

President's Message

By DeAnne Kribell, RHIT

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.

We hear it all the time – it's a small world. That fact was reaffirmed to me when Jennifer Gholson and I were waiting with other AHIMA members to tour the AHIMA Chicago headquarters. While I was standing in line with my nametag on, a gentleman from Kansas asked me "Are you really from Viborg, SD". I said "yeah" and he laughed at me and repeated "yah" – evidently I speak with a Scandinavian accent. I didn't know this until that day as everyone in Viborg sounds the same to me!

As it turns out, this guy's grandparents were originally from Viborg, SD and were some of the founding fathers of my hometown. He told me he had participated in a parade a few years back and carried a huge American flag down Main Street. I laughed and told him I probably had pictures of him during our Centennial parade at my house.

The point of the story is ... it really is a small world. The world of Health Information is growing and shrinking all at the same time. It's growing in the fact that the opportunities in our field are growing astronomically. The diverse jobs that will be becoming available will attract non-traditional HIM employees. It's shrinking in the fact that electronic records will bring us all closer together by connecting the records on a regional, and even national, level. The future is soon approaching. It's a small world after all!





SDHIMA Spring 2006 Conference

By Jennifer Gholson

Those of you who attended the conference in Chamberlain would probably agree that it was a good thing we were inside. It was so incredibly windy that it could have blown a small child all the way to Al's Oasis. Luckily, the conference speakers were not full of hot air themselves. Wednesday opened with a jam-packed all-day session on rural health clinic coding, billing, and documentation requirements. This session was co-sponsored by the Sioux Falls AAPC chapter, which drew in a lot of non-AHIMA members. Several of these people stayed for Thursday and Friday.

On breaks, we discovered we had conference mates – I dubbed them the “khaki pants brigade” because they always moved in packs. Only the chosen few who appeared to have a different shirt color were allowed to move about independently. The men (and a few women) were there learning how to use the sporting goods they sell for a regional sporting goods chain (not the Mitchell hunter's mecca but the other one).

Mary Stanfill started us out on Thursday with a session on computer-assisted coding (CAC). She talked about the logic behind the technology, the pros and cons to the technology so far, how it affects workflow, and, most importantly, assuring coders that they wouldn't be replaced. Much like speech recognition has only changed the medical transcriptionist's day-to-day routine, so will CAC for the coder. Ending on that sigh of relief about our jobs also brought us to break-time where we saw the khaki pants brigade loaded down with backpacks so heavy we all wondered if they were going to march onward to Sioux Falls (maybe we could ask them to bring back Starbucks?).

Getting back to business, the coding theme continued with Deb Loots from Medtronic who presented on coding updates for cardiac devices/procedures and associated diagnoses. Ironically, the lunch-and-learn session that followed was about a heart-healthy diet called the Prairie Mediterranean Diet. After lunch, an open forum on technology was held where attendees were able to ask questions related to implementing such things as scanning and archiving, EMRs, and speech recognition. Oh wait...the khaki pants brigade returned but now they are going kayaking on the river. They even invited us along. Hmm, tempting, but no thanks.

Speaking of EMRs, Mary Stanfill also spoke about ways to be involved with the national goal of getting everybody to an EMR. She mentioned several different ways to participate. This included things from the local level to the national level. The key is you (as an AHIMA member) *should be involved at some level*.

From there, we changed focus to another of AHIMA's initiatives, My PHR. DeAnne Kribell and Kathy Dorale gave an informational session on becoming a

My PHR presenter. Those members who wanted to be a presenter then stayed a little longer to go through the training. This is an easy way to volunteer in your community by educating people on their health records and also promotes our profession. DeAnne has said that it's very rewarding to do a My PHR presentation and then end up helping somebody with a problem obtaining their records.

Nighttime brought quite a site for those of us with "river view" rooms. Sometime over the course of the evening, a tent city sprung up in the hotel courtyard. Once the sun went down, the grown-up Boy Scouts (another nick-name I heard at dinner) had built a bonfire down by the river and were presumably toasting marshmallows with some new-fangled product they would be trying to sell us next month. One could only guess if they were also singing "Kum Ba Yah."

