

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

One secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

Benjamin Disraeli (British Prime Minister under Queen Victoria)

What does Mr. Disraeli have in common with AHIMA? Everything...when it comes to e-HIM. AHIMA has spent the last several years trying to prepare us for a paperless future so that when the time came, we, as a profession would be ready and able to lead successful implementations of EHR's. This started many years ago when Linda Kloss spoke about "Vision 2006." Do you remember that? Do you recall the foreign-sounding job titles? Some of us wondered if they wanted us to take over the IT department. Paperless at that time still was still the stuff of science fiction. Look around now: those job titles are creeping in to South Dakota, and we have members who do RUN the IT department.

Occasionally, I think back to when the Journal of AHIMA started to focus on e-HIM and I admit regretting I didn't pay more attention. I was just "too busy." I think if I had made time, I would feel better prepared for today. As my facility starts to work on an EHR, there are days where I feel I am scrambling. I worry, hoping that I am remembering every little detail that needs addressed from the HIM perspective that the IT folks might not think of.

As the year dwindles and time always seems to be at a premium, I would like to challenge you to not be "too busy" for e-HIM. Educate yourself, even if it will still be a couple of years before you think an EHR will become a reality at your facility. Take advantage of the multitude of resources from AHIMA, including the Journal of AHIMA, the CoPs, audio conferences, and web-based classes. Even SDHIMA is going to try to bring e-HIM education to the spring meeting in Mitchell.

Be ready for e-HIM, because when the time is right, you will shine!

Wishing you all a happy holiday season,

Jennifer Gholson, RHIT





Spring Meeting Preview

The Spring Meeting will be April 24-25 in Mitchell. We've got a couple of corporate sponsors lined up to hopefully help keep costs down. We're going to try timing the days to minimize travel expenses for everyone. E-HIM will be the topic du jour since it transcends type of facility. Most importantly, please attend the Business Meeting. We need to have a quorum so we can get the business of SDHIMA done! Stay tuned!



FUTURE SDHIMA MEETING LOCATIONS

SPRING 2008 – MITCHELL

FALL 2008 – RAPID CITY

SPRING 2009 – CHAMBERLAIN

FALL 2009 – SIOUX FALLS

SPRING 2010 – SPEARFISH/DEADWOOD

FALL 2010 – SIOUX FALLS

SPRING 2011 - WATERTOWN



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

SDHIMA offers two continuing education scholarships to attend the Spring SDHIMA meeting. The amount of each scholarship is \$150 and can be used towards any expenses related to meeting attendance – including registration. Preference is given to SDHIMA members that do not receive continuing education funding from his/her employer, but any SDHIMA member is eligible for the scholarship. *The 2008 application is in process of being updated and will be posted on the SDHIMA Web site and COP in the near future.*



South Dakota Members Continue To Be Recognized on a National Level

- Renae Spohn will officially begin her duties on the AHIMA Board in January 2008.
- Kathy Dorale is participating on a national ICD-10 Task Force.
- Dorine Bennett is the chairperson for the AHIMA Fellowship Review Committee.
- DeAnne Kribell has been asked to be on the Personal Health Record Practice Council.



SDHIMA Legal Manual

Have you ever wondered whether or not you can charge for copies for workman's compensation? Have you ever wondered whether the relative saying they want copies can really have them? The answers to these questions and more are included. It's comprehensive and an EXCELLENT resource. Ok, folks...the Legislative and Legal Committee worked on this for 3 years (without compensation)! Let's honor their work by getting these sold. Many of you have not purchased one yet. The order form is on www.sdhima.org under the News tab. We will have some at the Spring Meeting for you to look at and purchase!



Greetings from Marketing and Recruitment!

(from Ronni McKay and Debbie Deleeuw)

We're having a lot of fun and have been fairly busy thus far. We had our HIM booth at the Rapid City Regional Hospital Health Career Fair November 8th. The turnout of both students and adults was tremendous. If anybody ever does any similar activities, be sure to report in, as you'll be eligible for a drawing at the Spring Meeting!

For Health Information and Technology week, we held a drawing for \$25 of all SDHIMA members who shared ideas of how they celebrated. The winner was Spearfish Regional Hospital with their creative "Blues Brothers" theme. Christy Swan tells us, "The HIM Department has been 'on a mission' over the past few months and chose to celebrate the occasion by dressing up like the Blues Brothers and serving a banquet of munchies for the entire hospital staff to enjoy. Fun was had by all!"

We are currently looking at ideas for celebrating National Health Information Privacy and Security Week. We hope to hold a similar drawing for ideas offered by other HIT professionals so keep an eye on the CoP and future email blasts.



Action Community for E-HIM Excellence (ACE) Challenge

You're that person people call when they need help with _____ (fill in the blank). Don't be fooled by the "e-HIM" in the title because this doesn't just apply to those of you with EHR experience. It's ALL areas of HIM that are being touched by technology. ACE members will form a preferred pool of experts and a network of peers transforming HIM. Joining the challenge begins with recommendation or self-nomination. To nominate yourself or a colleague, log on to www.ahima.org and click on "Be Part of the ACE Challenge".



