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From the Immediate Past President



Welcome summer and all that it brings!

Kim Charland and I had the pleasure of attending the AHIMA Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C in March and it was awesome. The first day was very educational and really well done, followed by the second day being 'Hill Day', with visits to Capitol Hill to meet with our two state Senator's aides in the morning and then we each met with representatives from our local regions in the afternoon. I was lucky enough that my local Representative, Lee Zeldin, met with me himself. It was so interesting to see our government at work and walk the halls and tunnels under the capital. With so much going on in Washington DC these days I was impressed that they were so interested to listen to us and then had some question to ask us as well. We spoke about patient identity matching and how serious a safety concern this is in the EMR world. Each of them easily related real life examples they had experienced and it was clear they understood how important this issue is to us all. We also spoke about HIM Professionals and how important it is to invite us to share information with them when they are discussing health matters and making healthcare decisions in Congress. We will continue to be in contact with those we met to further this cause.

The FREE **to members** one hour webinar on 'Social Media Tips' that I mentioned in the winter issue will be held in the near future, so stay tuned for an announcement of the day and time. Another great 'member perk' to provide insight, instruction and some NYHIMA specific tips to making the most of these social media opportunities to connect!

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your President over the past year. I wanted to express my deep appreciation to all the dedicated board members I worked with and the to 2017 NYHIMA Annual Conference Planning Committee in Rochester. Looking back over the year I realize we as an association have accomplished a great deal together. I very much look forward to the year ahead under Kim Charland's very capable leadership as our new President.

Warm Regards,

Chris Edwards

Submitted by: Christine Edwards, RHIA, CC

NYHIMA News and Notes

From the President



I would like to begin by thanking all of you for electing me to serve as your President of NYHIMA for this 2017-18 year. It will be an honor to serve and represent you.

Regardless of your opinions on healthcare, I believe we can all agree that it is both an exciting and critical time in healthcare. There are so many healthcare initiatives right now - will Obama care be repealed and replaced? And if so, with what? We also have the move from paying for volume (fee for service) to payment based on quality, reduction of costs and patient satisfaction. Some of the quality initiatives include the Hospital-Value-Based-Payment Program (HVBP), Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP), Hospital Acquired Conditions Program (HAC), the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), Bundled Payments, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and the list goes on. Add to these our current hospital reimbursement methodologies - DRGs, APR-DRGs, APCs, as well as increases in regulatory audits, increases in denials, HIPAA Privacy and Security, Computer-Assisted Coding, Meaningful Use, Risk Adjustment, Data Analytics and Informatics, mergers and acquisitions, and the list continues.

With so many initiatives involving health information, there are many opportunities for HIM professionals right now. We possess a unique knowledge and skill level in relation to health information and it is important that we imbed ourselves in all these areas as we truly understand health data and how to use and protect it.

My primary goal for this coming year is to focus on promoting our profession so that the healthcare industry recognizes that we are the experts when it comes to health information data. My focus will include:

1. Growing NYHIMA's membership at the local and state levels: we need to ensure that there are a sufficient number of HIM professionals to fill the positions needed within all the areas of healthcare and we are stronger in larger numbers;
2. Effecting legislation: how can we impact and effect change in healthcare legislation as no one understands it like we do, and
3. Continuing education: we must continue to learn and grow so that we can keep up with the changes in healthcare that are happening around us. The networking opportunities provided at our meetings and conferences allow us an opportunity to learn and collaborate from each other.

I am very excited about this year and see many opportunities for us as an association. I hope that you will join us this year in helping to grow our profession and at the same time ourselves individually so that we can ensure that the HIM profession continues to lead the healthcare industry in health information management.

Have a wonderful summer,

Kim

Submitted by: Kim Charland, BA, RHIT, CCS

Scenes from the 2017 NYHIMA Annual Conference

The NYHIMA Annual conference was a success! View pictures from the 2017 conference below.

[Click here for scenes from the Conference.](#)

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings. Click on the links below to find out more and to register.

) [2017 Health Plan Audits and Appealing Claim Denials Webinar: August 30, 2017](#)

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Local Association News

NYHIMA CLA's Introduce Their 2017-18 Board of Directors:

NYHIMA Component Local Associations have officially introduced their new board of directors for the upcoming year. Information can be found at the link below. Congratulations to all new board members!

[Click here for CLA's Board of Directors.](#)

Submitted by: Component Local Associations

TZHIMA



Tappan Zee Health Information Management Association recently met and introduced their new Board of Directors. TZHIMA is an organization with around 60 members, and their continued success and growth depends on a functioning board. Congratulations to the new President, Sue Clarke-Kendrick!

From left to right:

Past President - Diane Cohen, RHIA

President - Sue Clarke-Kendrick, RHIA

Treasurer - Patricia Haskel, RHIT

Submitted by: Sue Clarke-Kendrick

In the Spotlight:

[Introduction of the 2017-18 NYHIMA Board of Directors](#)

NYHIMA is pleased to announce our new Board of Directors.



President/Chair 2017-18: Kim Charland, BA, RHIT, CCS
Board Liaison to Northern NY Locals
AHIMA Delegate 2016-17
Member, Executive Committee



President/Chair-Elect: Jeffery Youngs, RHIT
Board Liaison to Central NY and Northern NY Locals
Member, Executive Committee



Past President/Chair: Christine Edwards, RHIA, CHP
Board Liaison to Long Island Local
AHIMA Delegate 2016-17
Member, Executive Committee



Treasurer/Finance Director: Frances A. Scott, RHIA
Board Liaison to Southeastern NY Local
Member, Executive Committee
Chair, Finance Committee



Education/Programs Director: Sue Clarke-Kendrick, RHIA
Board Liaison and President to Tappan Zee Local
Chair, Education Committee



Secretary/Communications Director: Shea Coleman, RHIT
Board Liaison to Rochester Local
Member, Executive Committee
Chair, Editorial Board

Legislative Director: Peggy Ann Presbyla, RHIA, CHP
Board Liaison to Central NY
Chair, Legislative Committee

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

AHIMA News Notes

AHIMA Election - 2017

Thank you to all the NYHIMA members who voted in the AHIMA 2017 election!

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Industry News

How the FDA Could Impact Maching Learning, IoT in Healthcare

With a new president, the Food and Drug Administration may well reconsider whether mobile apps that deliver healthcare information to patients should be regulated. Scott Gottlieb, MD, the new FDA Commissioner, has used software as an example of where a new approach is needed.

In a 2015 article for Forbes, Dr. Gottlieb wrote, "Regulatory pathways should distinguish between digital tools that are trying to function like an existing medical device, versus those that are performing patient-specific analyses and provide patient-specific information based on data that can be accessed already, albeit far less efficiently. For the latter, we can take a page from the setup with EMRs, where the feds certify standards and an independent nonprofit ensures that software platforms meet those requirements."

[Click here to read more.](#)

By: Bradley Merrill Thompson, Information Management