

# IHIMA Newsletter

Indiana Health Information Management Association

August 2019

## AHIMA Leadership Symposium

The IHIMA leadership team had the honor of attending the 2019 CSA Leadership Symposium on July 12 and 13 in Chicago, IL. The meeting was packed with informative presentations and great networking.

Attendees learned about:

- AHIMA's Transformation Story: Mission, Vision, and Strategy
- Leadership competencies that will be required for the 2020+ leader
- The new Environmental Scanning Guide and interactive scanning exercises
- The progress of HIM Reimagined and the understanding of HIM education and lifelong learning needs

Breakout sessions included financial planning for the CSA (Component State Association), creating effective communications, keeping CSA information safe, developing speaker and venue contracts, and state and federal advocacy overview.

### Key take away for IHIMA members:

- Advocate for HIM related issues with your local and state representatives, advocacy is a grass roots effort and is just a conversation about your profession on what impact proposed legislation may have.
- AHIMA.org will soon have several changes making it easier to use and navigate. Improvements include: the Profile section will have a more streamlined interface, there will be upgrades to the homepage, and an improved shopping experience.
- There's still time to take advantage of the RHIT to RHIA Proviso. The Proviso has resulted in 358 people taking the exam and passing. The Proviso is effective until December 31, 2021 and additional information can be found at [www.ahima.org/certification](http://www.ahima.org/certification).

## AHIMA's RHIT to RHIA Proviso

Remind your alumni and colleagues that they may be eligible for the RHIA examination under the RHIT to RHIA Proviso!

The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) proviso provides opportunity for those individuals holding an active RHIT earned on or before August 31, 2018, and, who have received a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution or nationally recognized accreditor. These individuals are eligible to take the RHIA exam. The RHIT to RHIA Proviso eligibility runs through December 31, 2021. This opportunity is a provision of the [HIM Reimagined](#) initiative, which aims to ensure the continued vitality of the HIM profession in an ever-changing environment.

*If you are an RHIT who has taken the RHIA exam, we want to hear your story! We look forward to hearing about how earning the RHIA credential has helped your career advancement or opened new doors of opportunity, email it to [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com) with the subject line "RHIA Proviso Success Story."*

Connect with IHIMA



***IHIMA's Annual Meeting is April 20 & 21, 2020 at Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville, IN (#IHIMA20)***

***IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse is March 17, 2020 (#IHIMAAdvocate)***

**Update your myAHIMA Profile Today!!**

To continue receiving IHIMA communications, it is important for you to update your contact information located on your myAHIMA profile.

Please visit [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org) to update your information today!



**Ask the IHIMA Board!**

*Have a membership-related question?*

E-mail us!

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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**Write an article for the IHIMA Newsletter!**

You are encouraged to submit an article for possible publication in the IHIMA Newsletter!

Submit questions/articles to:  
[ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)



Visit AHIMA's [Engage Online Communities](#) for discussions and content on topics important to HIM professionals.

Have a question related to Indiana? Join the Indiana Engage Community at [Indiana Engage Community](#) and remember to check back often!

## ADVOCACY

**Advocacy Action Center**

To learn more about current Federal & Indiana legislation, [click here](#). To go to AHIMA's Advocacy Action Center, [click here](#).



**AHIMA CAREER ASSIST:  
JOB BANK**

[Click here to see the opportunities!](#)

**IHIMA Job Board**

Visit [AlliedHealthCareers.com](#) for CDI, coding, compliance, auditing, leadership, and education jobs.

Visit [MB&CC](#) for medical billing and coding jobs.

## ***IHIMA Presented "Creating Effective Communications" At This Year's CSA Leadership Symposium***

In April, IHIMA board members were invited to lead a breakout session at the July 2019 CSA Leadership Symposium in Chicago, IL. The breakout session was titled 'Creating Effective Communications' and the objective of the session was to help CSA leaders develop skills for creating effective communications, using various mediums and platforms. Our association was recognized for having a comprehensive e-newsletter and successful social media platforms. The session requirement was to have a short presentation sharing our communication strategies with other CSA leaders, leaving time for discussion at the end.

Jacque Villarreal, IHIMA President, and LaTonya Harrington, IHIMA Central Office Coordinator were there to present and facilitate this breakout session. Some areas that were covered included: knowing your audience; sticking to a schedule; consistency with newsletter publications; having engaging content; 'repurposing' content; keep everything professional; and it's all about the membership!

The session was well attended with great audience interaction... lots of questions! Some attendees visited [ihima.org](http://ihima.org) during the session to view the association's newsletters while some attendees joined IHIMA's social media platforms. It was an honor to be invited to share our communication strategies with fellow CSA leaders.