Notes from the National Convention in Philadelphia

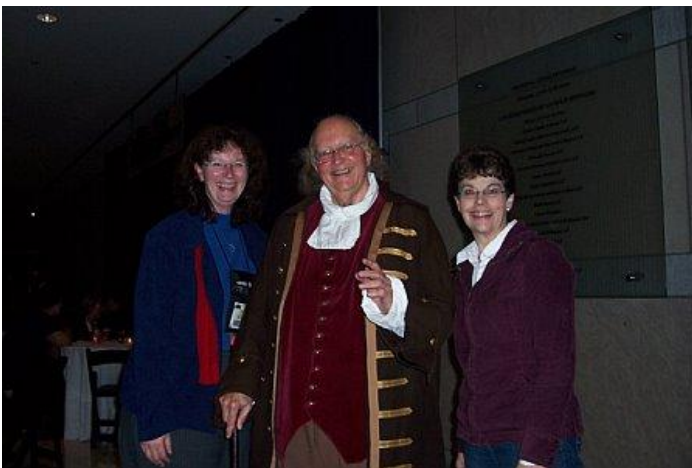
(submitted by Deb Dethlefsen)

The House of Delegates voted on 3 resolutions, all of which passed. The first was a resolution encouraging all AHIMA members to have their own PHR. The second was a resolution concerning all AHIMA members to have an active role in ensuring quality data and documentation in EHR's. The third, which caused the most confusion, was a resolution regarding the proposed Vision 2016. A vote for this resolution was not endorsing the actual Vision 2016 proposal, but rather an instruction to the AHIMA Board to fund further study of the Vision 2016 proposal.

Most of the sessions dealt with some aspect of e-HIM or privacy/HIPAA. Robert Kolodner, MD, the head of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), asked us to “think about the fact that you each have a role in your organization, certain that you wear.” He asked them to “take that hat off” and remember that each of us is also a recipient of care. “Think: what’s the quality of care you want for yourself and your family?” he asked. “What’s the quality and value of healthcare service you demand? Make it personal.” He then asked us “put the hats back on” and consider “how do you advance the healthcare agenda so we can give the best quality care?” As people grow more comfortable with electronic records, Kolodner expects to see “a transformation in healthcare and delivery.”

Speaking on medical identity theft was Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum. Medical identity theft can wreck the lives of its victims and cost healthcare organizations money and time. But HIM professionals can help mitigate this growing problem. Dixon told us what medical identity theft is, how it operates, and some of the best responses identified by the Forum.

John Walsh, host of television’s America’s Most Wanted, closed the convention with a moving talk on living life with a mission. Walsh told the gripping story of how he turned the most painful event of his life into a mission. If you believe in something and put your passion in service of it you will find plenty of good people to support you and help you achieve your dreams.



Renae and Laura hang out with Ben Franklin



The SDHIMA Delegation at the House of Delegates



RHIO/HIE Activity

(submitted by Linda Maas, RHIO Chairperson)

The state of South Dakota's electronic health information is in transition. Three of the state's healthcare systems are in the process of upgrading their software. The October issue of "For the Record" states that the HIM professional is the missing component to RHIO activity. If you are a part of a facility software conversion or update, please keep HIE in mind as your project progresses.

Phase I of the South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment project (SDEHRA), based on the survey that you took, is now complete and the report has been given to the State, which gauged the involvement the state will have on Health Information Exchange.

Kevin DeWald from the State Department of Health reports that the steering committee met on October 24 to get approval to move ahead with phase II of the state project. The SDEHRA project will transition to become the South Dakota eHealth Collaborative which will encompass the current project team and enhance that to about 30 members from across the healthcare / consumer / payer setting in SD. The SD eHealth Collaborative will be working toward pulling together the representatives sometime in February 2007 for a two-day conference to further refine the goals, objectives, and deliverables of phase II. The Collaborative will work to address the following four areas:

- 1) Patient / Provider Education and Outreach,
- 2) Patient Consent / Legal Workgroup,
- 3) Privacy, Security and Standards,
- 4) Provider/Payer Data Consensus

The 30 or so members of the Collaborative will divide evenly between the four workgroups to provide a draft outline of their approach to find solutions, and provide a list of deliverables. The hope of the workgroups is to formulate a more detailed plan which encompasses the barriers and solutions identified in the SDEHRA assessment. Also, we hope that phase II will be the catalyst to begin to seek funding for our continued work in Phase III and beyond.

The mission of the eHealth Collaborative is to *collaboratively develop a long-range plan and facilitate the implementation of interoperable information technology to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare in South Dakota.*



UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

Have you earned a new credential this year? Maybe you have a new job? New email address? Remember to update your member profile on www.ahima.org. This is important, not only for AHIMA, but also because this is where SDHIMA gets its membership contact information.



