



MHIMA Uplink

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Welcome to April 2010 Uplink

Welcome to the April 2010 issue of our MHIMA member e-newsletter, Uplink, now a monthly publication.

We're always interested in articles that are of interest to our broad MHIMA membership. Your article should be no longer than 500 words, and you receive **two (2)** CEU credits for your work. Contact [Executive Director](#).



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President's Message

Steph Luthi-Terry

Spring has arrived! March may have come in like a lamb and went out like a lamb in the weather department but in the MHIMA central office, it is more like "March Madness" in April! What an incredible time to be part of such a dynamic organization and dedicated group of volunteers! This issue of Uplink is devoted to recognizing all of our volunteers and members of MHIMA.

On behalf of the MHIMA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, it is my great honor to announce that **Anne Tegen, MHA, RHIA, HRM is the MHIMA 2010 Distinguished Member recipient.** The Distinguished Member Award identifies and honors outstanding members of MHIMA for their loyal service to the state association and their contributions to the profession. Anne is both a past-president and delegate director on the MHIMA board, and has been actively involved in state and national meetings, presentations and strategic initiatives. Anne currently co-chair's the AHIMA EHR Practice Council. I hope you will join me and the MHIMA Board at the Distinguished Member reception Thursday evening during our annual meeting.



Congratulations to the 2010-11 newly elected Board Members and Audit Committee. MHIMA achieved a 24.4% voting response from our active membership. These newly elected volunteers will be formally accepted at our Annual Business Meeting on April 29th.

President-Elect: Gina Sanvik, RHIA

Secretary: Penni Drews, RHIT

Delegate Directors: Janelle Wapola, MA, RHIA
Danika Brinda, MA, RHIA

Audit Committee: Kerri Mesia, MS, RHIA
Sarah Spoon, RHIA

My thanks to the Nominating Committee and to all the MHIMA members who were on the ballot. Your willingness to support and volunteer is truly what makes this organization strong and dynamic.

Our annual meeting registrations are approaching a record numbers of attendees. We are currently at 456 registrations for the annual meeting! In conjunction with the annual meeting, we are also hosting AHIMA LTC's Practice Council 2010 Spring Meeting, which has 99 registrants. The Annual Meeting Committee has done a

phenomenal job in planning and coordinating both conferences in tandem, bringing in nationally known speakers and creating an outstanding educational program. We are very fortunate to be able to have Dr. Alan Dowling, new CEO of AHIMA, attending our meeting and speaking with us on Wednesday. Dr. Dowling has an incredibly hectic travel schedule and we are very grateful for his visit to Minnesota.

Each year, I am so very, very impressed by the number of volunteer hours and collaboration that occurs in supporting the mission and value of the MHIMA organization. Coordination of webinars, marketing materials, educational programs, the annual meeting, vendor relations and engagement - the time spent on planning and organizing these events is impressive! My deepest appreciation to all who have volunteered their time, energy, dedication and commitment to this very fine, dynamic and progressive thinking organization.

Hope to see you at the Northland Inn April 27 for an outstanding annual meeting and celebration of our 75 years as a professional state association!

2010 MHIMA Annual Meeting and 2010 LTC Spring Meeting



Our 75th Annual Meeting and Educational Conference is less than 3 weeks away. We hope you are one of the more than 400 attendees who will join us as we "Celebrate Our Past; Lead Into the Future" during this special diamond anniversary of our state association at the Northland Inn April 28-30, 2010. We have a record-breaking attendance this year!

To view or download the MHIMA Annual Meeting program of events, [Click Here.](#)

Early registration for this meeting has closed; however, you can still register until April 21st. To register as a MHIMA Annual Meeting attendee, [Click Here.](#)

This year we welcome more than 90 individuals who will be attending the AHIMA LTC Practice Council's 2010 Spring Meeting, held in conjunction with our annual meeting at Northland Inn on April 28-29. This meeting is packed full of relevant information for anyone working in LTC and is open to AHIMA or MHIMA members and non-members.

