a very competitive marketplace," she said.

Six Steps to Compliance

To survive the perfect storm, organizations must prepare for significant impacts to business processes as well as impact to revenue cycle and information systems that support current clinical operations. The presenters listed six steps to compliance.

1. **Develop a strategic process.** This includes a high-level governance structure, project plan, and communication plan. "The more you can communicate, the better people will understand how enormous this is going to be," Lips said.
2. **Perform a technical and operational inventory.** Look at vendors, product applications, business processes, and work flows.
3. **Assess readiness and perform a gap analysis.** For example, a gap analysis could examine coder knowledge and physician documentation.
4. **Use ICD-10 to enable change.** Set an education and training plan. Who will be trained (e.g., coders, billers and physicians)? When, where, and how will training take place? "Even your board of directors needs to understand ICD-10 to make business decisions," Lips said.
5. **Analyze costs and prepare a budget.** Allocate costs over several years; think about the impact on departmental budget and staff.
6. **Develop an implementation plan.** Set a realistic timetable, develop go-live requirements, communicate, and make detailed lists and process guides.

Some organizations see compliance as a problem to be solved by vendors. That assumption, Kohn said is wrong. Organizations need to determine their own compliance, timing, and strategy. "The vendors have nothing to do with your business processes or you workflows," she said. "Only you know that information."

From AHIMA Today, September 28, 2010

New Members

Cynthia Arroyo	Atlanta	Paul Garwood	Harper Woods	Jeanmarie Pavol	Grosse Pointe
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Virginia Barach	Clinton Township	Shawn Good	Warren	Judy Reed	Harrison Township
Sara Barteld	Big Rapids	Benjamin Gordon	Dearborn	Linda Reed	Big Rapids
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CoP News You Can Use

Using the What's Popular Function



Come to the Communities of Practice and see what members are discussing. Using the **What's Popular** tab, you can see the topics that are most popular with members. Recently there were topics on:

- Getting experience in the field and over 40 members shared their insights. David Smith, RHIA, commented, "I think finding an entry into many of the HIM positions requires a lot of leg work on the job hunter. Many HIM department jobs are not widely posted. I would recommend hitting the pavement and visiting HR departments. Also, keep an eye out for PT or per diem positions; they are a great way to get your foot in the door."
- Online HIT programs and where members recommend attending. The link to CAHIIM-accredited programs is provided.

If you are logged into the CoP, you can click on the links above to share your insights. Log onto the CoP and view the topics under the **What's New** or **What's Popular**. Or go to your favorite community and add a new topic to start a dialogue. Participating helps you and your colleagues.

Explore Recent Hot Topics

Come to the Communities of Practice and see what members are sharing. Recently, there were topics on:

- Coding Training for ICD-10 in the **ICD-10 Implementation Community** and how members were preparing for the change. Also, Amy Johnson asked, "Do you feel it will be more beneficial for patient care with the new ICD-10 codes?" Join the conversation and share your thoughts.
- Questions to ask in an interview in the **Student Community** and over 1,000 members have viewed the topic and the "Interview Questions" document.
- RAC Tracking Software in the **Recovery Audit Contractor Community** with 20 comments and over 1,000 page views. Weigh in with your information.

If you are logged into the CoP, click on the links above and share your insights. Log onto the CoP and view the topics under the communities listed. Or go to your favorite community and add a new topic to start a dialogue. Participating helps you and your colleagues. Log on today.

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From Advantage E-Alert 2/10/2011 and 2/24/2011

Environmental Scan HOD Team Update

submitted by Marsha Allen, RHIA

The Environmental Scan HOD Team met on January 27, 2011. An overview of the CoP and the functions was done by AHIMA. It was very helpful in improving navigation through the CoP.

