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From the President



Happy spring everyone even though it seems like it is still January with the weather we have been having. Hopefully warm weather is coming soon and in time for our annual conference on beautiful Lake George!

Speaking of spring, I can't believe that it is April already and there are only a few months left in my year as NYHIMA President. Here is what we have been up to since my last letter in February.

In March Darlene McKendrick (next year's Advocacy Director) and I attended AHIMA's 2018 Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC. On our first day we listened to presentations that included:

- The latest insights on the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR), cybersecurity, HIPAA audits and the latest OCR enforcement activities;
- The important efforts ONC (Office of the National Coordinator) is focused on including the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement; and
- The CMS latest efforts to improve quality measures and reduce documentation burden including the "Meaningful Measures" Initiatives and the "Patients over Paperwork" initiative.

Our second day began with an inspirational presentation from Megan O'Boyle, Patient Advocate and mother whose daughter has Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. She advocates for health information sharing and streamlining how medical records are accessed and shared. Darlene and I and then set off for our appointments with our New York State Senators (Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand) and our respective Congress Representative. The issues that AHIMA had us speak to this year were the continuing need for a unique patient identifier to decrease patient mismatches and improve patient safety and the privacy statute known as 42 CFR Part 2 which is a 40-year-old rule that governs the confidentiality and sharing of substance use disorder treatment records. We spoke to the need to bring this regulation in line with current HIPAA guidelines so that the release of these types of records to providers treating these patients can have access to all records that can impact patient care and treatment.

We are in the process of preparing to host our spring local leaders retreat in Albany and are very excited that all Component Local Associations (CLA's) will be represented again. We will be reviewing the NYHIMA Strategic Plan as well as focusing on topics such as membership engagement and retention, communication and the use of social media.

We are also in the final planning stages for our annual conference on June 3-6 at the Sagamore on Lake George, NY. We have great education sessions planned as well as networking opportunities and evening activities that will reflect the true setting of the Adirondack Mountains. I am very excited to highlight and share this beautiful landscape that I am fortunate to call home. Since the retirement of the NYHIMA House of Delegates (HOD) at last year's annual conference, I am looking forward to our first official NYHIMA Annual Member Business Meeting to share with you more on what we have been doing this past year and what we are planning for next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NYHIMA Central Office at NYHIMA@caphill.com and we will be sure to address your question during the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at annual conference.

Respectfully,

Kim Charland

Submitted by: NYHIMA President, Kim Charland, BA, RHIT, CCS

NYHIMA News and Notes



There is Still Time to Register as an Exhibitor at the NYHIMA Annual Conference

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Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings. [Click Here](#) to find out more about our upcoming events and to register.

- **Multiple Dates in May & June:** ICD-10 and CPT Webinar Series Presented by Lexicode
- **Sunday, June 3 - Wednesday June 8, 2018:** NYHIMA Annual Conference: the Annual Conference will be a four-day event offering cultivating educational sessions, enjoyable networking opportunities, and breathtaking views of the Adirondacks! Participants will walk away with an incredible learning experience that will stay with them for years to come! **Register today to ensure early bird pricing - ENDS MAY 1st!**
- **Sunday, June 3, 2018:** RHIT/RHIA Certificate Exam Prep Session, presented by Janet Mohlenhoff, RHIA, CCS, CTR, and Karen Kramer, RHIA

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Local Association News

NYHIMA is comprised of nine Component Local Associations (CLAs) which serve as an important platform for professional networking and keeping members apprised of local matters that affect health information management.

With Spring finally here the CLAs are holding their Annual Meetings. NYHIMA would like to thank each CLA for all of their hard work throughout the course of the 2017-18 year. Here's to successful meetings as you wrap up your membership year!

Here is a snapshot of all CLA Annual Meeting dates, please contact the respective local for detailed information.

AdHIMA: 5/11/2018

CYNHIMA: 5/11/2018

HIMANYC: 5/4/2018

HIMAWNY: 5/24/18

LIHIMA: 4/11/2018

HIMANNY: 5/11/2018

In the Spotlight:

NYHIMA 2018 Award Recipients

Distinguished Member: Sandy Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS (AdHIMA)

The Distinguished Member Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions at the local, state, and national level in support of the HIM profession.