Friday was much lighter topic-wise with the only presentation being on change management. It may sound like a bit of fluff to end the conference, but the presenter gave lots of practical information on change management with humor sprinkled in. His message during this session was to make sure you take care of yourself when you are in charge of implementing a big change.

We want to let everyone know that we heard all your complaints about the venue. Karin Morey (last year's Director of Education) passed them along to the manager and they appear to be very concerned about us not coming back because they sent someone all the way to Sioux Falls to meet with Karin. Hopefully, that means if we do have another Spring meeting there, it will go more smoothly. Maybe we'll see the khaki pants brigade there in the future. Having them around gave us something to laugh about and made me appreciate my job as I could have been doing that for a living. Hmm, tempting, but no thanks.



Attention Students!!!!

SDHIMA has an exciting opportunity for you! As an incentive for sitting for the RHIA or RHIT exam, SDHIMA will place SDHIMA student members who have sat for and passed their exam in a drawing. Two members will be selected to receive \$150 each to help defray the cost of the exam.

To be eligible for this drawing:

1. You must take and pass your exam within six months of graduating from DSU
2. You must be a SDHIMA student member
3. You must complete the required form with proof of passing your exam and submit to the designated Board member by the required date

Further information regarding this opportunity will be forthcoming.



2006 Summer Team Talks and Inclusive Membership – We Need Your Opinions!!!

By DeAnne Kribell, RHIT

On July 14th, Jennifer Gholson and I represented SDHIMA at Summer Team Talks in Chicago, IL. Jill Callahan-Dennis, JD, RHIA and President of AHIMA welcomed us to the Windy City and spent a great deal of time talking with us regarding hot topics in health information. The first portion of the session was spent discussing Privacy, Data Standards, EHR/PHR and the Legal EHR. Next, the 2006-2007 AHIMA Strategy Priorities and 2009 Milestones were discussed including the Draft Revised Vision of “Quality healthcare through quality information”. A highly controversial portion of the day was spent discussing the topic that is on everyone’s mind – Inclusive Membership.

What is inclusive membership? The premise behind inclusive membership is to change the membership categories of AHIMA from four classes: Active, Associate, Student and Honorary to three classes: Active, Student and Honorary. It would eliminate the Associate class. The rationale is to streamline the AHIMA membership categories. Active Members would be defined as “individuals interested in the AHIMA purpose and willing to abide by the Code of Ethics”. The proposal would also require that “A majority of members of the Board of Directors must hold AHIMA-approved credentials”. As you can see from this proposal, active members could include members who do not hold AHIMA credentials. The second portion of the proposal would require that a majority of the members would be required to hold credentials. All Active members would be allowed to vote and hold office.

Why would AHIMA want to make this change? Jill Callahan-Dennis, JD, RHIA, spent considerable time on this subject. Jill explained that we cannot produce enough AHIMA-credentialed people. She stated “Currently AHIMA is the voice of HIM. In the future, will there be two voices, or three voices?”. She stated “We are not looking for growth just for growth sake, we are interested in what comes along with that...influence”.

One of the biggest concerns against inclusive membership is that it would weaken our credentials. When questioned on this fact, Jill stated “Credentialing is, and has to remain, extremely important in this association”. Another concern would be that fewer people would sit for the exams. Jill and the AHIMA Board felt that this would not happen because the credentials are highly valued by employers. She stated “People don’t go into an HIM program to be a voting member of AHIMA, they go into it to get a credential and a job”. Concerns were expressed regarding the fact that the way the proposal is currently written, the AHIMA President could be a non-credentialed member. If an individual or a Component State Association would write a proposal to disallow this, this could be voted on at the House of Delegates.

Please be prepared to discuss this at our Business Meeting during the Fall SDAHIO Convention. Jennifer and I will need your opinions on this matter prior to voting at the House of Delegates in October. If you have any questions regarding this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me at kribelld@siouxvalley.org.



