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## From the President



Hello Members!

I hope 2019 is treating you all well so far! The NYHIMA Board of Directors has been keeping busy and on track with our 2019 schedule of events. Leslie Mills and the Education Committee has been doing a great job preparing some great educational programs. I hope many of you have an opportunity to attend. We always welcome speaker and topic ideas, so please keep us informed of topics you think would be of interest to our members. Next Month Sue Clark-Kendrick, Darlene McKendrick and I will travel to Washington for AHIMA's Advocacy Summit. This allows us to visit Capitol Hill to advocate AHIMA's positions on key issues before Congress in 2019 and future years. We will be sure to share our experience with our members. I have also had the pleasure of working with the 2019 Annual Conference Committee. Our Co-Conference Chairs, Carolyn Hastings and Cindy Alsheimer, have been doing a great job leading this year's committee. They have created a great program outline with new speakers, and some popular ones from the past, along with fun social activities. While you might not want to visit Syracuse in the winter months, June in Central New York is really is beautiful with lots of attractions. We hope that you come visit CNY and enjoy the conference June 2-5, 2019!

In a couple months, we are excited to welcome our Local Leaders to Albany for our Leadership Retreat on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. I have taken part in Fall and Spring Local Leader Retreats, we learn from one another, get an idea on how our locals are doing, and what NYHIMA can do to support our members.

As we enter 2019, I would challenge all of you to find a way to give back to the profession and/or your community in some way. I started doing more of this and have found it to be very rewarding - personally and professionally. It gives those you help a feeling of hope and that someone cares. For example, I have been a Career Coach for our Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) at Syracuse City School District for a couple years. I have really enjoyed working with the Health Information Technology students- they learn from us about the profession (from a non-teacher standpoint), but we also learn from them! We have welcomed them to the hospital through two field trips with me - it's amazing how

excited they are to come to the hospital and learn about what we do every day. Also, this Saturday my niece and I joined our Diversity and Inclusion team at Crouse Hospital for a Saturday morning of helping those in need. We made lunch and served it to the homeless through an agency called 'We Rise Above the Streets'. This agency does 'Sandwich Saturday' every week for the homeless and provides them with clothing and personal hygiene products. As I share these experiences with you, I understand that we have busy schedules, big hearts, and the passion to do good things. In today's everchanging world, if we could all find a small way to help one another, share our experiences and knowledge, then we can help someone achieve more and do more. All the communities in which we live, and work could always use another volunteer to help make a change, and you could be that change! Remember that you could be that change with NYHIMA by joining a committee or even running for a board position!

In closing, I hope you all enjoy the last bit of winter, and if you're like me you're patiently waiting for Spring! We have busy months of education, Leadership Retreat, Annual Conference and we hope to see you soon! Until then - take care!

Sincerely,

Jeffery

Submitted by: NYHIMA President, Jeffery R. Youngs, RHIT

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## NYHIMA News and Notes

### [NYHIMA Awards Nominations are Online!](#)

Take a few minutes and recognize your friends, co-workers and colleagues. NYHIMA is currently accepting applications for the following:

[Service and Recognition Awards](#) & [Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Any NYHIMA Dues Paying Member may submit a nomination. If a member wishes to nominate more than one (1) candidate, the nominator must submit each one as a separate document.

The nominator may write a recommendation of support for the candidate. This recommendation should emphasize the contribution(s) the candidate has made to NYHIMA and/or the profession. **This year, the awards will be presented on Tuesday, June 4th at the 2019 Annual Conference Awards Banquet at the**

**Marriott Syracuse Downtown.** Award recipients are also recognized on NYHIMA's website and in the Annual Conference program.

Complete criteria for submission and selection of each award are listed on the linked nomination forms on the website. **Please complete nominations by March 29, 2019.**

If you have questions about the ballot, please contact the NYHIMA Central Office at 518-435-0422 or [nyhima@caphill.com](mailto:nyhima@caphill.com).