The Technological environment was discussed. WebEX is an opportunity for CSAs to use through AHIMA. Billing will be managed through the rebate received from AHIMA. A fee-for-service will be at the same rate at AHIMA. AHIMA will obtain more information on pricing, billing services and the service agreement. CSAs will still have the function to manage the account (i.e. reports). AHIMA acquired interest from delegates/CSA central office coordinators. AHIMA will provide more information when it becomes available. An agreement will be signed if this option moves forward.

The Team discussed best practices in conducting environmental scan: survey members electronically, provide incentives, and allocate time at their annual meetings. The workgroup will reconvene to discuss recommendations for next year (e.g. create survey that can serve as a resource for CSAs or distributed survey at a national level to obtain grassroots perspective). The workgroup will be discussing recommendations for the 2011-12 Environmental Scan.

The team is hosting a free webinar that will review the purpose of environmental scanning and the process for conducting the CSA environmental scan for 2011. CSA leaders and interested members are encouraged to attend. It will be recorded and made available for others to download and watch.

Delegates identified a needed resource in managing the implementation of ICD-10 for management. Team members were referred to the ICD-10 Resource "Implementing ICD-10 CM/PCS for Hospitals. The

Clinical Terminology and Classification Practice Council are currently updating the ICD-10 Preparation Checklist. The Team was asked to check out the existing resources for ICD-10 on the AHIMA website to identify any gaps in the current ICD-10 resources offered. If gaps are noticed, please contact AHIMA to report identified gaps.

The Team was introduced to the Leadership Academy webinar series. The first one is scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 12:00 PM CST. Registration is now open.

The bylaw changes regarding CAHIM were mentioned and they are expected to be voted on in the spring electronically.

All team members were asked to agree and submit a conflict of interest (COI) form by February 1, 2011. All HOD team members will be asked to do this.

Topics for the next meeting will be: Social Environment, Student Environmental Scan, Customer Environment, and Geophysical environment.

Actions Items:

- Workgroup will discuss recommendations for 2011-12 Environmental Scan
- Members should register and attend the Environmental Scan webinar
- Mark calendars and attend the Leadership academy webinars.
- If gaps are identified in the current ICD-10 resources offered, please contact AHIMA.

Future Meetings: March 24, 2011, 2:00 PM CST, May 19, 2011, 2:00 PM CST



Attention Members - Participate in the CSA Environmental Scan



AHIMA is asking all Component State Associations (CSAs) to conduct an environmental scan with its members and submit the results. To do this, we need your input! Environmental scanning is a process that collects information on trends and priorities that influence or impact the health information management profession. This information then feeds into the strategic planning process.

AHIMA provides a form to conduct the environmental scan in our CSA. You might recall completing this form/survey last year at the MHIMA Annual Meeting. The House of Delegates Team on Environmental Scanning completed a comprehensive review of the CSA Environmental Scan form and streamlined it for easier completion.

Plan some time to provide your input via the following:

- Download the form, complete it and e-mail it to marsha@mhima.org. The form is available in the in the State Leaders and House of Delegates CoP under Resources or at this link; <http://cop.ahima.org/download.aspx?rid=22064>
- Share your feedback at our CSA business meeting planned for May 11, 2011. The form will be provided to all attendees to complete

- If you are unable to download the form or attend the annual meeting, contact the central office at 231-767-9717, or marsha@mhima.org and a form will be emailed to you to complete.

Your input is due by *May 31, 2011*. The responses will be tallied and reviewed by the CSA Board of Directors and a consolidated response submitted to AHIMA when we complete the electronic CSA Survey. Your participation is valued! The results are not only helpful to planning for our CSA, but work completed by the AHIMA Board of Directors, the House of Delegates, AHIMA staff and other stakeholders.

You can find the results of the 2010 CSA Environmental Scan in the AHIMA and State Leaders and House of Delegates Community of Practice. Any interested member is welcome to join the State Leaders and House of Delegates Community.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Marsha Allen, RHIA in the MHIMA Central Office at 231-767-9717, or marsha@mhima.org.



