

News & Views

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President's Message

Matt Jones, a motivational speaker, gave the keynote at the 2013 Nebraska Health Information Management Association. During Matt's talk he quotes others who have inspired him. One of those quotes, from Charlie "Tremendous" Jones is, "You are the same today you'll be in five years except for two things: the people you meet and the books you read."

In my September News & Views address, I introduced the idea of a "One Book, One NHIMA" activity. I selected *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as this book. I suggested we read the book and discuss informally at convention.

I'm looking forward to talking with all of you, old friends and new acquaintances, in a few days at the 2014 NHIMA convention. My hope is that your life will be changed, in some way big or small, by attending the convention and meeting someone new. And, if you read the book, use it as a way to strike up a conversation. See you soon!

Charlene Dunbar, NHIMA President



2014 NHIMA Convention - April 16 - 18, 2014 - Kearney Holiday Inn

The program brochure was mailed 3/3/14 and is now available at www.nhima.org. The link to register is <http://knowledgeconnex.com/nhima/annualmeeting/home.html>.

Exhibitors planning to attend:



ICD-10 Training Workshops Cancelled

You are probably all aware that the United States House and Senate have passed legislation which delays the implementation of ICD-10 until at least October of 2015. Because of this the NHIMA board, on recommendation of the ICD-10 committee, has decided to cancel the training workshops in May, June and July.

Please watch for an email from the Nebraska Hospital Association who collaborated with us which will outline the process for refunding your registration fee. If you made a hotel reservation, you will need to cancel that yourself.

NHIMA Scholarship Application deadline July 31st

Policy, instructions and application can be found at www.nhima.org.

Networking Nook - Rebekah Mussman

Our Networking Nook article features Rebekah Mussman, FHFMA, RHIA. She is currently the Chief Financial Officer at Kearney County Health Services. She began working there in 2009. Previous to that position, she worked at Harlan County Health System starting as the Director of HIM/QI Coordinator/HIPAA Privacy Officer and then transitioning to Chief Financial Officer. Rebekah shares how process improvement was used to make improvements to the revenue cycle.

Go to www.nhima.org and then click on the News to read and find out more about Rebekah.



NHIMA 2013-2014 Annual Report

The 2013-2014 NHIMA Annual Report is now available on the Nebraska Engage Community. Click on "Libraries" and then "Annual Reports." The Annual Report was also distributed with the March News & Views via email to members.



CCS – Certified Coding Specialist

CCSs are skilled in classifying medical data from patient records, generally in a hospital setting. These coding practitioners:

- Review patients' records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure
- Possess expertise in the ICD-10-CM and CPT coding systems
- Are knowledgeable about medical terminology, disease processes, and pharmacology.

Congratulations to the members that have recently taken the CCS exam:

- Lisa Dorn
- Kari Eskens
- Janet Finley
- Trisha Kelsay
- Tamara Lambert
- Kathryne Mayer
- Nancy Prunty
- Kelly Schellhase

2014 Leadership & Advocacy Symposium and Hill Day March 17 – 18, 2014 in Washington, DC

The event was attended this year by our state Advocacy Chairman, Monica Seeland and President-Elect Shirley Carmichael. I want the membership to know that it is always an extreme pleasure to be able to represent AHIMA in this capacity but more so to represent NHIMA. The first day is always a full day of information/news from our association. We heard once again on the best practices for using social media in advocacy initiatives and what and what not to do when meeting with members of congress.

Items of discussion included: Review of AHIMA's Strategic Initiatives, working to develop ideas for CSA specific strategic initiatives. 2) Learned of the Blue Button Initiative which, if available from your providers, allows the sharing of your health information. 3) ICD-10 implementation issues. 4) Debated the challenges today that HIM programs are having finding sites for the Professional Practice Experience needed for students and whether or not the practical experience is necessary. We listened to a panel of industry stakeholders speak on their strategies in working with this 113th Congress. The panel included persons from the AMA, CHIME, Surescripts as well as MGMA all with their own takes on the sharing of information and varying opinions regarding the implementation of ICD-10.

All of the presentations were excellent however; the one that resonated most for me was the AHIMA information on what we, as the healthcare record keepers, need to be doing to be in charge of the electronic health records. This is known as Information Governance. Significant pieces of this include decision/rights, valuation, creation, storage, uses, archiving/retention and deletion. We need to step up and lead in these areas providing expert advisory groups. We need to assist in determining industry benchmarks and develop principles for record keeping standards with electronic health records. This is our future, unless we allow it to be taken away from us by Information Technologists who in no way have the knowledge to lead this area. As always the message was, Dream Big, Believe and LEAD. Thanks again for this great opportunity. – Shirley Carmichael, RHIT, President-Elect.

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Dates to Remember: April 16-18, 2014 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Kearney, NE