SDHIMA 2006-2007 Board Members
Back Row L-R: DeAnne Kribell, Michelle Pudwill
Linda Maas, Kathy Dorale
Front Row L-R: Jennifer Gholson, Laura Moller
Nicole Downs



DeAnne Kribell accepts the 3rd Place Core Service Achievement Award in the category of Recruitment and Retention of Members. The nomination was for the "Jeopardy" presentation on SDHIMA Opportunities at the Fall 2005 SDAHIO Convention



Mary Stanfill, Jennifer Gholson and DeAnne Kribell at Millennium Park during Summer Team Talks



Jennifer Gholson and DeAnne Kribell at Millennium Park with the Chicago skyscrapers in the background



Jennifer Gholson and DeAnne Kribell at the AHIMA National Office



Leadership Conference 2006 – Chicago

By Jennifer Gholson

I am not supposed to still be in Chicago right now. As I sit here in O'Hare waiting for my flight home, I have to say I did learn something at the AHIMA Leadership Conference. The session called "Thriving on the Edge" taught us about our Adversity Quotient (AQ) – which is getting tested as we speak. I'm trying very hard not to get frustrated over the fact that DeAnne is getting hugs from her children right now, while I am still watching for yet another updated, and later, departure time, now estimated to be 9:25 p.m., on those wonderful electronic boards you have to squint to read. What I did learn about AQs (one's ability to deal with adversity) is that HIM professionals in general tend to be worriers. While we take control of a problem (adversity) and are also likely to take ownership of said problem (even if we didn't create the problem), we tend to brood a little over it. So, it's now 8:30 p.m., and I remember what the presenter, Jeff Thompson, PhD, said about dealing with adversity. He related adversity to climbing a mountain with 3 possible responses:

- A. Quitters (no explanation needed)
- B. Campers (people who will act willing to climb the mountain but really just want to "hunker down" and ride the storm out hoping they won't have to climb the mountain)
- C. Climbers (those that take on the mountain)

So, rather than brooding over the fact that I should be home by now (camper), I decided to start working on this article (climber). Wahoo – that guy was right! I am not feeling that black cloud over my head. Message here – you don't have to be a Pollyanna, but keeping a positive attitude does wonders for passing hours in the airport.

Since I have time, I'll tell you about the rest of the conference. After that rather long though worthwhile session on one's AQ, the rest of the day was spent in breakout mini-sessions called the AHIMA Fair. Topics included everything from financial issues for CSAs to more information on various AHIMA programs and initiatives. DeAnne and I split up to catch most of the topics. These mini-sessions were very casual creating a forum for people from other CSAs to share ideas. Topics we attended included planning your annual meetings, scholarships, new member/student orientation, e-communications, and lobbying state governments on legislation and getting members on state task forces for HIEs/RHIOs.

DeAnne and I also got to tour the newly expanded and remodeled AHIMA offices led by our very own Mary Stanfill (thanks, Mary!). What we found most intriguing was how all employees of AHIMA – including the CEO, CFO, and CIO – all had the same size cubicle. Yes, cubicle. Believe it or not, there are roughly 100 people that work for AHIMA. One of the neatest things about going to Leadership Conference is meeting all the people who work at AHIMA. Those

people whose photos you see in JAHIMA are real! And they are all extremely nice.

One topic that did come up a lot is the Inclusive Membership Proposal. This was very much debated and seems to me not obviously a good or bad idea. Both sides have very valid points for being for or against the proposal. I ask all of you to please become informed on this topic so we can discuss this at the Fall Meeting in Sioux Falls. DeAnne and I need to know how you want us to vote at the National Convention in October. The Inclusive Membership Proposal is one that will have long-term ramifications on our association, approved or not.

Another highlight of the meeting was watching DeAnne accept our 3rd place award for recruitment and retention activities (SDHIMA Jeopardy activity from Fall 2005). DeAnne had a few words prepared for her 2-minute acceptance speech (and she did great!) and got a few chuckles from the audience as she described how she got stuck dressing up as Alex Trebek. She even had 2 other states give her their business cards so she could share the details of the project with them. As DeAnne said, "How cool IS that?"

