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Welcome to August 2011 Uplink

Welcome to the August 2011 issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, Uplink.

Remember, we are always looking for authors of articles of interest to our broad MHIMA membership: about 500 words, worth two (2) CE credits for your original work. Contact MHIMA Executive Director.

Current and past issues of our e-newsletter are always available under the UPLINK E-NEWSLETTERS button on our MHIMA website.

Regional Fall Meetings Being Scheduled

Region D (East Central/St Cloud) will hold its Fall Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011, from 8:30-3 pm. More details to come as plans are finalized. For information in the interim, contact Jeri Romano, Region D President.

Region E (Southwest) will meet on Friday, October 14, 2011, at the Montevideo Hospital.

Mark your calendars now. Watch the MHIMA website Calendar for updates as information becomes available. Regional meetings are open to all MHIMA members.

Staying Connected with MHIMA

Want to stay connected with
MHIMA Vision & Mission

Vision: The Minnesota Health Information Management Association, together with AHIMA, will set the standard and be the recognized leader in health information management practices, technology, education, research, and advocacy.

Mission: MHIMA is committed to the professional development of its members through education, networking, and life-long learning. These commitments promote high quality health information and benefit the public, health care providers, and other clinical data users.

President's Message
Gina Sanvik, RHIA

Welcome, everyone, to August! I hope you are enjoying the hot weather. This past month has been a very busy one for the leaders of MHIMA. The Delegates attended Team Talks and Leadership Conference in Chicago, we held our annual Strategic Planning meeting and our 2011-2012 committees are starting to meet.

At Team Talks In Chicago, the theme for the meetings was "Leadership in Action: HIM's Role in Healthcare Transformation." Friday's time was spent discussing the designing of AHIMA as a world class association and how this could be accomplished. In addition to discussing updates within the industry, we also discussed how we as HIM professionals are leading the way regarding ICD-10, Meaningful Use, Regional Extension Centers(RECs), Health Information Exchanges (HIEs), and Workforce Development(HIT Pro).

Core Achievement Awards were presented at Team Talks. MHIMA received a third place Core Achievement Awards

MHIMA? Be sure your AHIMA profile information is current!

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you changed positions? Have a new email address? Have you recently moved? These are just a few of the data elements in your AHIMA profile, and MHIMA uses this information on a regular basis.

Take a minute or two right now, visit the AHIMA Website, log in with your 7-digit AHIMA member number and your last name (capitalize the first letter!), and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update the information as appropriate.

In the section for Component State Association (CSA) Selections, we ask that you check "YES" to select E-mails about products and services and Postal Mailings. "CSA" stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email and occasionally land mail as our primary means of communication, and if you check "NO" in the email or postal mail boxes, you won't receive either type of communication from us.

Remind your colleagues to update their profile as well.
Achievement award from AHIMA for Member Communications. Congratulations to MHIMA and to the Marketing and Communications Team for all your hard work in this area!

During the Leadership Conference, the Delegates attended a variety of workshops to help us be effective leaders for Minnesota. We also had the opportunity to network with other states to see what they have been doing to keep their members informed and active within their component state association (CSA). The rest of the conference was filled with a variety of topics such as Advocacy, Recruitment and Retention for Members, ICD-10, Member Communications, Continuing Education Programs relating to HIM Practice Topics, Volunteer Leadership Development, Board of Directors Best Practices, and Thought Leader lecturer. We also listened to a speaker whose topic was “The Journey to High Value Healthcare.”

After full days of learning we did great to enjoy a little free time in Chicago and take in the Chicago sites, including some of my favorite things like shopping. I even had my first ever Chicago Style Pizza.

On July 29th, the annual MHIMA Strategic Planning meeting was held at the Allina Commons. We had a good turnout and everyone participated in a variety of areas. This year’s KFA Leaders: Steph Luthi-Terry, Lisa Kampa, Sue Jensen Laura Blabac and Carla Tobin led the different group strategy development sessions. A big “THANK YOU” to the entire group for their knowledge, passion, and wisdom as we worked together on the Strategic Work Plan for 2011-2012. Following some final “tweaking” of that Work Plan, we’ll share it on the website and in the next issue of Uplink as well.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for September 16th at Allina and then soon after that, the Delegates will be heading to the AHIMA National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT. Again, thanks to all of you for your involvement on the MHIMA KFAs, Committees and all of you who support MHIMA. We have a great year ahead of us with exciting times for our organization!
legislation. This nomination received letters of support from Minnesota Lt. Governor Yvonne Prettner-Solon, Don Asmonga, Director of AHIMA’s Government Relations, and Therese McCarthy, Director of HIM at HealthEast.

