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**President's Message**
Vickie H. Smith, RHIA, CHPS, CHDA, CDIP, CHTS-IM

I hope this edition of Footprints finds you well.

Well, we are in limbo yet again regarding ICD-10. Our House of Representatives will meet on Thursday, March 27 to vote on the SGR bill that could possibly delay ICD-10 for another year. If that passes on Thursday, the Senate will then be required to vote on the same bill Monday. Let’s cross our fingers!

Your NCHIMA Executive Board met again in February to discuss the annual meeting and vote on various items. Angel Moore, Vice President and her committees are knee-deep in gathering all the last minute details to pull off a wonderful, educational meeting for all of us. Thanks to all who have been working tirelessly on our annual meeting.

This year, our meeting is in Greensboro. Be sure to check out the City of Greensboro website so that you can enjoy the city while you’re there!

NCHIMA was represented at Hill Day in Washington, DC. Jolene Jarrell, Sharon Easterling, and Lee Ford attended meetings and visited with folks in Washington to be a part of our advocacy for HIM issues. Be sure to check out their articles in this issue of Footprints.

“People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.” ~ John C. Maxwell

**NCHIMA 64th Annual Meeting Alumni Cocktail Hour**
Submitted by: Angel Moore, MAEd, RHIA
NCHIMA Vice President, Annual Meeting Program Chair on behalf of ECU CAHS

Calling Alumni of any college or university ~ you are invited to an alumni appreciation reception hosted by East Carolina University College of Allied Health Sciences and the Department of Health Services and Information Management. Enjoy refreshing beverages and snacks while you reconnect with each other!

ECU Alumni will receive 2 complimentary beverage tickets. There will be a very brief update by a member of the ECU Department of Health Services and Information Management faculty about all that is new and exciting in your department at ECU.

In order to obtain an approximate headcount, you may see a question about attendance at this reception when you register for the Annual Meeting. Thanks!

**We Have a New Address!**

Footprints now has a dedicated e-mail address – footprints@nchima.org. If you have questions or need information, or have an article or picture that you would like to submit for publication, please send it to us at the above address. We’d love to hear from you!

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**NCHIMA Links Page**
Submitted by: Bobbie Herring, RHIA
NCHIMA Webmaster

The Links page of the NCHIMA website has been recently updated with information regarding career prep, CMS, ICD-10 and other helpful websites. Please take time to review these resources.

**Newly Credentialed AHIMA Professionals**

Kianoosh Banki
RHIA
Jennifer Costanzo
We would like to thank the Advertising and Graphic Design Department at Wake Tech Community College. Alison Consol, the Department Chair was very supportive as instructors Woody Hayes and Jenny Izquierdo incorporated the creation of the logo into a semester-long project for their classes. All students in both classes created logos inspired by our meeting theme and the NCHIMA mission. We received a great number of logos and the planning committee is now deciding on the final product. We will be sure to release the name of the winning student. However, the top two students were Matthew Lutz and Michael Jones. It’s great to know that during the planning of this meeting, people outside of the HIM profession were educated and inspired about the HIM profession. The planning committee was also impressed by the great talent, willingness, and generosity of the Wake Tech Advertising and Graphic Design Department. Thank you again!

**Tentative Agenda:** You will receive an invitation to the meeting by Friday, January 17, 2014. The tentative agenda and registration link will be available at [www.nchima.org](http://www.nchima.org). As the agenda is updated, versions will always be available on the website. Please check the website on Friday, January 17, 2014 for a tentative agenda.

**Hotel Accommodations:** The Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons is a stunning hotel which has been newly renovated! Room reservations must be made by April 1, 2014 to receive the NCHIMA negotiated rate of $134.00 per night. If you choose to call and make your reservation, please call 1-800-242-6556 and mention that you are with the NC Health Information Management Association/NCHIMA. Phone reservations at the discount/group rate are available now! Online hotel reservations at the group rate is also available for your convenience! The website and group discount code will be provided in your Annual Meeting invitation and on the NCHIMA website as well.