The experience of attending Summer Team Talks and the Leadership Conference was invaluable and makes deciding to run for President-Elect worthwhile. Not only do I feel better prepared to fulfill my role in SDHIMA, but I also feel refreshed, motivated, and ready to take on the daily challenges of HIM. Getting the opportunity to network with so many other HIM professionals from all over the country makes you realize we are all experiencing the same personal and professional obstacles. It gives you a sense of being part of something bigger.

It is now 9:00 p.m. and I've since boarded the plane so I guess that technically means we're ahead of schedule, for the moment. I guess the AQ seminar helped, at least for today. We'll see if I am a camper or a climber tomorrow as I "reintegrate" facing my desk, voice mail, e-mail, etc., after being gone for a couple of days to Chicago. Despite that, the Conference was definitely worth the time.

It's Important to Reach Out

By Dorine Bennett, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA

Did you know healthcare is South Dakota's number one high growth industry? Did you know by the year 2012, nearly 11,000 additional healthcare workers will be needed in South Dakota?

The growing need for health care workers was the subject of a first-ever state health care workforce summit held on Monday, August 7, in Pierre and hosted by

the SD Departments of Health, Education, and Labor. I attended the meeting, along with approximately 170 other people from the healthcare industry, from educational settings at both K-12 and post-secondary levels, and from government agencies. We were informed about the healthcare workforce crisis that is anticipated if something isn't done.

With an aging population with fewer high school graduates each year and aging healthcare workers who will be retiring, we need to be looking at ways to recruit and retain workers in the healthcare industry. During the summit, there was discussion of ways to develop awareness programs and plans to attract more health care professionals and to increase the availability of health-related educational programs.

Data from the Labor Market Information Center, SD Department of Labor, showed that projected worker levels for medical record technicians will grow 48.84% between 2002 and 2012. That means that we all need to get involved in recruitment efforts!

I encourage you to speak to a variety of groups about the healthcare field and health information management – it could be community groups, school groups, church groups, and more. Participate in health/wellness fairs in your area. Celebrate healthcare weeks such as Health Information and Technology Week, Health Information and Privacy Week, and others. Talk about your profession to others working in your facilities.

There are a variety of health information management career recruitment materials available from the South Dakota Health Information Management Association, American Health Information Management Association, and Dakota State University. The SD Department of Health has also prepared some great general healthcare recruitment information that is available through the HOTT (Health Occupations for Today and Tomorrow) project.

Feel free to contact the SDHIMA Director of Public Relations, Michelle Pudwill at (605) 472-1110 or mpudwill.cmh@midconetwork.com if you need some help in getting your recruitment efforts started or to let her know what you are doing to help spread the word ☺



SDHIMA Receives Third Place in AHIMA's Core Service Achievement Award

The South Dakota Health Information Management Association (SDHIMA) was awarded third place in the Recruitment and Retention Activities for Members category of the second annual American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Core Service Achievement Awards. The awards recognize excellence in the AHIMA's Component State Association's (CSA)

efforts, as well as provide all of AHIMA's 52 CSAs with information and ideas that can be applied to their own state.

SDHIMA was recognized for engaging its members in a "Jeopardy" presentation on volunteer opportunities within the Association to increase member involvement. This presentation, given at the annual fall conference, proved to be very successful, as volunteer participation increased in regions that were previously less involved.

"CSA's serve as an important forum for communicating national issues and keeping members informed of regional affairs affecting health information management," stated Jill Callahan Dennis, JD, RHIA, AHIMA president. "We are honored to award SDHIMA with a Core Service Achievement Award for their work and for serving as an example to other CSA's."

The awards announcement took place Saturday, July 15, at AHIMA's 2006 Leadership Conference in Chicago.

SDHIMA is an affiliate of the AHIMA, the premier association of health information management (HIM) professional. AHIMA's 50,000 members are dedicated to the effective management of personal health information needed to deliver quality healthcare to the public. Founded in 1928 to improve the quality of medical records, AHIMA is committed to advancing the HIM profession in an increasingly electronic and global environment through leadership in advocacy, education, certification and lifelong learning.

