

# NEWSLETTER

## 2017 CSA Leadership Symposium

NMHIMA President, Valentina Golub and President- Elect, Judith Tallman attended the 2017 CSA Leadership Symposium on July 14-15. The symposium is hosted annually in Chicago by AHIMA to prepare all CSA leaders and HIM leaders for their year(s) of service. The symposium provided an overview of AHIMA's strategic plan and guidance on best practices for each state association. This year AHIMA leadership focused on aligning AHIMA's strategic objectives (Informatics and Analytics, Information Governance, HIM Pathways, and Consumer Engagement) with their core objectives (Coding, CDI, Advocacy, Privacy and Security). A few key updates are listed below:

**Information Governance:** AHIMA offers an information governance toolkit as well as several online resources. They will be offering information governance virtual boot camps. Check out their site: <http://www.ahima.org/topics/infogovernance> for more information and resources and don't forget to sign up for their IGIQ Beat Sheet e-newsletter.

**HIM Pathways:** AHIMA has been working diligently to get the AHIMA Foundation Apprenticeship Program rolled out throughout the nation. This program connects prospective HIM professionals with first-time jobs. To date they have

placed more than 60 trainees and have a goal to place 1,200. Do you know of any places in New Mexico that could benefit from this program? See link below for more information. [http://www.ahimafoundation.org/prodev/Registered Apprenticeship.aspx](http://www.ahimafoundation.org/prodev/Registered_Apprenticeship.aspx) Also, AHIMA will be hosting virtual career fairs, student open houses, and is currently updating their career map. A salary survey is also coming soon. AHIMA even completed their HIM Reimagined white paper, see link below <http://www.ahima.org/himr>.

**What is HIM Reimagined?** HIM Reimagined (HIMR) is an AHIMA Leadership initiative to build a framework to transform health information management and its professionals for the future. HIMR offers long-term and phased implementation strategies to ensure the profession is equipped both academically and professionally to advance individuals and HIM to greater levels of relevance while keeping pace with changes in the industry.

**Consumer Engagement:** AHIMA completed the *Individual Right of Access (IRA)* form. This is a great resource for all healthcare entities to review and use and can be accessed at: <http://www.ahima.org/modelform>

As the healthcare industry and technology evolve so will the HIM career path and that is why we need to be prepared to lead in health information governance, create pathways to grow into new and emerging roles, and to connect consumers to their health information. As AHIMA updates their strategic



Photo Features: (Right to left) Valentina Golub, Judith Tallman & Catherine Porto



objectives so will NMHIMA. We will work toward preparing New Mexico's HIM professionals for the future and to lead the health care industry in informatics and data analytics and champion in information governance within our profession. The NMHIMA Board will focus on improving our CSA's communication with our members, provide new and interesting educational topics at our workshops and conferences, and promote professional preparedness among students so that we can help HIM professionals evolve with the demands of the healthcare industry.

### ***2017 NMHIMA Spring Conference Highlights***

Jill Clark, MBA, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA, traveled from AHIMA headquarters to open NMHIMA's Spring Conference and provide the annual update from our national organization. She keyed onto the focus of our meeting, the management of data. The two-day conference reached its high point on Friday through an interactive, data analytics 4-hour session provided by a nationally known expert in data analytics, Susan Fenton, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA.

From Ms. Clark's opening to Dr. Fenton's rousingly successful analytics session, the conference featured an array of interesting speakers including sessions on telehealth, telemedicine and New Mexico's Project Echo effort. Catherine Porto, MPA, RHIA, CHP and Madelyn Horn Noble from 3M displayed the "live" use of data analytics through accurate documentation and coding at UNM. Cybersecurity was featured in the sessions led by Kim Sassaman, Director of Information Security at Presbyterian, and Mark Fidel, co-founder of RiskSense, a company devoted to security risk control. Soft skills presentations gave Joseph Merlino, a consultant working with the Presbyterian Health Plan on "person-centered leadership," a chance to engage the audience directly.

Maralyn Beck, a social media wizard entertained the audience with tricks of the social media trade useful to anyone desiring to forward their careers. The two days flew by with plenty of opportunities for HIM professionals to network with one another and with an array of vendors offering information management opportunities.



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

NMHIMA Spring Conference will be April 19 – 20, 2018 at:

Embassy Suites  
1000 Woodward Pl, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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### **The Health Information Relief Operation (HIRO) Fund**

AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation express their support for the victims of the recent wave of natural disasters across the US. The HIRO Fund will provide immediate material relief with the initial \$10,000 donation from AHIMA and the generosity of AHIMA members. Donate today at:

<http://www.ahimafoundation.org/Support/HIRO.aspx>

## AHIMA's Newest Credential

AHIMA is constantly scanning the environment and conducting formal studies to determine what skills are most in demand for the Health Information Management profession. AHIMA does this in order to ensure their members have the most current information and educational opportunities to develop a competitive professional edge. One of the most recent products of AHIMA's vigilance on behalf of its members is the *Certified Professional in Health Informatics* (CPHI) certification.