Jacque Villarreal, RHIA, IHIMA President, and LaTonya Harrington, RHIA, IHIMA Central Office Coordinator presented "Creating Effective Communications" to a packed room.

### ***A Delegate Update***

The Indiana delegates recently participated in a House Orientation webinar. The webinar prepared the delegates for the 2019 House of Delegates (HoD) meeting at the AHIMA Health Data and Information Conference in Chicago, IL. The House of Delegates will meet on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Look for an overview of the HoD meeting in the October 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter.

The Indiana delegates are here for members and to advocate for, and help advance, the profession. Please continue to share your feedback with your delegates! Your 2019-2020 IHIMA Delegates are: Necole Coots = [ncoots@ecommunity.com](mailto:ncoots@ecommunity.com) (1<sup>st</sup> year delegate), Renee Meunier = [renee.meunier2@parkview.com](mailto:renee.meunier2@parkview.com) (2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate), Jennifer Osborne = [josborne1@r1rcm.com](mailto:josborne1@r1rcm.com) (2<sup>nd</sup> year delegate), Alyson Stichter = [a.stichter@ibm.com](mailto:a.stichter@ibm.com), and Jacque Villarreal = [jacquelyn.f.villarreal@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelyn.f.villarreal@gmail.com)

## Topics for the Newsletter

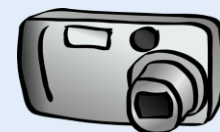
We would like to know what you would like to have included in your newsletter! If you have topics of interest, please send your ideas to us at: [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

## HIM/HIT Programs

Let us know what your students are doing in the classroom. Send pictures and/or information to [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com)

## Photograph Disclaimer

Please note IHIMA routinely photographs and videotapes events. These images may be used in print, visual presentations, and on the website to promote activities. If you do not wish yourself to be photographed, please let the photographer know at that time.



## Previous IHIMA Newsletters

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## IHIMA Regional Association Updates

Become involved with your Regional Association, refer to IHIMA's region breakdown at <https://www.ihima.org/regions> to see which region you belong to. Don't hesitate to email your region with questions!

### Northern Indiana Health Information Management Association (NIHIMA)

NIHIMA had a very successful summer seminar on June 28th! Keep an eye out for their fall seminar. To stay connected with NIHIMA, refer to their website at <http://nihima.com/>. Or, you can email them at [nihima15@yahoo.com](mailto:nihima15@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### Central Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA)

By Darla Morrison, RHIT, CIHIMA President

### Volunteer for President-Elect Needed!

**Connect and Learn!** Just reminding you of the benefit of being a member of a regional IHIMA component. Not only are there learning opportunities for professional development—but the people you meet have similar interests and goals and are always willing to give some guidance and direction. They have been there and are ready to share! I have very much enjoyed the first couple of months of being President of the Central Region of the Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA.) As I said in the last newsletter, I attended the Strategic Planning meeting in June for the IHIMA Board. I was, for lack of a better word, quite “wowed” by the board members who put so much effort into making sure the HIM professionals and potential professionals have what is necessary to be leaders in the advancement of quality health information in Indiana. This is no small task! On July 10<sup>th</sup> I sat in on a WebEx meeting to work on the 2019-2020 budget. I listened as they went line by line over the budget working and figuring to make sure everything needed was planned for and could be paid! Again, I was impressed by the knowledge and effort that goes into the details for the annual meeting, leadership conferences, educational opportunities, administration expenses, and even what it takes for all of us to be able to communicate. We as members don't have to think about small details such as having all day soft-drinks available at the annual meeting. But --here in July it was planned for and budgeted for and will be enjoyed by the members in April.

**Connect and Learn!** This brings me to a request: I have two great gals working with me as Treasurer (Cathy Archer), and Secretary (Vicki McFall) serving their 2nd year, but **I do need a President-Elect for 2019-2020. So, I am calling all volunteers to think about filling this role.** We meet mostly in Lafayette now because all board members are from here, but we would be willing to hold CEU meetings in Indianapolis if someone more centrally located would like to join us. Please contact me at [dsmorrison@unityhc.com](mailto:dsmorrison@unityhc.com) if you are interested. We are working on the Fall CEU meeting. I hope to schedule the ½ day meeting some weekday in October. We will get the date, location, and speaker information to you soon.

### Southern Indiana Health Information Management Association (SIHIMA)

The next SIHIMA meeting will be at Vincennes University on Friday, August 9, 2019. If you have questions, contact SIHIMA at [francie.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:francie.bishop@gmail.com). RSVP to the meeting at [jthomas@vinu.edu](mailto:jthomas@vinu.edu).