Renae Spohn, MBA, RHIA, CPHQ and now FAHIMA

SDHIMA is proud to congratulate Renae Spohn as she recently earned the recognition of Fellow from AHIMA. The AHIMA Fellowship Program is a program of earned recognition for AHIMA members who made significant and sustained contributions to the profession. The purpose of the AHIMA Fellowship program is to:

- Recognize significant and sustained contribution to the advancement of HIM discipline through meritorious service, excellence in professional practice, excellence in HIM education, and advancement of the profession through innovation and knowledge sharing.
- Provide an incentive for members to contribute to the advancement of the profession.
- Bring together senior HIM professionals as an organizational resource for continued promotion and development of the profession through a variety of activities.

Renae joins Dorine Bennett, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA as South Dakota's only other AHIMA Fellow. Congratulations Renae. We are all very proud of you!



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Update from the Dakota State University Health Information Programs

By Dorine Bennett, Director of the HIM Programs

As I write this update, it is almost time for the Fall 2006 semester of school to begin and we're all looking forward to an interesting and exciting time!

We've had five associate health information technology students, three baccalaureate health information administration students, and three healthcare coding certificate students complete the requirements for graduation either in Spring 2006 or Summer 2006. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope to see them all successfully employed in the HIM field.

The number of students enrolled in our health information management programs continues to grow – some of those students are on campus in Madison, some attend classes in Sioux Falls, and others are distance students taking classes over the Internet. When I looked at our student demographics earlier this year, I was amazed to see that our students were located in 22 different states! We are happy that our distance courses are making it possible for people to work on their educational goals by helping them overcome barriers related to scheduling and distance.

DSU's 100-200 level HIM classes are taught at scheduled times in classroom settings both in Madison and Sioux Falls. Those sessions are recorded and digitized to be available over the Internet for other students to watch after they have taken place. All students have the benefit of "seeing" the teacher and students may ask questions or make comments, either in the classroom setting for those onsite or via email or online discussions for the distance students.

Some of the classes, such as HIM 130 Medical Terminology, and the 300-400 level HIM classes do not incorporate the scheduled “in person” classroom sessions, but students participate in the class through a website. If you have any questions at all about our health information management classes, please don’t hesitate to contact DSU. Our E-Education Office’s toll free number is 1-800-641-4309 or you may email me at dorine.bennett@dsu.edu

We do want to thank all of the health information management practitioners who provided educational experiences to our students, perhaps by guest speaking at our classes or by taking students into their facilities for supervised professional practices. Our students gain so much from the “real life” instruction that you provide – thanks so much!

During this 2006-2007 academic year, the faculty members of the HIM Programs are very excited to be working on a project to assess the status of electronic health records and health information exchange in the state. The South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment (SDEHRA) project is funded by a grant from the SD Departments of Health, Human Services, and Social Services.

To assist with the teaching workload at DSU while we work on this project, we welcome a DSU alumnus, Laurie Ness, who will be an adjunct instructor for two DSU HIM classes this year. She is currently the Clinic Administrator for the Pipestone Medical Group/Avera Health and a Director for the Pipestone County Medical Center/Avera Health in Pipestone, MN, and she also has experience as a HIM educational program director and instructor.

We also would like to congratulate two HIM educators for recent awards. Sheila Carlon, who was formerly the Director of HIM Programs at Dakota State University, received the AHIMA Triumph Educator Award which honors those who demonstrate excellence in preparing the next generation of professionals for their HIM careers.

Rose Goeden, currently an instructor at DSU, was recognized by the South Dakota Board of Regents with the Faculty Recognition Award for Excellence in E-Learning for her work in delivering quality instruction by distance. Rose was awarded for her course in Medical Terminology.

FORE Not-So-Silent Auction

Each year SDHIMA is asked to donate an item for the FORE Not-So-Silent Auction which is held during the National Convention. This year SDHIMA has decided to donate a USA Leather jacket with an embroidered eagle. The jacket was graciously donated by Gold Digger’s in Wall, SD. SDHIMA wishes to thank Gold Digger’s for the donation and for the opportunity for FORE to continue funding scholarships, dissertation assistance awards, applied research grants and faculty development stipends to HIM professions. If you have the opportunity to attend the national convention in Denver, please stop by the SDHIMA donation and maybe even place a bid on it!



