

MeHIMA

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House of Delegates and MeHIMA & AHIMA Updates-November 2017

Hello, I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful, warm Autumn season that Mother Nature blessed us with.

Sheri Conley and I were busy preparing for the House of Delegates sessions in Los Angeles, California. We attended webinars and reviewed documents on the AHIMA, Engage, House Leadership Community site about the SBAR's that would be discussed at the HOD sessions on Sunday, October 8, 2017.

The following are the SBAR's that were discussed at the House of Delegates sessions on Sunday, October 8th:

- Business Process Outsourcing
- Consumer Engagement
- HIM Reimagined
- Professional Development and Leadership
- Future of the House

I attended the session on Business Process Outsourcing (“offshoring” or outsourcing to companies located outside of the US and its territories) in follow-up to our conversation from the Fall MeHIMA Business Meeting about this topic. We will be discussing again at the Spring, (Annual) MeHIMA Business Meeting. These were the recommendations made at the House of Delegates Business Process Outsourcing SBAR sessions:

- Independent accuracy study/case study with appropriate methodology should be done to evaluate claims going offshore and domestic claims once they come back. Study should measure quality, productivity, accuracy and privacy and security risks. Study must also measure a variety of offshore firms to measure variability.

- Survey should be performed to evaluate rework that must be done to address quality, privacy & security risks not addressed when offshoring.
- If studies show no difference OR show offshore coders perform better, need to focus on transforming workforce (e.g.—HIM Reimagined)
- Review CMS statutory authority to prohibit offshoring of Medicare and Medicaid claims
- Develop best practices for AHIMA members to ensure quality parameters & privacy and security risks are included in contracts with vendors that offshore/outsource
- Educate broader audiences including c-suite on importance of addressing quality, privacy & security risks whether in U.S. or overseas. Education should include development of a practice brief to be disseminated to AHIMA members
- Engage with other associations such as AAPC and HFMA to develop multi-stakeholder strategy to address concerns around offshoring once data is available
- Federal advocacy effort around offshoring
- Develop model contract/BAA for outsourcing/offshoring coding (e.g.—prohibition on offshoring, require AHIMA credential)
- Coding Productivity RFP survey to include quality implications
- Raise public awareness around offshoring
- Identify opportunities for c-suite to reduce cost as an alternative to offshoring (e.g.—capture total costs associated with offshoring)
- Gain insight into value of offshore coding.
- Ultimately need to prove VALUE of HIM profession to physicians and other stakeholders.



Sheri Conley attended the session on HIM Reimagined. These were the recommendations made at the House of Delegates sessions for HIM Reimagined:

1. **HIM AWARENESS:** Communicate to current students and HIM professionals and the marketplace who we are, what we do, and the value we provide to the industry.

2. PATHWAYS FOR ADVANCEMENT: How we can do it in the least amount of time with the lowest cost.
3. DATA: AHIMA needs to internal and external data to demonstrate market value and provide tools for everyone to calculate their value in the organization.

Both Sheri and I attended the Future of the House SBAR session as required by AHIMA staff. These were the recommendations made at the House of Delegates on this topic:

Future of the House:

Communication

- Method
 - Consistent Communication - Standardized Email subject line: House;
- Timeframe- Newsletter Template Quarterly – from AHIMA
- Content – What, transparency
 - Standard operating procedure SBAR
 - Delegates ability to comment/ask questions prior to gap analysis
 - Transparency -SBAR: Structure for SBAR so can provide feedback from all states; tie a forum or discussion on each SBAR
 - Transparency of voting

Webinar/Podcast for Membership on House Agenda

Relevancy

- Clarification of Bylaws
 - Purpose-what is the purpose of the House
 - Come to consensus of what a forum is as defined in bylaws.
 - Actions align to goals – across the organization
 - Uniform structure for all CSAs
 - More consistency/uniformity
- Board liaison role with the House-Assistance from liaison
- Accountability needed for the Delegates

Apportionment

- Allow CSAs to choose the number of delegates to send to the House meeting
- Number of delegates – 2 per state
- Look at ways to collaborate amongst the CSAs

I have included our MeHIMA Board of Directors for 2017/2018 again below. I would like to thank them for their dedication to MeHIMA and our HIM profession:

President-	Michelle Edwards
President-Elect & Bylaws-	Sheri Conley
Past-President & Awards Tuition-	Linda Pooler
Secretary-	Ann Ingersol (appointed due to resignation)
Treasurer/Finance-	Cindy Greathouse
Director 2017/2019	Susan Hawes
Director 2016/2018	Jennifer Abbott
Data and Reimbursement	Tracy Downing
Legislative	Sheri Conley and Jennifer Abbott
Nominating (Chair)	Renee O'Neill
Nominating (Elected) 2016/2018	Barbara Marcheletta
Nominating (Elected) 2017/2019	Ann Ingersol
Program and Arrangements	Rosanne Young and Elizabeth Sheridan
Advocacy and Engagement	Rhonda Vigue

Again, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us on the MeHIMA Board of Directors for comments and suggestions that may help make MeHIMA better for its members. Our e-mail addresses can be found on the AHIMA Officiary located at the mehima.org website.

MeHIMA UPDATES

Gena Roderick, who was elected in the Spring of 2017, resigned as the MeHIMA Secretary in September 2017. MeHIMA thanks Gena for her time on the MeHIMA BOD as Secretary. The MeHIMA BOD asked Ann Ingersol, who had run against Gena in the election, if she would consider taking over this position and she accepted. The MeHIMA BOD unanimously accepted this appointment and thanked Ann for being willing to "step-up". She will fulfill the remainder of Gena's term through the Spring of 2019.

MeHIMA has donated \$200.00 to the AHIMA Foundation's, Health Information Relief Fund (HIRO) to help AHIMA professionals affected by the recent hurricanes. This fund helps AHIMA professionals affected by disasters by providing disaster relief funds.

AHIMA UPDATES

AHIMA Model ROI Form: A copy of the AHIMA model ROI form can be found at ahima.org/modelform. Just remember, that our State of Maine specific ROI regulations would also need to be added to this form.

RHIT to RHIA Proviso: During the time period of July 1, 2017 through 2021 an RHIT may sit for the AHIMA, RHIA certification exam if they meet the following criteria (the full proviso may be referenced at AHIMA.org):

- Must have at least a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or nationally recognized accreditation (CAHIIM) and
- Must have received the RHIT credentials on or before August 31, 2018 and
- Have complied with the standards for maintenance of the RHIT credential.

Sheri and I are looking forward to a busy Winter and Spring and preparing for the AHIMA Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC. in March 2018.

If you are willing to help MeHIMA and its members, we would love to hear from you as there is power in numbers!! We would accept as little or as much time as you could spare to help.

I would also like to sincerely thank Heather Burch, RHIA (who recently obtained her credentials) a student volunteer who helped us out at the Fall MeHIMA meeting. We also have another student who has stepped up and is willing to help us out at the Spring (Annual) MeHIMA meeting. Thank you for volunteering! Every little bit helps...

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle A. Edwards, RHIA and Sheri Conley, RHIT