To view or download the LTC program of events, [Click Here.](#)

Early registration for the LTC meeting has also closed; however, you can still register until April 21st. To register as a LTC meeting attendee, [Click Here.](#)

MHIMA Annual Business Meeting

MHIMA will hold its Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 11:15 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN. All MHIMA members are invited to attend this business meeting; you do not have to be registered for the conference to attend only the business meeting.

A revision to the existing MHIMA Bylaws is on the meeting agenda. These revisions have been approved by both the MHIMA Board of Directors and AHIMA. To review the proposed changes, [Click Here](#).

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting may be reviewed by [Clicking Here](#).

The proposed Bylaws revisions and the Minutes from 2009 have also been posted on the Minnesota CoP and on the MHIMA website, under the "Members Only" button.

AHIMA Capitol Hill 2010 - Reforming Healthcare

Catherine French, MA, CCS-P

On March 23, 2010, MHIMA members Mark Dietz, Sue Jensen, and Cathy French joined over 200 AHIMA members in Washington, DC to attend AHIMA's Capitol Hill Day.

Each year, Hill Day, presents an opportunity for AHIMA members to meet with representatives and senators to discuss the local impact of national initiatives. With the passage of the Healthcare Reform bill just 48 hours earlier, our nation's capital was still in a bit of an uproar and scheduling issues precluded our trio from meeting with each elected official from Minnesota. We were able to meet with representatives from Senators Klobuchar and Franken's office as well as legislative aids for Congressmen Colin Peterson and Keith Ellison, and while the quantity of visits this year may have been less than previous years, the quality of the discussions was some of the best yet!



Watching the signing of the Healthcare Bill in Congressman Keith Ellison's Office

Each visit began with an overview of the mission of AHIMA, allowing for an in depth discussion on the dedication each HIM professional brings to healthcare and the work they do to ensure that healthcare consumers receive quality healthcare. Additionally, the group talked about the various other individuals who may have access to the medical record and how important it is that every allied health professional understands the current privacy and security rules.

That discussion naturally led to the first "ask," which was for re-appropriation of Title VII funding within the Public Health Act to ensure allied health professionals that do not currently have access to EHRs receive training to become skilled in the use of EHRs and HIEs. Ideally, any funding would include the development of education laboratories so that those facing the adoption of an EHR have a system on which to learn.

While the ARRA HITECH legislation passed in 2009 provided for some additional workforce education, to correctly understand the HIM workforce of today, accurate statistical information will need to be collected to identify the existing workforce and judge future education needs in the latter part of this decade and beyond. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics categories that encompass HIM professionals are outdated and do not capture the true capacity of today's workforce or the expanding roles we face in the 21st century. The second "ask" of the day was for a champion to circulate letters in Congress to direct the Department of Labor's Bureau

of Labor Statistics to reflect the new roles of HIM.

With the time remaining, each office was thanked for their support of language within the Healthcare Reform bill that supports administrative simplification. The language will enable a more timely update of HIPAA transaction standards and will begin to establish a formal process for the adoption of operating rules for electronic healthcare transactions.

It should be noted that AHIMA has not, nor will not, take a position on the Healthcare Reform bill, but it should come as no surprise that as a profession, we are affected when healthcare coverage falls short of the cost of rendering care and facilities are forced to make cutbacks due to this shortage. Whatever the future holds, it is AHIMA's position that effective collection and use of health information can and will improve health and reduce the cost of healthcare.

If you have any questions about the event, or are interested in volunteering to help in future legislative activities at the state or national level, please feel free to contact either [Sue Jensen](#) or [Cathy French](#).

Key Health Alliance is MN/ND's Regional Extension Center for HIT

On February 16, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that Key Health Alliance, a MN based partnership of Stratis Health, the Rural Health Resource Center, and The College of St. Scholastica, was awarded a \$19 million grant to serve as the new federally designated Regional Extension Assistance Center for Health Information Technology (REACH) for Minnesota and North Dakota. These efforts will assist the adoption of EHR in rural clinics and hospitals. To download and read the full announcement, [Click Here](#).