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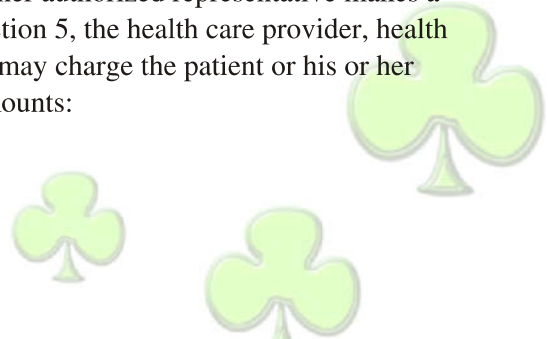


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS ACCESS ACT FEES

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 § 333.2 6269), 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, Olga Dazzo, Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health recognize the State Treasurer's certification of the annual percentage increase in the Detroit consumer price index for the 2010 calendar year of .8%. 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 2010	\$21.95	\$1.09	\$0.55	\$0.23
CY 2011	\$22.13	\$1.10	\$0.55	\$0.23

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Olga Dazzo, Director

Date

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 or grecom@michigan.gov.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2011
TOTAL MHIMA
ASSETS

\$57,362.79

2011 Michigan Medical Record Charities Silent Auction

Due to the success experienced with the past three years' Silent Auctions for Michigan Medical Record Charities, this event has become a regular event at the MHIMA Annual Meeting. The annual meeting this year will be held May 11-13, 2011, at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Monies raised by Michigan Medical Record Charities are used to fund the student scholarships offered by MHIMA, partial reimbursement of successful examination fees, registrations for the MHIMA Annual meeting, and to pay dues for the Yvonne Harbert Student Achievement Award winner.

Items up for bidding in this year's auction include:

- 2 sets of 4 box seats for Tiger games from Medical Copy Service
- family 4-pack of tickets by the Plymouth Whalers
- 2 children's tricycles by Continental Bike Shop
- Central Office Lap Top Computer A Dell Vostro
- various gift baskets from members and groups
- and much more ...

Do you have a talent for creating great gift baskets? Would you be willing to create one for our 2011 Silent Auction? Do you have any items you would be willing to donate toward the 2011 Silent Auction? If so, please email April Martin at amartin@qidtranscription.com so she can arrange to obtain the items if you are unable to attend the annual meeting. Thank you for considering our request and for helping to support the next generation of HIM professionals.

April Martin, RHIA, CMT, AHDI-F, Chair Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE ...

Third Annual Halloween Costume Party/Bowling Fundraiser

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Where: Clover Lanes, Livonia

Time: Check-in at 7:30 p.m. - bowling starts promptly at 8 p.m.

Watch for further details, but start putting your teams together now!

Be creative and
informative!
If you would like
to contribute
to an upcoming issue of
FOCUS
email the editor at
pchapo@botsford.org

Explore Recent CoP Upgrades

From AHIMA
E-Alert
2/24/2011

Recently, the CoP was upgraded to serve you better. Below is a summary of the changes.

- The first time you log in, you will need to accept the Terms and Conditions of Use. Review the Terms and Conditions of Use and the use the Accept button at the bottom. We reactivated it for all members since there have been some updates. Please note that you will see this only once. New members will receive the notice the first time they log in.
- The topic display page has been updated. Check out the changes.
- Also after opening a topic, you can return to the Community or What's New via the "Back" button on the browser or if you are in a community, click on the community's name.
- Your profile has been updated. You can delete or update your photo if needed. Remember to only include photos that do not have copyright protection.
- An opt in/opt out function has been added to your Profile also so you may be sure to receive important messages from the facilitators of the community to which you belong.

We hope you like these changes. Log in to CoP and then please share your comments in this topic.





ATTENTION MHIMA MEMBERS

We Need You!

Are you interested in serving MHIMA on a Committee or Project? The following Projects are part of MHIMA and can use the help of qualified professionals.

EDUCATION: Help schedule and set up educational meetings for the year.