2014 NCHIMA Annual Meeting Registration: NCHIMA uses Cvent, an event management and planning software, for invitations and registration purposes. The email address you provided in your AHIMA profile is the email address where you will get your 2014 NCHIMA invitation. The early bird registration deadline for the Annual Meeting is: March 25, 2014. Please make plans to register by this date. We also recommend making your hotel reservations by this date as well. You will also notice a new registration option this year! You can register for any of the following:

Option 1: Entire meeting which includes Tuesday, April 15 through Friday, April 18th (Coding Roundtable)
Option 2: Wednesday, April 16 Only
Option 3: Thursday, April 17 Only
Option 4: *Wednesday, April 16 AND Thursday, April 17* (new two day option)
Option 5: Friday, April 18 ONLY (This date is the Coding Roundtable)

**Vendor/Exhibitor Registration** will be available by January 31, 2014. We are currently looking for sponsors for many different items during our annual meeting. If you’re a corporate partner or non-corporate partner and would like to sponsor a break, meal, meeting bags, or any other items please reach out to our Annual Meeting committee members know. In addition, we ask our Regions to donate items and baskets for our silent auction and door prizes!

We can’t wait to see each and every one of your faces! Personally, I look forward to learning, networking, eating, and sharing laughs!! The best part of it is leaving the meeting refreshed, inspired, and prouder than you’ve EVER been to be a part of the HIM profession.

See you in April!

Angel

2014 Annual Meeting Committee Members:
Angel L. Moore, MAEd, RHIA, NCHIMA Vice President, Annual Meeting Program Chair
Amy Crisson, MHA, RHIA
Kris-Shae McCall, MHA, RHIA, CHPS
Sarah Shaver, RHIA, CCS
Krystal Haynes, RHIA, CDIP, CCS

**NCHIMA Program Committee**
Submitted by: Sarah Shaver, RHIA, CCS
NCHIMA Program Committee

**“Who wants a Door Prize at the NCHIMA 64th Annual Meeting?”**

The NCHIMA Program Committee is actively planning the next NCHIMA Annual Meeting and need your help. We are reaching out to any and all members to assist us with providing the attendees various door prizes throughout the meeting. If you can contribute any prize or gift certificate we would greatly appreciate your donation.

Please mail or ship your item(s) to Sarah Shaver, NCHIMA Program Committee member, as they need to be received by March 15, 2014. If you would prefer to not mail the items, please bring them with you to the NCHIMA Annual meeting. We are requesting that any donated items are dropped off at the registration table, by Tuesday, April 15th, 2014. The volunteers running the registration table will ensure your items are handled appropriately.

**Ship all items to:**
Novant Health
Attn: Sarah Shaver
480 W Hanes Mill Road, Winston Salem, NC 27105

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**34th Annual NCHIMA Behavioral Health Section Conference**

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ICD-10-CM coding for Long Term Care
Submitted by: Tracy C. Beach, RHIA
Long Term Care

Shan Miller, RHIA and Tracy Beach, RHIA, Co-Coordinators for NCHIMA's LTC Section, will be hosting workshops beginning March 28th to train LTC professionals on ICD-10-CM coding. The workshops will be held in Thomasville, Morganton, and Greenville and will be offered multiple times in all three locations throughout the Spring and Summer in preparation for the October 1, 2014 implementation date. Registration information is available on NCHIMA's website, by clicking on http://www.nchima.org/ltc/ltc.html or by clicking on "Regions", then "Long Term Care" on the NCHIMA Website.

2014 AHIMA Leadership and Advocacy Symposium
March 17-18, 2014 in Washington D.C.
Submitted by: Submitted by: Jolene Jarrell, RHIA, CCS
NCHIMA President Elect

Despite the snow and bitter cold temperatures in Washington D.C., the AHIMA Hill Day was a success! There were 45 CSA's in attendance this year and North Carolina was represented by Sharon Easterling, Laura Pait, and me. The first day was packed with two panelist discussions and several speakers on topics from the "Hill" perspective. The first panel provided some insight on effective communication using social media which was presented by Tom Wilber, Digital Media Advisor, House Energy & Commerce Committee. Dao Nguyen, Legislative Assistance for Adam Schiff (CA), was also on this panel and she provided a candid insider's perspective on ways that advocacy groups and constituents can ensure their issues get attention.

The second panel was comprised of Todd Askew, Director, Congressional Affairs, AMA; Sharon Canner, Sr Director of Public Policy, CHIME; Mary Ann Chaffee, Senior Vice President, Health Policy and External Affairs, Surescripts; and Robert Tennant, Senior Policy Advisor, MGMA. They each offered advice on how to make sure that your voice is heard in Washington!

