

# News & Views

June, 2018



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**NHIMA Contact Information:**

**Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs**

**Dates to Remember:**

April 10, 11 & 12, 2019 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

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## President's Message

Hard to believe 1 year has come and gone. While I did not accomplish everything out I had hoped to being your President, I feel that things are continuing in a very positive and great way! There are a lot of great discussions about enhancing the tools, services and education that we can provide to all of you...our members. We will continue to march forward. One of the biggest is the transition of our NHIMA website to Knowledgeconnex. The contract has been signed and Knowledgeconnex will be working very closely with us in the next couple weeks to get everything from our current site transitioned. You will see a much updated website with a lot more information and functionality. We are super excited as a board to be moving in this direction and join many other states that utilize this technology and service. There will be more information coming soon, but we are currently looking as early July to see this new and improved website. You will still go to nhima.org but you will notice a new and updated look and feel with many additional resources. Please reach out to any of us board members with any questions or suggestions! We want to hear feedback.

The final SBAR that I will also cover as I transition out of this position is #5 – Future of the House of Representatives. This group was charged with answering the following questions about the HOD.

The following were questions we were charged with answering as a group:

1. Does the current House meet your CSA needs? Member needs? (e.g., structure, process, and/or culture)
2. Are there barriers to communication with the current House structure?
3. Is the selection of delegates effective within your CSA? (Current structure: Leadership team, Envisioning team, practice councils)
4. If changes are recommended, what is an acceptable timeline for changes to the House?

AHIMA board also asked us to consider the three issues: Relevancy, Apportionment, and Communication and prioritize the issues. Here is the breakdown of the discussions.

### Relevancy:

- Clarification of Bylaws – Come to consensus of what a forum is & bi-directional communication
- Uniform structure for all CSA's – Many of us felt this would enable more consistency across all the state associations
- Better define the role of the AHIMA Board Liaison with House Activities
- HOD needs more participation in making changes in AHIMA – Possible 2 day session – Also like the ability to provide/conduct voting with the membership. Many individuals felt that we did not always have a say in decision making. There was a lot of discussion that often times the changes seem to be made before the HOD representatives are given a chance to discuss.
- Look at potentially having some type of online HOD component to engage technology more.

### Apportionment:

- Look at the overall number of Delegates from each state – if you are a state with only 2, there is so much information and so much reporting that 2 individuals could be very overwhelmed.

- Look at potentially having only 2 Reps to HOD only and move the SBARs throughout the year instead of addressing all at national convention.
- Looking at ways to collaborate regionally potentially.

**Communication:**

- Quarterly Newsletter Template from AHIMA to CSA leaders to distribute to Members (Reminders about dashboard & where to find things)
- Delegate Communication – so delegates know what information to share with members
- Standardize so all email come with an HOD tagline. We all get so much email so it would be helpful to have it identified better
- Ensure Delegates have a say in prioritizing topics of focus (SBAR process)
- Transparency – Sharing feedback with all delegates – and also with Voting on issues
- Standard Operating Procedures with SBARs: Timelines for responses, sharing feedback – structure for feedback from all states
- Accountability from Delegates as well as Board Liaisons
- Collaboration between states – Regional forums on Engage (Discussion Boards)
- State Report Cards – Providing standard communication to Members
- Establish a portal for SBARs- Awareness on Triage (SBAR) process
- Post-Convention Message/Summary from HOD

This was a huge session I personally was involved in. A ton of great discussion. We are all facing the same issues and these positions are often all volunteer so we have to figure out ways to continue to make it valuable, efficient and cost effective and still making great strides for AHIMA.

I want to personally thank each of you for supporting me this past year. It was a challenge with the unexpected turnover we had in some key positions. I also want to thank my fellow board members for their support and guidance through these transitions. Tina has some excellent ideas coming into this role and I know she with the support of the board are going to lead us in some great directions.

It has a been a fun and challenging year and I thank you all! I look forward to some great movements forward for NHIMA.

One final note to leave you all with as I transition and turn the reigns over to Tina Mazuch, your 2018/2019 NHIMA President...

***You'll never find out your real worth until you give life your best shot. Work hard and give it all you've got. You'll find more success than you had ever thought.***

It's been my pleasure...

~ Courtney

## **HIM Curricula Competencies**

In the coming weeks, watch for important posts to Engage, the AHIMA website, and AHIMA publications regarding the draft 2018 HIM Curricula Competencies, part of AHIMA's [HIM Reimagined](#) initiative. HIM Reimagined aims to prepare HIM professionals for the jobs of the future and increase opportunities for specialization through revisions to the HIM curriculum.

The new competencies are the new foundation for preparing HIM professionals with the skills and knowledge for success in emerging and future roles in the healthcare workforce.

The public comment period will be June 25 to September 14, 2018. More information from AHIMA will be available soon.