## Join Our Online Resources!



Website: [IHIMA.org](http://IHIMA.org)  
Facebook: [IHIMA HIM](https://www.facebook.com/IHIMA-HIM)  
Twitter: [IHIMA HIM](https://twitter.com/IHIMA-HIM)  
LinkedIn: [IHIMA HIM](https://www.linkedin.com/company/IHIMA-HIM)  
YouTube: [Indiana Health Information Management Association](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)  
Indiana Engage Community: [Indiana](https://www.indianaengage.com)

## Indiana HIM Student Heading to Chicago!

AHIMA offered current students and new graduates the opportunity to attend the 2019 AHIMA Conference in Chicago, IL, September 14-18, all expenses paid, by volunteering during their time at Conference. The applications were due to AHIMA by April 30, 2019. There were 30 new graduates and students chosen by the Council for Excellence in Education (CEE). The volunteers are helping at the registration desk, information booth, Career Theater, the Career Fair, among other responsibilities.

Congratulations to **Erin Beal**, a senior at Indiana University Indianapolis, Class of 2020, for being chosen! We'll see you in Chicago! [#AHIMACon19](https://twitter.com/AHIMACon19)

## Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week Winner CELEBRATION!



During HIP Week this year, March 24-30, 2019, IHIMA offered a drawing to those professionals, departments, and organizations celebrating and promoting our profession during the week. For those who posted messages, videos, and/or photos on IHIMA's Facebook page, using the hashtag [#HIPWeek19](https://twitter.com/HIPWeek19), of how they celebrated the week were automatically entered in a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to a restaurant of their choice to host a catered lunch.

The winner was the Community Health Network team in Indianapolis! The restaurant they chose for their gift card was McAlister's Deli. Community had a great lunch celebrating their team and the HIM profession!



## Submit Items to YOUR IHIMA Newsletter!

This newsletter belongs to you and is an excellent source of communication! If you would like to submit information to be included in a future publication or if you would like to let the membership know what is going on with you or your facility and employees, please don't hesitate to send a submission or questions to IHIMA at [ihimahim@outlook.com](mailto:ihimahim@outlook.com). Generally, articles should be no more than 300 words, however, longer articles will be considered.

## Coding Corner – Puzzles for Practice: Procedures and PCS Root Operations Crossword



This crossword puzzle tests your knowledge related to procedures and PCS root operations. [Download the puzzle](#); after you have finished, check your answers on the last page.

By Julie Alles, DHA, RHIA, Program Director/Assistant Professor of HIM at Grand Valley State University

Source: CodeWrite (May 2019)

This coding crossword puzzle was published in AHIMA's monthly *CodeWrite* newsletter. Interested in writing a coding article? AHIMA published coding content, such as the Coding Notes articles in the *Journal of AHIMA* and *CodeWrite* e-newsletter, keeps readers current on issues that affect the practice of HIM. Two CEUs (2) may be earned for authoring articles for *CodeWrite*; five CEUs (5) may be earned for authoring articles for the *Journal*.

### **Stay Connected with IHIMA!**

IHIMA communicates with members using e-mail and the U.S. Postal Service. To receive this communication, your current e-mail and mailing address must be in the AHIMA membership profile database. To update your member profile, go to <https://my.ahima.org/> to login under myAHIMA. You will need your member ID and password. Under Profile, select Personal Profile and update your information here. Then scroll down to the bottom under 'Other Communication'. Make sure you check 'CSA Email' and 'CSA Mail' in order to receive all IHIMA communication. We want to stay connected with YOU!

### **AHIMA Ethics**

Sharpen your focus on Ethics. Update yourself on one of AHIMA's Governing Documents, the AHIMA Code of Ethics, along with two (2) Sets of Standards – Coding Standards and CDIP Standards. Complete the Ethics Self-Assessment and review the Case Studies here: <https://www.ahima.org/about/aboutahima?tabid=ethics>

### **Newly Credentialed IHIMA Members**

**Congratulation** to Jamie, Brittany, and Jessica for passing their credentials exam this summer!

#### **RHIT**

Jamie Sword, **RHIT**

#### **RHIA**

Brittany Rutledge, **RHIA**

Jessica Sternberg, **RHIA**

Find Indiana's newly credentialed professionals who earned an AHIMA credential within the last year here:

<https://my.ahima.org/pages/certification/newlycredentialed.aspx>

### **The Best IHIMA Social Media Posts of Last Month**

- 1) New Indiana Laws Took Effect July 1, 2019 - Several laws passed during the 2019 session impacting Indiana hospitals took effect, July 1st. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 2) Notes of Distinction: Dorinda Sattler – Indiana University Northwest (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 3) Mobile communications app saves Hancock Health \$1M annually - The smartphone app also came in handy during a ransomware attack: When other systems were down, it was up and running. (Facebook: [Click here](#))
- 4) Surprise Billing Primer - Several bills attempting to address and block surprise billing have been introduced, and some are advancing through legislative processes. (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 5) AHIMA is looking for members to complete this quick and easy survey on patient matching. It only takes a couple minutes! (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 6) AHIMA was a collaborative partner in the development of 'Guiding Principles for Ethical Use of Social Determinants of Health Data'. These principles were developed to educate the industry & policymakers on the ethics of using SDOH data. (Twitter: [Click here](#))
- 7) Regenstrief Institute announces release of the entire @LOINC coding system at no cost, globally. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 8) Jacquie, IHIMA President, & LaTonya, Central Office Coordinator, presenting at the AHIMA Leadership Symposium "Creating Effective Communications" last week. The presentation was a huge success! #AHIMALeads (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 9) AHIMA and CHIME urge Senate to support lifting ban on federal funding for unique patient identifier - Health information management leaders told members of Congress that removal of a nearly two-decade ban on the use of federal funds to adopt a nationwide unique patient identifier would allow collaboration between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the private sector to identify solutions for reducing medical errors and protecting patient privacy. (LinkedIn: [Click here](#))
- 10) AHIMA 2019-2020 Ballot (IN Engage Community: [Click here](#))

## Recent News from AHIMA

[Pitch Your Health Data Solutions at AHIMA19](#)

[For The Record Magazine – June/July 2019](#)

[Journal of AHIMA – July/August 2019](#)

[Perspectives in Health Information Management Journal - Summer 2019](#)

[AHIMA Resources Newsletter – July 2019](#)

[Set Your Sights on Medical Coding](#)

[Improve Your Coding Skills with the Cancer Registry Management Program](#)

[Academic Advisor Newsletter – July 2019 – \[Subscribe Here\]\(#\)](#)

[Certification Connection Newsletter – July 2019](#)

## Affordable CEU Opportunities!

Continuing Education Quizzes is a convenient way to get CEUs! The quizzes are based on either an article from the *Journal of AHIMA* or from a listed community of practice resource. The quizzes are scored. There is a passing score of 70% to get the CEUs and you get three attempts to pass. The quizzes are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Learn more [here](#).

## AHIMA's Discounted Continuing Education Opportunities

AHIMA's 2019 Coffee and Coding series is a smart way to work through today's most challenging topics for both Coding and CDI. Each month, an AHIMA expert takes you through a focused, half hour curriculum that you can watch on your own time – on demand. The nominal fee of \$10.00 each helps ensure AHIMA covers the costs to produce these valuable segments now and in the future. [Register here](#) for these on demand webinars.

### Calendar of Events

- ✚ SIHIMA Meeting at Vincennes University - August 9, 2019 – RSVP to [jthomas@vinu.edu](mailto:jthomas@vinu.edu)
- ✚ IHIMA Delegate Webinar - August 14, 2019, 3 p.m. EST
- ✚ AHIMA [Fellowship Applications](#) 2019 Submission Deadline – August 16, 2019
- ✚ IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - August 23, 2019
- ✚ AHIMA House of Delegates (HoD) Meeting, Chicago, IL – September 15, 2019
- ✚ 2019 AHIMA Health Data and Information Conference (formerly known as AHIMA Convention and Exhibit), Chicago, IL – September 14-18, 2019 - [Register here](#) (#AHIMACon19)
- ✚ AHIMA Foundation Veterans Scholarships - [Applications open](#) July 1 to September 30, 2019
- ✚ [AHIMA Foundation Merit Scholarships](#) – Applications open July 1 to September 30, 2019
- ✚ IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - November 1, 2019
- ✚ AHIMA [Fellowship Applications](#) 2019 Submission Deadline – November 15, 2019
- ✚ IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - January 24, 2020
- ✚ HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, Orlando, FL - March 9-13, 2020 [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#HIMSS20)
- ✚ AHIMA [Fellowship Applications](#) 2020 Submission Deadline – February 21, 2020
- ✚ IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse - March 17, 2020 – [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#IHIMAAvocate)
- ✚ Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week - March 22-28, 2020 - [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#HIPWEEK20)
- ✚ AHIMA Advocacy Summit - March 23-24, 2020
- ✚ IHIMA Annual Meeting, Noblesville, IN - April 20-21, 2020 – [SAVE THE DATE!](#) (#IHIMA20)