Is There a RHIO In Your Future?

**By Dorine Bennett MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA,
Mary Stanfill, RHIA, CCS and CCS-P and Linda Maas, RHIT**

Is there a RHIO in your future? Many SDHIMA members and HIM professionals believe so!

A RHIO is a regional health information organization -- a group of organizations with an interest in improving the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare delivery by electronically exchanging health information in a secure format so that the receiver can use the information. The terms "RHIO" and "Health Information Exchange" or "HIE" are often used interchangeably.

Earlier this year, the SDHIMA RHIO Workgroup was formed. Led by Mary Stanfill, with team members Patti Brooks, Linda Maas, Mary Nelson, Melissa Roerig, and Sheri Zimmer, this committee monitors the state of South Dakota for RHIO activities and reports involvement and progress of RHIOs, or health information exchange, in South Dakota among and between any of the healthcare providers. They will advocate for involvement in RHIO formation and ongoing activities.

Also in 2006, the State of South Dakota began efforts to address issues related to health information exchange or RHIOs. The Department of Health identified five tasks to be done:

1. Assess variations in organization-level business policies and state laws that affect health information exchange (HIE).
2. Identify barriers and best practices relating to HIE.
3. Identify privacy and security issues relating to HIE.
4. Investigate Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) possibilities for South Dakota and the surrounding region.
5. Develop a road map that addresses challenges to removing barriers, and formulates first stage planning recommendations.

The work on these tasks started this summer. Through a grant funded by the South Dakota Department of Health, the South Dakota Department of Human Services, and the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Dakota State University (DSU) has begun a project to assess the status of electronic health records in South Dakota. The project, called South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment, or SDEHRA, involves teams from the health information management and information systems areas at DSU.

Health information management faculty members, Dorine Bennett, Rose Goeden, and Joyce Havlik are all involved in working on SDEHRA. Over the coming months, much data collection will be taking place through a variety of

tools, such as surveys (online, paper, telephone), focus group discussions, and site visits around the state.

The DSU project teams will be working closely with Kevin DeWald of the SD Department of Health who is coordinating the project for the state and leading a project team who will provide input to the SDEHRA activities. The SDEHRA work and results will be shared with the Electronic Health Record Subcommittee of the Governor's Health Care Commission.

On July 18-19, 2006 Linda Maas, Dorine Bennett, and Kevin DeWald attended the "Development of State Level RHIOs Consensus Conference" in Arlington, VA. This conference was sponsored by the Foundation of Research and Education (FORE) of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and focused on the findings of a study funded by Department of Health & Human Service, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

The ONC research project entitled "State-Level RHIO Models and Best Practices" involved a five-month in-depth study of nine state-level RHIOs located in California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Utah. Some of the topics investigated were the governance, funding and financial sustainability, and health information exchange policies found in those RHIOs. The knowledge and guidance resulting from those studies were compiled into a workbook intended to help focus, enhance and organize the approach to developing a state-level RHIO. The workbook was used to guide discussions at the conference and representatives of the state RHIOs that were studied paneled discussions at this Consensus Conference.

Yes, RHIOs are in your future! We encourage you to learn more about health information exchange and RHIOs. Please contact any members of the SDHIMA RHIO Workgroup or the DSU SDEHRA team with your questions or to let them know what is happening with health information exchange and electronic health records at your location.



The SDHIMA Membership Committee urges you to review your membership profile at the AHIMA website. Please update and make changes as needed. It is very important that it contains correct information about you. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!



2006 Achievement Award Winners SDHIMA

Congratulations to the following Achievement Award winners for 2006. These individuals will be recognized at the Awards Banquet during the Fall SDAHO convention.

Board Member/Committee Chair Member of the Year:
Renae Spohn, RHIA, MBA, CPHQ, FAHIMA

This award honors those individuals who put extra effort and volunteer time into the success of SDHIMA. This individual supports the vision of SDHIMA by “doing what it takes” to provide quality services for the members and by listening and giving back to the members.