Orientation for AHIMA Board of Directors Completed

(submitted by Renae Spohn)

Although I feel like I'm going to be "in orientation" for quite some time yet, I have attended two AHIMA Board meetings and have participated in a two day orientation session at AHIMA, which are the primary components of orientation to the Board. I'm amazed at the number of acronyms that we utilize in our profession and in our alliances with others! All three of the new Directors are working hard to try to learn and understand these! The next session for the AHIMA Board of Directors will occur in January. It is a 3-day strategic work session.

Once again, I want to extend my gratitude for your support. This is a wonderful adventure I wouldn't have realized without SDHIMA. I also continue to be grateful for the AHIMA staff and amazed at how much work they are doing. Please don't hesitate to tell them "thanks" for their work.

My official Board assignments are to serve on the Member Team, to be a board liaison for the LTC Practice Council and the Quality and Secondary Data Use Practice Council, and to be a board liaison for the states of Michigan, Alaska, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. I have been requested to present the AHIMA update in Michigan, Alaska and South Dakota (April is unable to attend the SD meeting).

Since I will be presenting the update for SDHIMA instead of bringing April Robertson from California, the SDHIMA board liaison, I have provided her with an official "Corn Palace" care package! April is serving as my Board mentor and I love working with her!



Fall Meeting, September 19-21, 2007

(submitted by DeAnne Kribell)

SDHIMA held their Fall Meeting in conjunction with the annual SDAHIO Convention September 19-21, 2007. The pre-convention session started off with Fred Lee's presentation of "If Disney Ran Your Hospital". Mr. Lee's presentation was based on his bestselling book "If Disney Ran Your Hospital; 9 ½ Thing You Would Do Differently". He presented his information on the perspective of his past experience as a hospital administrator and a cast member at Disney University.

The official convention kicked off with keynote speaker Jack McCall, not that Jack McCall, although he did refer to him in his speech. He used humor and personal stories to remind us all why we are working in this field of healthcare. Wednesday also included information from Avera Health staff on the National Quality Healthcare Agenda. This presentation explained the quality and the pay for performance initiatives that are in place and what the future holds for these initiatives.

Thursday started off with a general session on Electronic Medical Records. Mary Ellen Wells, President and CEO of Hutchinson Area Health Care in Hutchinson, MN explained her experiences with initiating electronic medical record systems, i.e. what to be aware of, what to expect and what benefits have arisen from such a system. The next two sessions on Wednesday morning provided us insight into working with other people. The first of the two was “Women Working With Women” and the second was “Dealing with Disruptive Physician Behavior”. “Leadership Lessons From Hurricane Katrina” was an interactive session presented by Bruce Wilkinson, a very dynamic speaker. Our last speaker of the day was Allison Page who spoke on what is coming next in the world of quality and safety.

Friday began by Dave Hewitt of SDAHO giving us an update with his annual “State Issues Forum”. SDHIMA sponsored the presentation on “Prepare to Share...Share for Better Care! The Story of SDEHRA”. Dorine Bennett, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA, Director of Health Information Management Programs, Dakota State University, and Kevin DeWald, Compliance Officer, South Dakota Department of Health, gave us all an update on the South Dakota Electronic Health Record Assessment (SDERHA) project which gathered information about current practices and perceptions regarding electronic health records and information exchange from consumers, providers and payers through surveys and focus group meetings. The closing session was presented by Frank King who had presided throughout the conventions’ meetings. His closing program left a lasting impression on us entitled “Making a Living, Not a Difference!”.

2007’s Fall Convention provided invaluable information. The transition to electronic health records was a prevailing theme throughout the convention. The opportunity to network with other health information professionals and professionals from other areas of expertise is always very valuable and enlightening. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Where will you be in 2016?

(submitted by Laura Moller)

The bigger question might be what will the HIM world look like in 2016?

In 2006, AHIMA’s Education Strategy Committee was asked to outline a blueprint to quality education in health information management. The aim was for HIM to be able to further sustain and lead in a rapidly changing healthcare delivery system. In this environment the challenge for AHIMA and all HIM professionals today is to focus on the transformation of HIM individually as personal professional development and collectively in guiding the direction of formal education of HIM professionals in the future. Vision 2016: A Blueprint for Quality Education in HIM is comprised of three priorities:

1. Transformation of HIM to a graduate level profession by 2016.
2. Realign the HIM associate degree with work force needs by 2016.
3. Prepare an effective, qualified pool of HIM faculty by 2016.

AHIMA has been evaluating, writing, researching and discussing these key priorities for over a decade. The time to reach a consensus and take steps to advance HIM education and develop more qualified faculty is now. Please take a moment to read the document, which can be found on www.ahima.org. Future delegates will be asking your opinion on this document – it affects your future and the future of the profession.



Current SDHIMA Board and Committee Chairs

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CEC/My PHR	DeAnne Kribell and Kathy Dorale		
Website	Dorine Bennett and Renae Spohn		
Marketing & Recruitment	Debbie Deleeuw and Ronni McKay		

Most of these committees are looking for members. If you think you could help out with any of these or want some additional information on any of these positions, contact Jennifer at jgholson@rcrh.org.

We're still looking for a Continuing Education Coordinator (plans an education session outside of the 2 scheduled meetings).