Many MHIMA members and colleagues were involved in the legislation related to retention of paper medical records, including Diane Larson from St. Luke’s, Carol Spielman, Gemma Moon and Michael Mahoney from Essentia Health, Lisa Kampa from Gillette Children’s Healthcare, Cathy French from the American Association for Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and Steph Luthi-Terry from Allina.

The copy fee legislation team included Bonnie Coffey from CM Information Specialists, Elaine Yaggie from IOD, Diane Larson, Cathy French, Jean MacDonell, Steph Luthi-Terry, Elizabeth Holmes, Leah Heublein, Marlene Gail Prokop, Beth Burns, Lisa Kampa, Heidi Onsted, Katie Miller, Darla Moe, Therese McCarthy, Marlene Johnson, Diana Warner, Sandy Helgeson, Mary Bell, Pat Gastonguay, Lorine Aandal and Nina McKee, all from MHIMA. In addition, Sue Stout and Joe Schindler from MHA, representatives from MMGMA, MN nursing facilities and Noran Clinic Administration were involved.

MHIMA is proud of the tremendous support received from its membership and all Minnesota health care policy makers in moving the copy fee legislation forward. We apologize if your name or the name of your organization was inadvertently omitted from this acknowledgement.

MHIMA will be presented with the Triumph Award for Advocacy recognized at the 2011 AHIMA Annual Convention in Salt Lake City in October. Congratulations to all of us!
MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars

MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars have concluded for the summer. All webinars from this past year have been recorded and a DVD is available for purchase if you could not attend the live event. Visit the MHIMA website and click on the HIM Education button/Online Learning for complete details on the "live" events as well as ordering recorded webinars.

Archived versions are now available for $49 for members, or a package of three for $129.

The MHIMA webinar series is an opportunity to pick up needed information as well as earn CEUs at a very reasonable rate, and our presentations reach our members all across the state. We hope you take advantage of our archived webcasts!

MHIMA 2011 Legal Resource Manual is Here!

Great News! The 2011 Legal Resource Manual is available for order and we have new pricing!

Updates from the last 2009 version include consents, affiliate record sharing, ID fraud/theft, breach of information, ROI updates, and issues related to the use, regulation, correction, etc. of the EHR. It includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with respect to health information practice. 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 again it's had legal review. All HIM Departments should have this Manual in their office for ready reference.

Our thanks and appreciation to the 2011 Legal Resource Manual team led by Heidi Onsted and Chris Bushaw for their extensive work in making this updated resource available for you.

MHIMA also thanks IOD, Incorporated, one of our corporate partners, for reproducing our 2011 Manual CD.

- $150 MHIMA/AHIMA members (tax-exempt organizations)
- $200 non-members (tax-exempt)
- $90 student members of AHIMA with MN as their designated state and enrolled in a tax exempt educational program

Individuals ordering from organizations who are not MN sales-tax exempt will be charged MN sales tax in addition to the prices listed above.

MHIMA Promotional
MN HIT Professional Training Program

Normandale Community College is currently recruiting students for the Health IT Professional Training Program, a 6-month ARRA-HITECH funded HIT program focused on job-specific training for one of four workforce roles in the field of HIT. This training incorporates "hard" technical skills as well as "soft" skills such as problem solving, decision making, time management, etc. The program is offered as an online, distance learning program with intermittent face-to-face meetings.

If you have a background and/or education in any of these areas, you would be a good candidate for this program:
- IT professions
- Health professions
- Health Information
- Technology professionals
- Other related fields such as public health, software vendors, IT or HC consulting firms

The next cohort for training begins October 2011. Applications are currently being accepted. For more information from Normandale Community College, click here. You'll find a link to the MnHIT Short Term Training Program and an online form application.