Renae is currently the director of Quality Improvement at the Good Samaritan Society in Sioux Falls, SD.

Unsung Hero Award:
Mary Stanfill, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P

The Unsung Hero Award honors individuals who have a long history of support and love for the profession. This compassion and commitment to the profession usually goes unnoticed by most.

Mary is employed by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) as the Coding Practice Manager.

Member of the Year Award:
Laura Moller, RHIT

The Member of the Year Award is designed to honor an outstanding professional who volunteers their time and talents to benefit the profession and the SDHIMA members. They show enthusiasm and support for AHIMA/SDHIMA and the HIM profession in a capacity to help achieve the mission and/or advance the HIM practice.

Laura is the Director of Health Information Management at the Lead/Deadwood Regional Hospital.

Mentor Award:
Jamie Husher, RHIA, CHP

The mentor award honors individuals with long records of encouraging students or colleagues to realize their full potential and who have helped others find ways to achieve their best.

Jamie is employed at the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society as the Director of Health Information Management and Privacy Officer.

SDHIMA Celebrates Volunteers!

By DeAnne Kribell, RHIT

SDHIMA could not survive without the donation of time by dozens of volunteers each year. The next time you see these volunteers, please thank them for their time and their interest in the countless activities SDHIMA is involved in each year.

SDHIMA Elected Board Members:

DeAnne Kribell - President
Jennifer Gholson – President-Elect
Kathy Dorale – Past-President
Michelle Pudwill – Director of Public Relations
Nicole Downs – Treasurer
Laura Moller – Director of Education
Linda Maas – Secretary

Renaë Spohn – Nominating	Carrie Vilhauer - Awards
Vicki Carsrud – Legal & Legislative	Christy Swan – Coding Roundtable
Jackie Bietz – Bylaws	Rose Goeden - Membership
Kristi Osthus – Educational Funding	Joyce Havlik – Wall of Fame
Joyce Havlik – Archives	Deb Kolda – Spring Education
Laura Moller – Spring Arrangements	Teresa Simons - Newsletter
Lynn Pourier – Each 1 Reach 1	Darla Toben - Scholarship
Angie Monson - Marketing & Recruitment	Janice Swanson – Continuing Education
Mary Stanfill – RHIO	Jamie Husher – Community of Practice
DeAnne Kribell – Community Education Campaign Co-Chair	Kathy Dorale – Community Education Campaign Co-Chair
Renaë Spohn – Website Co-Chair	Dorine Bennett – Website Co-Chair

SDAHO Convention

The Fall SDAHO Convention is just around the corner. Please review the following agenda and plan on attending! Hope to see you there!

South Dakota Health Information Management Association

Tuesday, September 19

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Golf at Spring Creek Golf Course.

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 a.m. - Noon. Convention Registration. Sioux Falls Convention Center Main Concourse.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Disease Process in Relation to Health Information. Physician speaker TBA.

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Coding Round Table. Christi Swan, RHIT, CCS, Health Information Coding Supervisor, Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Noon - 1:45 p.m. KEYNOTE LUNCHEON. It's All About Attitude: Developing a Rock-Solid Life. Sam Glenn.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Quality Improvement and Pay 4 Performance. Nancy Foster, AHA.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Show and Social.

Thursday, September 21

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast. Separate fee payable on-site.

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Casting a Safety Net Around Revenue Compliance. Sandra J. Rasmussen, Vice President - Operations, Craneware, Inc. This presentation explores the relationship between a successful compliance program and creating reliable and sustainable revenue cycle processes. Thought-provoking questions will be posed: Do you have a well-controlled maintenance process with clear accountabilities? Is your documentation adequate to be defensible? What should you be doing within the revenue cycle to reduce your risk of penalties? Learn how simple-to-use technologies can support these important efforts.