New Professional: Deb Symonds, RHIT, CTR (RRHIMA)

The New Professional Award honors an individual new to the HIM profession within the past 5 years who has already made a significant impact in various areas of the field.

Author's Award: Donna J. Rugg, RHIT, CDIP, CCS (RRHIMA)

The Author's Award honors an individual who has published an HIM article, within the past two calendar years, that instructs or guides members with new theoretical concepts or further develops concepts previously presented in another publication.

Mentor Award: Sue Clarke-Kendrick, MHA, RHIA (TZHIMA)

The Mentor Award honors an individual with a record of fostering enthusiasm for the HIM profession, encouraging people to enter the field, and providing ongoing career guidance to new professionals.

This year, the awards will be presented on Tuesday, June 5th at the 2018 Annual Conference Awards Banquet at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY.

The Annual Awards Banquet will begin with cocktail reception which will be followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. This special event provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge the great work accomplished by our industry peers! **Haven't registered for the NYHIMA Annual Conference Yet? There is still time but you better hurry as early bird pricing ends on Tuesday, May 1st!**

[Click Here](#) to register today!

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Corporate Sponsor Corner



System-wide Implementation of HIM Interface with EMRs

The Challenge

The challenge facing Rochester Regional Health was the integration of health information management (HIM) solutions into the electronic medical record (EMR) systems across five hospitals at the same time that some of these facilities were switching to a new EMR. The goal for integration was to enhance workflow and processes, which have a direct impact on timely billing and accounts receivables. Unity Hospital had implemented a customized HIM solution, interfaced with its existing EMR system (Cerner), that accelerated billing processes, increased productivity, and reduced edits in the Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) data and in edit-based denials. The system now was poised to implement a similar customized HIM solution at all Rochester Regional Health hospitals at the same time that Unity, along with Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic, and 32 practices were transitioning to a new EMR system, Epic.

The Solution

Drawing on the lessons learned at Unity, Judy Kelly, Senior Director of HIM, and Karen Linder, Coding Manager, reached out to HANYS Solutions to determine if the team could again customize the UIS Data System (UDS) to meet the needs of the entire system. A key goal of establishing this systemwide interface was to keep coders working in the same tools-and not have to switch systems-to prevent edits that would delay reimbursement.

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2018 AHIMA Advocacy Summit

Submitted by: Darlene McKendrick, RHIT, CCS RRHIMA

This year I was able to experience for the first time AHIMA Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC that took place March 19-20th. I was both nervous and excited. I was honored to join our NYHIMA President, Kim Charland and to be one of 167 esteemed colleagues from across the nation to serve as HIM Advocates for AHIMA.

AHIMA did an incredible job in giving us the training we needed to be successful advocates of the legislature that impacts HIM. AHIMA offered 2 webinars that we participated in which discussed the process and what was to be expected. On Monday, we heard from AHIMA President and Chair Diann H. Smith and AHIMA's CEO, Dr. Wylecia Wiggs Harris. There were presenters from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology as well as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). To end our Monday, Pam Lane (AHIMA Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations) and Laura Riplinger (AHIMA Senior Director of Federal Relations) spoke on navigating the halls of congress and details of the two bills that were in legislation. We also enjoyed the opportunity to network with others in between meetings.

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A Risk-Based Security Approach Helps Healthcare Protect Data Beyond HIPAA

Healthcare organizations have different needs for cybersecurity and thus adopt different strategies for identifying and fulfilling security control objectives.

Some organizations focus their security efforts on meeting a compliance obligation, while others begin a renewed security effort in the wake of a breach or after interest from a senior executive.

These ad hoc approaches to cybersecurity often work in the short term to fill gaps and meet a short-term need, but they often fail to take a long-term strategic approach that leaves the healthcare organization well-positioned to handle future threats. The fact is that hospitals or private practices adopting these approaches to security often fail to follow any type of coherent strategy, leaving themselves vulnerable.

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