ANNUAL CONVENTION/AWARDS/PROMOTIONS: Help with arrangements and the program for the annual meeting, or help with selecting Yvonne Harbert Student and/or MHIMA Distinguished Members or select items for promotions to be sold throughout the year.

CDIP CODED DATA INTEGRITY POLICY: Send your resume to help this group to assist in scheduling Coding Roundtables that are pertinent to your needs and answer

coding questions from MHIMA members. **You must have a minimum of five years of coding experience.**

COMMUNICATION: FOCUS Help write articles and edit the newsletter.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN: Train other trainers to present My PHR throughout the community, or become a trainer to bring My PHR to your local community.

MHIMA COMMUNICATION RESOURCES: Help create and implement policy, procedures and methods for keeping members informed quickly regarding important legislation and other pertinent issues.

MONITOR LEGISLATION: Help MHIMA keep abreast of current healthcare legislation that will affect our members.

Yes! Yes! I am willing to participate in MHIMA's future!

I would be willing to serve (project/committee): _____

Name (Typed/Printed): _____ Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Place Of Employment: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

You may also submit names of any MHIMA active or associate members who would be qualified for project management:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Please return this completed form by March 31, 2011 to: Sheila Bowlds, MBA, RHIA
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Congratulations!

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PASSED EXAMINATIONS!

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Jessica Annis.....Marquette
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Kathy Leone.....Grosse Pointe Park
Scott MacDonald.....Allendale
Helen Morrow.....Marquette
Stephanie Picard-Gardner Muskegon
Kari Scherer.....Springfield
Alice Siekierski.....Aurora, IL
Patricia Wodwaski.....Cheboygan

CCS

Dawn Powell.....Kalamazoo
Jeri Staudinger.....Plainwell
Kimberly Wilson.....Taylor

CCS-P's

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Shannen Recker.....L'anse
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Nancy Zimmerman.....Glen Shaw, PA

Participate in the Congressional Education Campaign Today

A primary advocacy goal for 2011 is introducing AHIMA and its members to the new 112th Congress. With so many new Congressional members it is important for us to be proactive in our approach by letting them know who we are, what we do, and our importance to advancing our healthcare system. This campaign is being undertaken by the Component State Associations and we are asking all members of AHIMA to introduce themselves. It's easy to participate. A letter has already been written; all you need to do is visit the **My Advocacy Action Center** of the AHIMA Advocacy Assistant and select "Introduce Yourself to Congress Now" underneath the Take Action alert. Simply follow the instructions to personalize the letter, add your contact information, and hit send. Let your Senators and Representatives know who you are and what you do today.

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E-Alert
2/24/2011

*The Annual
Convention of the*
**Michigan Health
Information Management
Association**



*will be held May 11-13, 2011
at the
Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort
Mount Pleasant, Michigan*

*The Business Meeting will be on
Wednesday, May 11th
at 10:15 a.m.*

*Michelle Mercieca, RHIT
Secretary/Treasurer*

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Membership Report - February 10, 2011

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Active RHIT/RHIA/CCS/CCS-P/CCA/CSP	1880	1927	+47
Active Senior	37	36	-1
Student	981	1046	+65
Graduate	113	116	+3
Honorary	2	2	-
Corporate	12	11	-1
	3025	3138	+113
Certified Non-members	1014	999	-15