The Minnesota e-Health Summit 2010 (June 16-17, 2010, at The Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, MN) will include a Pre-Summit Workshop on Wednesday, June 16th to introduce REACH - The HIT Regional Extension Center for Minnesota and North Dakota. The Pre-Summit workshop opens the two-day conference and this presentation follows lunch on June 16. For more information on the pre-summit workshop, or the Minnesota e-Health Summit 2010, visit [Minnesota e-Health Summit](#).

AHIMA ICD-10 Summit

AHIMA's 2010 ICD-10 Summit—Gain the Strategic Advantage!

Take the Lead and Guide the Way in ICD-10 Leadership
2010 ICD-10 Summit: A Strategic Approach to Challenges and Opportunities
Capital Hilton
Washington, DC
April 12-13, 2010

While this Summit is quickly approaching, it's important for you to know that this event builds on the progress

of last year's summit, and further explores challenges of the transition to ICD-10-CM/PCS. Leaders from every segment of the healthcare industry will collaborate and exchange information to strengthen the industry. Attendees will experience an atmosphere of openness and discovery, inspiring you on your journey. The intention of this second AHIMA ICD-10 Summit is to discover how a carefully planned process can yield a smooth, successful transition, taking you beyond simple compliance and on to strategic advantage.

For more information, [Click Here](#).

Let's Recognize this year's Clinical Supervisors for PPE

Carolyn Gaarder, MLA, RHIA

The Health Information programs in Minnesota wish to recognize and thank our colleagues who have provided Professional Practice Experiences (PPE) for our students. The students have benefitted greatly from your willingness to share your time and expertise. Our students could not have graduated without you and we are honoring all of you at our upcoming Annual Meeting. If your name was omitted, forgive me and let me know. You will be included next time!

- Lorine Aandal, RHIA
- Amanda Abrahamson
- Elizabeth Baxter
- Jennifer Bender
- Jeff Bingham
- Sharon Burt
- Beth Burns, RHIA
- Susan Burns, RHIA
- Thea Campbell
- Fran Champion, RHIA, CCS
- Bonnie Coffey
- Deb Contreras, RHIA
- Jessica Dalton, RHIT
- Shannon Durkee, RHIT
- Lynn Ehrmantraut
- Denise Elden, RHIA, CCS
- Jennifer Esterbrooks, RHIA
- Marilyn Frykman
- Mary Garding, RHIT
- Patricia Gastonguay, RHIA
- Autumn Grabowski
- Ann Gross-Resch, RHIT
- Meghan Hagedon, RHIA
- Anna Hallquist, RHIT
- Lori Harris, RHIA
- Gwen Hedrick
- Gwen Heublin

- Lori Holmquist, RHIT
- Mary Ann Jackels, RHIA
- Dawn Jackson, RHIT
- Asia Johnson, RHIA
- Sandra Johnson
- Sondra Johnson, RHIA
- Suzy Johnson, RHIA
- Nancy Kaufman Cadish
- Lisa Kampa, MA, RHIA, CHP
- Alyssa Kjersten, RHIT
- Julie Koski, RHIA
- Dani Larson, RHIA
- Theresa Lenz, RHIA, CHPS
- Steph Luthi-Terry, MA, RHIA
- Jean MacDonell, RHIA
- Lisa Madden
- Colleen Malmgren, RHIA
- Lily McCabe
- Lorrie McCarville, RHIA
- Nina McKee, RHIA
- Terri McLean, RHIT
- Karyn Mikel, RHIA
- Katie Miller, MA, RHIA
- Jodi Nelson
- Amanda Niemala, RHIA
- Shelly Nosal, RHIT
- Deb Oczak
- Katie O'Hearn, RHIT, CCS-P
- Lynn Olson
- Kathleen Otte
- Ginny Peschel, RHIT
- Sue Powell, RHIA
- Connie Radtke, RHIT
- Helen Robinson, RHIA
- Sandy Sampair, RHIA
- Mary Smieja, RHIT
- Robin Socha-Hanson, RHIA
- Francine Schaefer, RHIA
- Claire Smith, RHIA
- Anne Tegen, MHA, RHIA, HRM
- Misty Teigen
- Kim Terhaar, MS, RHIA
- Diana Toman
- Christina Wallner, RHIA
- Diana Warner, MS, RHIA, CHPS
- Corine Walker