### **New Year, New Job?**

Did you know NYHIMA has a Job Bank, a benefit for NYHIMA and AHIMA members. The Job Bank helps job seekers find jobs and employers find staff in the health information management field.

Candidates can browse current vacancies on the [NYHIMA website](#).

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

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## **Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events**

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings:

### **WEBINARS**

#### ***Webinar: CDI Performance with Purpose***

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

**Webinar Presented By:** Glenn Krauss, BBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPUR, FCS, PCS, CCDS, C-CDI, C-DAM, CEO and Founder of Core-CDI.com

**[CLICK HERE](#) to Register Today!**

#### ***Webinar: Top 10 Leadership Tips To Have Your Best Year Ever***

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 12:00PM - 1:00PM**

**Webinar Presenter: Dr. Mike Thomson, Annual Conference Closing Keynote**

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

**FULL DAY OFFERINGS**

***Legal Considerations for HIM Professionals***

Presented by Barclay Damon, LLP

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Desmond Hotel & Conference Center | 660 Shaker Road | Albany, NY 12211

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

***Safety Awareness for Healthcare Professionals***

Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Crouse Hospital Education Center | 765 Irving Avenue - Room 327 |  
Syracuse, NY 13210

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

***SAVE THE DATE for NYHIMA's 2019 Annual Conference. New this year -  
Mobile App for your conference experience - choose your track***

***Registration Opening Soon!***



Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

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## **Local Association News**

### ***RRHIMA Member Spotlight: Peggy Clark, RHIT, MPA***

Like many of our fellow professionals, Peggy did not plan to go into medical records. She was on track in high school in Waterloo, NY, to become a nurse. Her mother was not supportive of her going into the field as she had several friends who were nurses and saw how hard they worked. A surgical head nurse talked her out of nursing school. Since she did not want to be a teacher, the logical place to go was to business school. The second half of her senior year was spent taking business classes to prepare for business school in the fall. All through high school, Peggy was a Candy Stripper. On one of the days, she was asked to help a Board member preparing a mailing for the annual foundation appeal. Little did she know that the area she and a board member used to prepare the mailing was where the physicians did their charting--the Medical Records department. She then met and became friends with the person in charge of medical records. After completing business school, her mother, who worked at the hospital, told her there was an opening in Medical Records. She applied. and this became the start of her career.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Submitted by: RRHIMA

### **HIMANNY says Welcome Home Mari Piri-St.Pierre RHIA, CPHI**

Mari has returned to the North Country. She accepted a position at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center as the Director of Quality Management. Welcome home and best of luck in your new position.

Submitted by Erin O'Connor, RHIT

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## AHIMA News:

### **CCHIIM Update on HIM Reimagined Certification Recommendation**

#### **Article Posted in e-alert 2.7.19**

At this time, the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) has elected not to move forward with the HIM Reimagined (HIMR) recommendation for the RHIT+ certification.

CCHIIM understands that there is more than one way to designate specialty knowledge, such as through micro-credentialing or certificates instead of certifications. For this reason, and as a result of the concerns voiced by AHIMA members about a potential change to the existing RHIT certification, CCHIIM reached the conclusion to not move in the direction of the RHIT+ specialty credential.

CCHIIM's responsibility is to conduct the necessary research to validate all AHIMA certifications for the purpose of maintaining the highest industry standards related to our certifications. On an ongoing basis, CCHIIM will explore new and emerging ways, along with the traditional job analysis, to designate skills and knowledge for not only the RHIT, but for all AHIMA certifications

Carolyn Guyton-Ringbloom  
Sr. Director, Volunteer Leadership Development, AHIMA

Source: E-Alert Update

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## Industry News

### **Patient Record Matching: Fixing What's Broken: New GAO Report Spotlights Problems and Potential Solutions**

As matching the right patients to the right records continues to be a challenge, implementing standards for recording demographic data & sharing best practices

can be extremely beneficial to improving patient record matching. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/2FJ3sMN>

By Marianne Kolbasuk McGee (HealthInfoSec) | January 21, 2019 | [website](#)

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