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Attending the AHIMA National Convention *by Michael Gregory*

The 82nd annual AHIMA national convention was held September 25-30, 2010 in Orlando Florida. The theme was "Prosper Through Change: Global Transformation - Historic Opportunities", and emphasized the unprecedented simultaneous changes and developments in the global and national healthcare landscape. The convergence of HIPAA, ARRA, HITECH, 5010 compliance, ICD-10 transition, EHR incentives & more have made this the most challenging period in the history of our profession and AHIMA's desire was that the convention would educate, empower and inspire HIM practitioners to rise up to meet these challenges.

The roster of top-shelf featured speakers included: US Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, Alison Levine, team captain of the first women's expedition to Mount Everest, and new AHIMA CEO, Allen Dowling. Topics in the daily break-out sessions were varied and robust, covering virtually every facet and specialty area of HIM.

The main exhibition floor featured booths and exhibits from a wide variety of vendors who provide goods and services to the HIM industry. From the biggest names (3M, Ingenix, McKesson, etc.) to smaller, regional firms and HIM educators, networking opportunities abounded. There was also a job fair in the north corner of the exhibit floor where soon-to-be graduates could meet with employers and contracting firms and present their resume. Another excellent resource for students is the Student Academy, held on the first day. It is designed precisely to address the needs, questions and expectations of HIM students just embarking on their professional journey. I highly recommend that every student start saving now to attend the 2011 convention in Salt Lake City. I have already been contacted by two employers who I'd spoken with at the convention who expressed an interest in talking to me near graduation in May, so the investment in the convention has already started to pay dividends.

Mrs. Kunnu and Michael Gregory

There were many opportunities for Networking and Meeting other professionals. Kathleen LaTour (textbook author) and Kris Carlson, online admissions officer for St.



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Mr. Horner in the Journal of AHIMA

Adjunct professor Steve Horner was recently in the *Journal of AHIMA*, in the September 2010 issue. In an article entitled "Quality Check" by Chris Dimick, Mr. Horner, who is also the vice president of clinical analytics, clinical services group at HCA, discussed the relationship between quality control and credentialing. This article is about quality-based payment initiatives, such as pay-for-performance.

At the present, Quality measures reporting is voluntary but the Joint Commission, as well as others, require healthcare facilities to report quality measures. These measures are used to compute reimbursement levels and are tied to accreditation status. Facilities use data gathered from these quality measures and grade themselves. They can measure their performance against other benchmarks in order to focus on areas that need improvement.

Of importance to HIM majors, Chris Dimick says, "The task of abstracting, organizing, sending, and analyzing quality measures is usually managed by HIM professionals. As more payment is tied to quality, hospital executives will look to HIM to devise solutions for accurately capturing not just the services rendered but how well they are rendered."

Mr. Horner brings up a very good point when he is quoted as saying, "A lot of times we think of the credentialing and privileging process as totally separate from the quality world and quality activities. But if we are allowing individuals, like physicians...to practice in our hospital and provide care that they have not been adequately trained in and show competency in, they are going to end up with poor quality results."

Mr. Horner goes on to discuss how quality measures are really the best way for facilities to gauge and track their need for improvement. "There is the old adage of 'what gets measured gets managed,'" Horner says. "If we think back to our days in school, how do I know if I am doing well if I don't get grades?" An excellent point!



Mr. Horner announced at the end of Fall term 2010 that he was going to be leaving the teaching staff at TSU. We are sorry to see him go and will miss him, but understand his reasons for going.



Students Tour HIM Department at Baptist Hospital

A huge thank you to the Director of the HIM department at Baptist Hospital, Ms. Shonda Cannon, here in Nashville, who led students on a tour of the facility where they observed the different areas of the HIM department.

Fall Semester Student Activities



Lina Baker, Tesha Wallace, and Travarus Holloway enjoy Homecoming



Ali Baker fires up the grill during Homecoming



Tina Richburg and Lina Baker volunteered to help Habitat for Humanity



Nordos Negussie preparing food for the Feeding Program at Spruce Street Baptist Church

Student Accomplishments

Dean's List

Michael Gregory
Phronda Buckley
Karen Atherton
Tonya Terrell

Golden Key International Honor Society

Michael Gregory
Karen Atherton

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Michael Gregory
Karen Atherton

Karen Atherton was also invited by Phi Kappa Phi to attend an International conference in Australia regarding the country's national and aboriginal medicine and healthcare systems

Congratulations to Paula Murphy, who took an exam to be credentialed by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Her new credentials are SCP (Specialty Coding Professional). This is geared toward specialty coders who have about two years of experience in anesthesia, cardiology, emergency medicine, family practice/pediatrics, gastroenterology, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, orthopedics, pain management,



Upcoming Events

February 8	Infusion Center Service Project	8:30 a.m.
February 10	Career fair in Keen Hall	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	SHIMA meeting in HIM lab	6:25 p.m.
February 15	Hot Lunch Program at Spruce Street Baptist Church	10:30 a.m.
March 14—16	THIMA Annual Meeting	
March 15	Feeding Program at Spruce Street Baptist Church	10:30 a.m.
March 24	SHIMA meeting in HIM lab	6:25 p.m.
April 8	Year End Luncheon	11:00 a.m.

Advisory Committee:

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Tivvis Garrison, CCS*
Michael Gregory

*Graduates of TSU HIM program

SAVE THE DATE

The 83rd Annual AHIMA Convention and Exhibit

Salt Lake City, Utah

October 1—6, 2011

Welcome to New SHIMA Members

Tiffaney Baynham
Saniya Cook
MiQuelyn Holt
Asiya Jabeen
Balgisa Sharif
Kenny Williams

Students attend THIMA Meeting



2010—2011 SHIMA Officers

<i>Phronda Buckley</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Travarus Holloway</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Karen Atherton</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Tesha Wallace</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Barbara Davis</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>



SHIMA and the HIM department would like to welcome Habeeb Aremu Kutun, our new technical assistant, as of January 18. He is responsible for technical assistance for students and faculty.

In addition to the BS degrees in Medical and Computer Technology, Habeeb also has a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems with emphasis in Business Management.