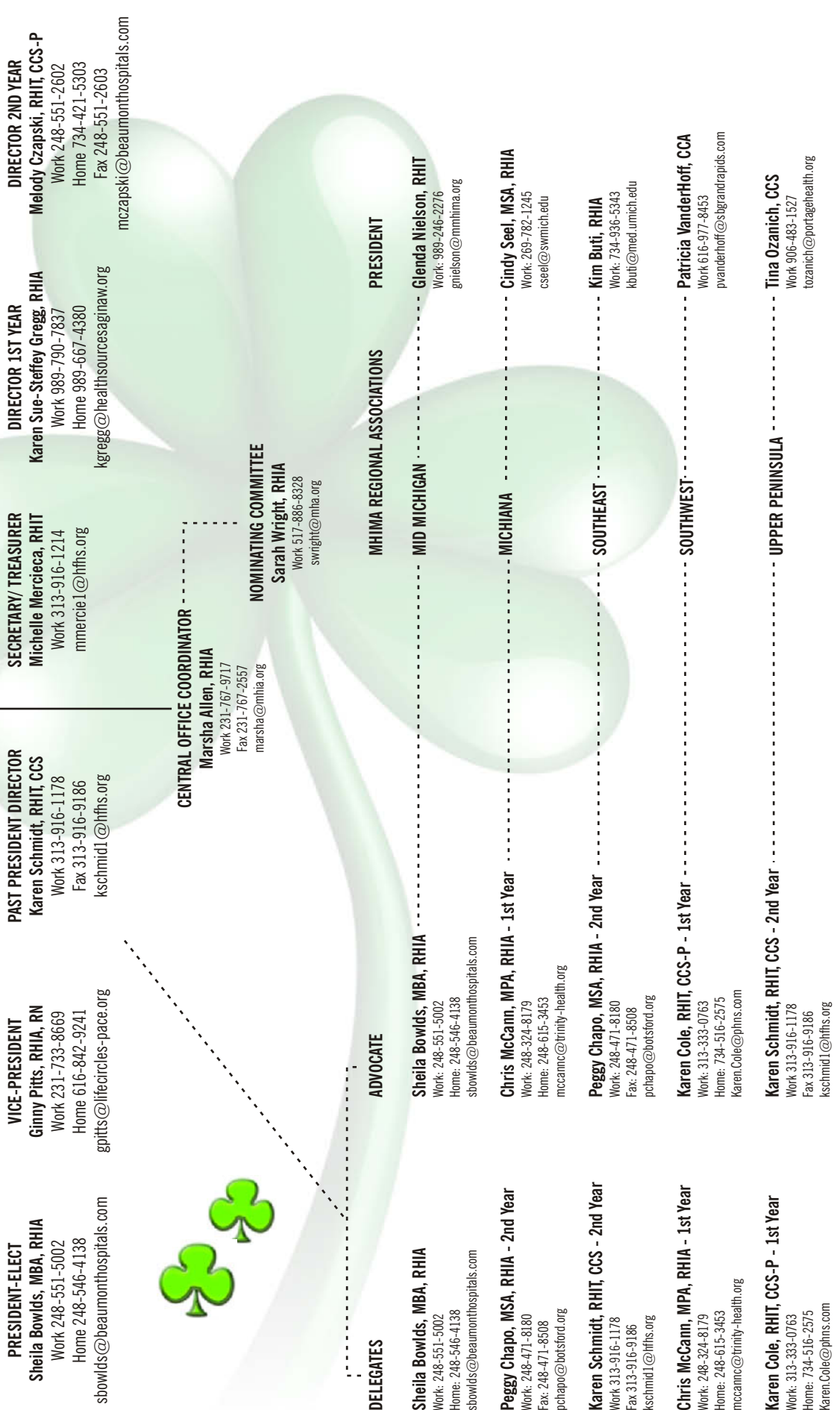
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Calendar Of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION	TOPIC	CONTACT	PHONE
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
Oct. 1-6, 2011	AHIMA	Salt Lake City, UT	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
May 16-18, 2012	MHIMA	Lexington, Lansing, MI	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
Sept. 29-Oct. 4, 2012	AHIMA	Chicago, IL	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
May 15-17 2013	MHIMA	Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
Sept. 15-20, 2013	AHIMA	Atlanta, GA	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org
May 14-16, 2014	MHIMA	Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant, MI	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	MHIMA	231-767-9717
Sept. 27-Oct. 2, 2014	AHIMA	San Diego, CA	Annual Meeting And Exhibits	AHIMA	www.ahima.org