The NHIMA Transitional Board meeting was held Monday, June 16, 2018 in Columbus, NE. We welcomed our new Board members, Mindi Benis, RHIA President-Elect and Gretchen Jopp, RHIA, Secretary. Liz Bechtle, RHIA, 1st year Director was unable to join us for the meeting.



2018-2019 Board members (left to right) include Jessica Fiorelli, RHIT, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director, Tina Mazuch, RHIA President, Gretchen Jopp, RHIA Secretary, Mindi Benis, RHIA, President-Elect, Courtney Burbach, RHIA Past President, Brenda Machmueller, RHIT, 2017-2018 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director, and Jean Scharfenkamp, RHIA, Treasurer. Not pictured is Liz Bechtle, 2018-2019 1<sup>st</sup> year Director and Dawn Goodsell, RHIA, 2017-2018 Past President.

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## **Tell Your US Representative to Co-sponsor and Support the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act!**

Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 2 (often referred to as 42 CFR Part 2, or simply as "Part 2") regulates the sharing of substance use disorder (SUD) records. It limits the use and disclosure of such records unless a patient provides written consent.

Protecting patients' confidentiality is of the utmost importance. But because of the complicated ripple effect on a patient's health that must be carefully managed and coordinated, Part 2 poses a serious

safety threat to patients with SUD, often leaving clinicians unaware of risks from multiple drug interactions and co-existing medical problems.

HR 5795, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, enables appropriate sharing of substance use disorder records by aligning Part 2 with HIPAA for purposes of treatment, payment, and operations. The bill also includes criminal, civil, and administrative protections for patients during legal proceedings and applies HIPAA penalties to the Part 2 program to ensure that patients can seek treatment without fear their information will be inappropriately shared.

HR 5795 will be considered on the House floor in the coming days, along with other opioid-related bills. We are still anticipating that the House will consider HR 5795 the week of June 17, 2018.

Call your US Representative to ask him or her to co-sponsor HR 5795 and vote yes when it comes to the House floor for a vote. AHIMA's [Advocacy Action Center](#) has everything you need to take action.

To contact your Representative, head to [AHIMA's Advocacy Action Center](#) and follow these four steps:

- (1) Fill in your personal information and click submit so we can connect you with your U.S. Representative.
- (2) Ask to speak to the Healthcare Legislative Assistant.
- (3) Use the following talking points below--

Hello. My name is [NAME]. I'm from [CITY, STATE YOU LIVE IN.]

I am calling to ask the Congressman/Congresswoman to please cosponsor HR 5795, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, and vote yes on the bill in the upcoming floor vote.

HR 5795 will align the 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2) regulation with HIPAA.

Aligning the Part 2 regulation with HIPAA will reduce stigma by treating addiction like all other illnesses, allow for care coordination and integration of treatment, and improve outcomes.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I hope the Congressman/Congresswoman can support HR 5795.

- (4) Click "I'm Finished Making Calls" when you are done and don't forget to provide feedback!

Your assistance is critical in getting HR 5795 passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives!

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### **NHIMA Web Page Redesign Coming Soon!**

NHIMA has contracted with Knowledge Connex to update our home page and to support the NHIMA.

Knowledge Connex provides support to over 70 professional health care organizations including chapters of the American College of Surgeons, HFMA chapters and multiple component state associations.

NHIMA utilizes some of their services today, but with this expansion additional services will include Board Collaboration Software • Board Expense Submission/Approval Software • E-Mail and Social Media Communication • Meeting Mobile Application • Abstract Submitter and Abstract Grading • CME/Evaluation and Self-Assessment Testing • Online Board Voting • Online Membership Management • Online Meeting Registration • Online Surveys and Polls • Webinars • Website Management and Design.

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Transition and update has begun with a projected completion date of July 1! Watch for further updates!

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to NHIMA members with new credentials!

Jennifer Lutz, CDIP  
Stephen Mizell, RHIT  
Amy Vetter, CCS  
Camry Fikar, CCA  
Mary Vivian-Leidy, CCS  
Jamie Piper, CCS  
Bethany Bossard, CCS  
Beth Roberts, CCA  
Natasha Beck, CCA

**PLEASE NOTE - PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRAL OFFICE COORDINATOR AT [MMJMEYS@AOL.COM](mailto:MMJMEYS@AOL.COM) IF YOU EARNED A NEW CREDENTIAL SINCE 1/1/2018 AND ARE NOT RECOGNIZED ABOVE. DUE TO ISSUES WITH REPORTING IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018, SOME MEMBERS WHO EARNED A NEW CREDENTIAL WERE NOT REPORTED TO THE CSA. THANK YOU!**

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## **NHIMA Scholarship**

The Nebraska Health Information Management Association offers a \$500 scholarship to NHIMA members working to obtain a HIM credential. Please email the Central Office Coordinator for information on the scholarship application process at [mmjmeys@aol.com](mailto:mmjmeys@aol.com). Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2018.

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