- Kathy Wrazidlo, RHIA
- Melissa Yang, RHIA

AHIMA Foundation 2010 Merit Scholarship Applications

The AHIMA Foundation (formerly called FORE) has posted the online application form for the 2010 Merit Scholarship program, with awards for both undergraduate and graduate-level students. All undergraduate students currently enrolled in CAHIIM-accredited health information management programs are encouraged to apply for a merit scholarship. Graduate students must be credentialed AHIMA members enrolled in accredited programs pursuing degrees in areas related to HIM practice. Applicants may qualify for a variety of awards, but only need to submit one application to be considered for all. In 2009, the AHIMA Foundation awarded \$86,500 to 64 qualified scholarship candidates.

Students must have completed at least six credit hours of program coursework before they are eligible to apply for a scholarship. In addition, they must have at least one full semester (six credit hours) of classes remaining in their program at the time the award is granted. This information will be verified through certified student transcript(s).

The scholarship application deadline is April 30. Visit the [AHIMA Foundation Web site](#) to access the application form, requirements, document templates, FAQs and other information.

MHIMA Communications - Stay Informed!

MHIMA uses email addresses as our primary means of communicating with our membership. Member who have chosen to "opt out" of emails in their AHIMA membership profile do not receive our MHIMA communications, which includes information about our programs, our annual elections, our newsletters, member surveys, etc.

We have several hundred members who have chosen this "opt out" option, and we respect that choice.

Colleagues, please print and make our Uplink newsletter available in your work locations to help us stay in touch with all of our membership. Thank you!

MHIMA 2010 Silent Auction

The MHIMA Silent Auction will once again be held during our Annual Meeting and we need auction items!

This is a great opportunity to gift items to our Silent Auction event, as well as bid enthusiastically for these items when the auction opens on Thursday morning at our meeting. For your convenience, we included a 2010 Silent Auction form in your Annual Meeting program mailer. You can also download it from this link: [Silent Auction Gift Form](#).

Remember, all proceeds from our Silent Auction benefit our MHIMA Scholarship Fund, which provides financial support to

deserving students completing their HIM education.

Lunch & Learn Webinars

MHIMA Audioconference/Webinar Education



The Spring schedule for MHIMA's Lunch & Learn webinars has concluded. Two of the recent webinars were recorded and will be available for a limited time for purchase for \$49 for MHIMA members; \$89 for non-members:

- **"Get Ready...Get Sets...Code!, a webinar on ICD-10**, from Thursday, March 25, 2010. Presented by Gina Sanvik, RHIA, Product Manager, HIM Solutions, for QuadraMed.
- **"Clinical Decision Support: Another Great Opportunity Awaiting HIM Talent"** from Friday,

April 9, 2010, presented by Jeanne Solberg, MA, RHIA, Independent HIM Consultant for Solberg Solutions, Inc., and Melissa Portz, RHIT, Clinical Decision Support Analyst for Allina Hospitals & Clinics.

Both webinars are 60 minutes in length and earn one (1) CEU.

If you are interested in purchasing a one-time access to either of these webinars, contact [MHIMA Executive Director](#) for details.

AHIMA 2010 Ballot is Announced

Jeanne Solberg, MA, RHIA: is on the 2010 AHIMA ballot for a Director for the AHIMA Board of Directors! Jeanne is an independent HIM consultant with Solberg Solutions, Inc. She serves as an adjunct faculty member with The College of St. Scholastica's master's program in HIM and teaches Decision Support Systems. She's been very active in MHIMA and is one of our past presidents. The AHIMA Candidate CoP will be open May 24-June 4th and polls will be open June 7-June 25. Watch the June "Journal of AHIMA" for information about Jeanne, and all of the nominees. Mark your calendars to vote in the AHIMA election!

Congratulations, Jeanne!