According to AHIMA, the CPHI was developed "in response to advancements in technology and increasing demand for health informatics professionals" (AHIMA). This certification provides degreed professionals an opportunity to obtain the CPHI, which will recognize their expertise & knowledge in health informatics. To be eligible for this certification, the following are required: either a baccalaureate with two years of health informatics experience; a master's degree or higher with one year of health informatics experience; or a master's degree or higher in health informatics from a regionally accredited academic institution (students in their final semester are also eligible to take the CPHI examination.)

The newest certification is not without controversy. Online discussions point to the fact that the CPHI is so new that employers do not recognize it due to lack of familiarity.

This is likely to change over time, as most health care employers are familiar with AHIMA's reputation as the premier organization in Health Information Management. Momentum and the demonstrated skills of those who carry the certification will make the CPHI an in-demand certification in the future.

The domains featured in the CPHI exam are:

- Data Analysis and Utilization
- Data Reporting
- Data Management, Privacy, and Security
- Management of Health Information Systems and Processes
- Database Management
- Health Informatics Training
- Project Management

For more information on the CPHI certification, go to their "Live Chat" feature on the AHIMA website- please see link: <http://www.ahima.org/certification>.



## Member Spotlight!

NMHIMA would like to recognize Sandra Nunn, who has been a member of the board for many years and is a great asset to NMHIMA. Sandra was featured in Radiology Today Magazine in March 2017! An excerpt from her article "A Meeting of the Minds" is below. To view the entire article, please go to: [www.radiologytoday.net/archive/rt0317p.24.shtml](http://www.radiologytoday.net/archive/rt0317p.24.shtml)

"The first report from Stanford's One Hundred Year Study on Artificial Intelligence, also known as AI100, was produced in 2016. This study is a "100-year effort to study and anticipate how the effects of artificial intelligence will ripple through every aspect of how people work, live, and play." After years of backwater performance, advances in computer technology have allowed for remarkable advances in perception tasks such as object and speech recognition—tasks for which deep learning algorithms are achieving significant improvements in accuracy."

Another one of Sandra's article was featured in Radiology Today Magazine in December of 2016, "Watson Joins the Digital Health Record Mix." Below is an excerpt from her article. To access the entire article please go to: [www.radiologytoday.net/archive/rt1216p.22.shtml](http://www.radiologytoday.net/archive/rt1216p.22.shtml)

"The idea of a longitudinal patient record (LPR) is not new. Once used to describe a patient's medical records existing in multiple locations along the continuum of care, including ambulatory, acute, sub-acute, rehabilitation, home care, nursing home, and hospice, electronic health information vendors have breathed new life and meaning into the term. The new LPR describes multisource retrieval of patient data, including the images and documents generated by radiologists and other care providers, to isolate previously undetectable disease anomalies through the sifting of thousands and even millions of images and documents consolidated in image libraries housed in the cloud."

Great job Sandra on all of your successes!

## Board Members of NMHIMA

New members were elected for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year. We'd like to welcome all 2017 board members!

President Elect:	Judith Tallman
President:	Valentina Golub
Past President:	Sandra Nunn
Member At Large:	Erica Atencio
Member At Large:	Ernest Leslie
Member At Large:	Stephanie Moraga - McHaley
Secretary:	Dion Mendoza
Treasurer:	Bonita Garcia
Nominating Committee:	Freddie Guzman
Nominating Committee:	Danielle Telles
Student Member:	Melanie Manuelito

Our goal at NMHIMA is to represent AHIMA's vision and mission. To successfully do so, we make certain our bylaws and strategic plan are up to date. These can be viewed on our website.

NMHIMA has set expectations and standards of all board members and we ensure every board meeting is effective and successful. The board members of NMHIMA meet biweekly, sometimes weekly, for several hours to perform multiple tasks that entail the objectives of our agenda. Volunteers are always welcome to attend these sessions year round, and there are several committees to serve on! Please email us at [NMHIMA@gmail.com](mailto:NMHIMA@gmail.com) if you'd like more information on volunteering.

*Closing:* The board would like to thank you for reviewing our newsletter. We are striving to be the best we can for the state of NM for all health information professionals and we are working towards long term success. One of the best ways to deepen our mission and heighten our vision is to become more engaged with our members. We look forward to serving you. Have a splendid day! -Cheers, NMHIMA Board



2016 - 2017 Board Members of NMHIMA: (Right to left) Ernest, Dion, Rose, Valentina, Erica, Sandra, Michelle, Rebecca



October is DATA month & AHIMA is celebrating by offering some great discounts on data resources!

Check them out at:

<http://www.ahima.org/topics/ida?tabid=data-month>

## Call for Speakers!

Interested in presenting or educating at one of our events?

Contact us at  
[NMHIMA@gmail.com](mailto:NMHIMA@gmail.com)

## Triumph Award Recipients

<http://www.ahima.org/about/recognition?tabid=triumph>

## Website Update:

We are currently updating our website! Please stay tuned for a more improved experience when visiting:  
[www.NMHIMA.org](http://www.NMHIMA.org)