

August 2016

President's Message

Well the memo is out; it is definitely a hot summer. I hope everyone is trying to stay cool and still be able to have some fun in the sun. It seems like in the Midwest, the summers go so quickly while leaving us with a short fall season.

I would like to provide you with some information that was discussed at the Leadership Symposium last month. First of all, it was a wonderful meeting with a lot of information and most importantly information about AHIMA's Strategic Plan. We will be working on the NHIMA Strategic Plan this month as a board to help our association move forward for the next year. I can't wait to get started.

The second thing I would like to discuss with you is education. Imagine that coming from an educator, right? I repeatedly kept hearing that we, as HIM professionals, need to stay on track with life-long learning. Information Governance is a new concept for HIM even though many have been doing it, in some form, for many years. Information Governance has taken on a whole new meaning with electronic medical records being implemented. The important thing is that we need to keep educated on the what, where, how, when and why on the use of Information Governance. Not to fear, there are many educational workshops and boot camps available to learn what is needed on this topic. There is actually a certification through CCHIIM that covers this such skill set called Certified Health Data Analyst. This certification covers areas of data management, data analytics, and data reporting. Currently there are very few individuals who have this certification in the state of Nebraska so far. My challenge to you this year is simply life-long learning. I have heard one other person so far that would like to take this challenge on the CHDA certification. Is this an area of which that you need to pursue? Is this something of which you need, in your current position that would give you a leg up on sustaining your career or advancement? I am leaving you with these questions to think about.

Sincerely, *Dawn Goodsell, RHIT*

Leadership Symposium

On July 15 & 16, I was one of three NHIMA board members to attend AHIMA's Leadership Symposium in Chicago (Tina Mazuch, Dawn Goodsell and Brenda Machmueller). The two day event focused on sharing information with attendees at the national level to bring back to the various state associations, known as Component State Associations (CSA's). A variety of speakers presented information on Information Governance, Analytics and Informatics, as well as breakout sessions on a variety of topics.

The breakout session I attended was Financial Planning 101. This was a very informational session with panel members from AHIMA's national financial team. The panel shared information on the financial obligations of a CSA and best practices including various internal control models, how to detect fraud, track expenses, segregate duties, and red flags to watch for. The panel also shared slides on typical information included in financial statements such as a balance sheet and profit and loss statement. At the end of this session I was able to determine our state CSA does a very good job following the panel's best practice suggestions that will help ensure we are being fiscally responsible and are following important guidelines. ~ *Brenda Machmueller*



Meet the 2016-2017 NHIMA Board of Directors

Dawn Goodsell- I am your current President of the NHIMA. I am very grateful to all of you in being able to serve as your President for 2016-2017. I have been blessed with a full life working in health care. I started out as a claims processor over 30 years ago. This led me to revenue cycle management, chart abstract coding and finally a full-time educator. I had the unique opportunity to work for a wonderful group of physicians who help promote my education in the HIM field. With this job came electronic medical records deficiencies as well as credentialing and re-appointment applications. They even challenged me to do transcription when needed and believe me, I will not quit my day job for that. That is not my forte. After graduating from Clarkson in 2010, I decided I wanted to teach and give back to students everything that I have learned both in the field as well as through higher education. I am currently a Full-Time Instructor for Metropolitan Community College teaching in two programs; HIM; and HDIM. I am also pursuing a Master's Degree focusing on teaching for higher education.

I love this quote:

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." Author Unknown

I want all of you to go out and inspire someone to be great.

Brenda Machmueller - I am currently serving as a 1st Year Director for 2016-2017. In the past I have served as the Nominating Committee Chair and have volunteered on the Professional Promotions, Advocacy, and Convention Committees. Meeting HIM professionals throughout our state has been a great experience. I am currently employed as the Director of HIM and Privacy Officer at Boone County Health Center. In my downtime I enjoy golfing with my husband, scrapbooking with my friends, and spending time with my children. I look forward to becoming a first-time grandma this fall! I have enjoyed serving on the board so far and hope I can help our association continue to provide information to our members that will help them in their careers.

Jen Anderson - I am the 2nd Year Director. I have worked for Nebraska Methodist Health System in Omaha, NE for 15 years this month. I currently am serving in the role as Service Leader for the HIM Departments for all 3 hospitals and several hospital based clinics. I have lived in Omaha, NE for 17 years. I met and married my husband 8 years ago and we have 2 wonderful little boys - Chase (4 ½) and Maxon (2 ½). We love spending time with our families, baseball games, zoo trips, parks, and water activities. And when there is some free time I enjoy reading and watching Husker Football!

Coding Roundtable Update

The 2016-2017 Coding Roundtable met and has committed to four educational opportunities for the membership in 2016! Members of the Committee are Peg Wolfe, Mindi Benis, Michelle Woodgate, Ruth Gappa, Paula DeFreece, Brenda Machmueller, NHIMA Board Liaison and Mary Meysenburg. The first session will be scheduled in September. A survey of the membership on coding topics was performed and results of the survey are being analyzed by the committee. An email address has been established for the use of members who have a question on ICD-10 or CPT coding. Please submit any coding questions to NHIMACoding@gmail.com or email me at mmjimeys@aol.com The Committee will review the question utilizing available resources and AHA guidelines and respond no later than 7 business days from submission of the question. Please include all pertinent information such as H & P, operative report, progress notes, lab, etc. Please ensure all information is de-identified. All questions will be shared on News and Views and will not include the name of individual or facility submitting the question.

As a reminder, ICD-10-PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, 2017 are published and available. The guidelines can be accessed at: [cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-Official-ICD-10-PCS-Coding-Guidelines.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-Official-ICD-10-PCS-Coding-Guidelines.pdf) The guidelines are effective with encounters with a discharge date of 10/1/2016 and after.

Watch for postings on NHIMA website from the Coding Roundtable! New information will be posted when identified by the Committee. Please contact me if you have questions or comments on ICD-10 or CPT Coding education, resources or speaker opportunities!

Mary Meysenburg, RHIA, CCS - Chairman, NHIMA Coding Roundtable - mmjimeys@aol.com

Welcome and Congratulations!

New Members in July 2016:

- Stephanie Busch
- Angela Marie Coonce
- Haley Klingler
- Linda McIntosh
- Becky Miller, CCS-P

New CCAs since 2/2016:

- Rebecca Heavican
- Hannah Mitchell

NHIMA Contact Information:

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Dates to Remember: April 5-7, 2017 - NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