Health Information Privacy & Security Week April 11-17

AHIMA's Health Information Privacy & Security Week will be celebrated April 11-17, 2010. This year's theme: "United in Mission to Protect Health Information." For information about a free planning kit, [Click Here](#).

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Region F (Southeast/Rochester area) will hold its Spring Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 8 am to 3:30 pm at Rivers Edge Hospital and Clinic, 1900 North Sunrise Drive, St. Peter, MN 56082. Watch the MHIMA website calendar for information on the agenda and registration.

Region A (Northwest) will hold its Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 8 am to 4 pm at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji. Contact [Tracy Ware](#) or call 218.333.5531.

MyPHR Presenters Needed

AHIMA has a new PHR campaign. If you have not seen it, check it out at [MyPHR](#). They have done an excellent job on this website and campaign.

Currently, we are looking for people who might be interested in becoming a PHR presenter in local communities. Organizations who welcome presentations include public health, senior citizen organizations, community education programs, etc.

If you would like more information about the new PHR campaign, and are interested in learning more about becoming a presenter, please contact [Carolyn Gaarder](#).

2009 MHIMA Legal Resource Manual

The 2009 Legal Resource Manual is now available for purchase! The Manual is a complete update of the 2007 version and includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with respect to health information practice. There are many new updates in every chapter. As one member states, "This is truly a valuable resource for anyone that works with health care." It's a compilation of best practices and experience of HIM professionals and the facilities they represent in Minnesota and has had legal review.



There will not be an update to the Legal Manual in 2010. The next full update is planned for the Spring of 2011. In the interim, significant changes in topics in the Manual will be posted on our website under the Legislative Updates button.

All HIM Departments should have this Manual. It's available on CD only and can be purchased from the [MHIMA website's main page](#). Order your manual today!

MHIMA Job Bank

Are you seeking a job? Are you an employer looking for a potential employee? Is your facility looking for someone with a skill set of MHIMA members? Be sure to check out the MHIMA Job Bank Network on our website. Here, you'll find information about registering as a "Job Seeker" or as an "Employer". New positions are posted frequently, so check us out often!

Job Seekers: There is no fee to register.

Employers: Job posting fees are very reasonable and reach all of our MHIMA membership. E-blasts of job announcements are also available.

[Click Here](#) to visit the MHIMA Job Bank.

MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Coding Roundtable Tool Kits

The MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Committee has created several toolkits for use by MHIMA members to support coding education and discussion in your facilities and at your regional meetings. There is a general "Do It Yourself" PowerPoint tool kit giving you the guidelines to set up a coding roundtable.

Additional tool kits on specific topics that have been developed to-date include Interventional Radiology, E&M, Heart Failure, **newly updated Present on Admission (POA) and Aftercare vs Follow Up.**

All are available on the [Coding and Data Quality button](#) on the MHIMA website. Watch for additional toolkits as they are developed!

And a reminder about your general coding questions: You are encouraged to use AHIMA's Coding CoPs for coding related questions. There is a general coding CoP community for coders as well as several for specific coding areas. These CoPs are a great resource for submitting coding questions and participating in the discussion threads surrounding the questions of others. To participate in these CoPs, [Click Here](#).

Coding Audioseminar CDs Available

Looking for CEU opportunities at low cost? Consider the MHIMA coding audioseminar rental library. We have several CDs available and each is worth 2 CEUs. Here are some of the comments from folks who have rented the CDs:

- Coding Interventional Radiology Services: "excellent presentation"
- Coding for Cardiovascular Procedures: "excellent discussion with pertinent, helpful Q&A"
- Coding Kidney Disease & Treatment: "helpful; well presented"
- Coding for Diabetes: "excellent presentation with great examples"; "great information"
- Present on Admission Reporting: "presentation is well done; good use of examples"

For more information, visit our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website and scroll down to the ordering information on our audio CDs.

AHA Has Moved

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is moving on March 11th. Their new address will be 155 North Wacker Drive, 4th Floor, Chicago IL 60606-1725. Phone numbers will not change; however, **the fax number for requesting coding advice has also changed: (312) 278-0838.** Please make a note of that!

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