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Medicare Billing Update. Linda Wright, Part A Provider Education Coordinator, Cahaba GBA, LLC. Ms. Wright will present information relevant to new Medicare billing issues including the new National Practitioner Identifier (NPI), Medicare contract (MAC) updates, top returned to provider (TRP) reasons and reject codes, UB-04, billing updates for both PPS hospitals and CAH hospitals and much more.

11:00 a.m. - Noon. Medicare Medical Review and Documentation. Therese Canaday, Manager of FI Services, Cahaba GBA, LLC. Therese will present information on the Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) program utilized by the Fiscal Intermediary to monitor and report the accuracy of Medicare payments. The CERT program measures the error rate for claims submitted to carriers, DMERCS, and Fiscal Intermediaries. Therese will address some of the most recent findings from their review activities.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Joint Awards Luncheon.

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Understanding the Generations ©, Improving Productivity by Understanding Differences in Age and Life Stages. James T. Harris, IllumiNation.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Breakthrough Improvements in Healthcare Operations. Steve Friedland, BS, Managing Principal, and Rick Malik, BS, Marketing Principal, ValuMetrix® Services, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. Today's health care delivery has wastes hidden from most stakeholders, as are the true costs of inefficiency and escalating costs. Behind the doors of many institutions lie pockets of politics, wasted time and supplies, and decreased stakeholder satisfaction. It doesn't have to be this way. Achieving health care operational excellence has become a new mark of success for some hospitals. This success has come from recognizing the need for revolutionary process change, innovative partnering strategies, and sustained cultures of patient safety and satisfaction assurance using a Process Excellence (PEX®) methodology. This session will provide you with the PEX model, tool sets for application to

selected health care processes, and strategies for engaging all stakeholders. Case studies will be presented that demonstrate the successful application of PEx to health care operations. In this session participants will learn 1). Three pillars of PEx; 2). Methodology to uncover process variation, waste, and error potential; and 3). Strategies to engage stakeholders.

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. SDHIMA Business Meeting.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SDAHO Social.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. SDAHO Annual Banquet.

Friday, September 22

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. State Issues Forum. Matt Michels, Michels & Associates, and Dave Hewett, President/CEO, SDAHO.

9:45 - 11:00 a.m. Governor's Candidate Forum.

11:00 a.m. - Noon. CLOSING PROGRAM. Laughter Is the Best Medicine. Brad Neider, MD.

Noon. ADJOURNMENT.



2006-2007 SDHIMA Calendar

June 30	Old/New SDHIMA Board Meeting - Chamberlain
July 1	New SDHIMA Board Takes Command
July 1 – July 21	AHIMA Elections taking place
July 14-16	AHIMA Summer Team Talks/Leadership Conference --Chicago
August 4	Articles for Newsletter Due
August 18	Newsletter Published
August 28	Call for Reports for Board Meeting
September 19	Pre-convention Fall Board meeting—Sioux Falls
September 20-22	Fall Meeting—Sioux Falls (Pre-conference Coding Roundtable)
October 7-12	AHIMA National Convention, Denver, CO
November 5-11	National HI&T Week
November 20	Board Meeting--Sioux Falls (conference call option)

November 29	Articles for Newsletter Due
December 11	Newsletter Published
January 22	Call for Reports for Board Meeting
February 5	Board Meeting --Sioux Falls (conference call option)
February	West River Health Fair (TBA)
February 26	Articles for Newsletter Due
March 12	Newsletter Published
March	AHIMA Winter Team Talks—TBD
March 30	Deadline for applying for SDHIMA Scholarships
April	National Health Information Privacy and Security Week
April	National Volunteer Week
April 5-6	Sioux Valley Health & Fitness Fair (Tentative Date)
April 15	Nominations for SDHIMA Achievement Awards Due
April 15	Scholarship Committee's Recommendations to the Board Due
May 1	Board Meeting
May 2-4	Spring Meeting and Coding Roundtable (Northern Black Hills, Location TBD)
June 2 ?	Nominations for AHIMA Triumph Awards due
June 15	Scholarship Money due to Financial Aid Offices
June 18	Call for Board Meeting Reports
June 29	Old/New Board Meeting (Location to be determined)
July 1	New SDHIMA Board Takes Command