The second day started with the AHIMA Hill Day breakfast with keynote speaker Devan McGraw, Director of Health Privacy Project, Center for Democracy & Technology. She stressed the importance of protecting PHI but ensuring the accessibility of the health record to the patient.

After breakfast we each headed to our scheduled meetings with legislative offices in the US House of Representatives and US Senate. There were two issues that we were advocating this year to our local representatives: 1. To support the Medicare Audit Improvement Act of 2013 (H.R. 1250) 2. Ensure that ICD-10 is not delayed. Believe it or not, bill H.R. 1701 was introduced on 4/24/2013 by Ted Poe of Texas titled Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013 and then in the Senate (S.972) by Tom Coburn from OK. Currently there are 44 co-sponsors in the House and 6 in the Senate. This bill prohibits CMS from implementing ICD-10. You can read more about these bills and see a list of co-sponsors by visiting http://beta.congress.gov/ and enter the bill number.

Please remember that you can visit the AHIMA Advocacy Assistance page to advocate on behalf of the HIM profession at http://www.ahima.org/about/advocacy on any of these issues!
Laura Pait and Sharon Easterling at the AHIMA Hill Day Breakfast

Capitol Washington DC

NCHIMA - BHS 2014 SCHOLARSHIP
Submitted by: Edith Moore, RHIA
NCHIMA - Behavioral Health Section
The NCHIMA Behavioral Health Section offers one $500 scholarship on an annual basis. In order to be eligible for the scholarship the following criteria must be met:
1. You must be
   a. Full-time or part-time student
   b. A U.S. citizen and a North Carolina resident
   c. In good standing in an accredited Health Information Management, Health Information Technology Program, or in a Master’s level HIM Program in North Carolina.
   d. A current student member of AHIMA
   e. Must have at least one full semester of classes remaining in your course of study at the time the award is granted in June 2014.

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$30.00 Ladies
$30.00 Mens
Accessories
$ 25.00 Portfolio

Sharon Easterling and Jolene Jarrell

the HIM profession at http://www.ahima.org/about/advocacy on any of these issues.
The application deadline is **May 23, 2014**, in order for the Education Committee to evaluate all applications and notify the recipient. Applications postmarked after the application deadline will not be returned or considered.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

The applicant should send the application form to the address below. The applicant should request that the following be sent to the same address:

1. Official transcript indicating overall GPA - **Be sure to instruct the Registrar’s Office to redact your protected information such as, social security number, DOB, etc.**
2. Recommendation from Program Director or current employer
3. Two additional letters of recommendation. Recommendations from relatives or friends are not acceptable.

Please see the attached link to access the NCHIMA - BHS Scholarship Application www.nchima.org/scholarships/2014_Scholarship_Information_and_Application_for_NCHIMA-BHS-1.pdf

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HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application. The application must be signed by the corporate representative to whom NCHIMA will assign the rights and privileges of a corporate partner.

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1. PUBLICATIONS: All corporate partners are invited to view Footprints, on the NCHIMA website – www.nchima.org. Footprints is a bimonthly publication which contains many interesting articles as they relate to current affairs in HIM and the activities of NCHIMA.

2. MAILING LIST: Upon request, the NCHIMA mailing list is available to corporate partners.

3. PRESENTATION: Corporate partners are eligible to serve on committees with voice. Corporate partners shall not be entitled to

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committees with voice. Corporate partners shall not be entitled to vote, hold office or serve as a delegate to AHIMA.

4. MAILINGS: Corporate partners receive announcements of educational seminars and other mailings of interest to NCHIMA members.

5. DISCOUNTS: Corporate partners are entitled to NCHIMA member registration fees for workshops and seminars sponsored by NCHIMA. Corporate partners receive NCHIMA member rates on publications. Corporate partners exhibiting at the annual convention are also eligible for corporate partner discounted rates which are set annually by the NCHIMA Executive Board.

6. RECOGNITION: Corporate partners are entitled to one "spotlight" write up or a free 1/4 page ad in Footprints. A listing of corporate partners is published in every issue of Footprints. There is a corporate partner listing on the NCHIMA web site, www.nchima.org. In addition, corporate partners are listed in the NCHIMA annual report, annual meeting program and new member handbook.

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- With contact name, mailing & e-mail address, and phone number
- By the submission deadline of the issue in which the advertisement is scheduled to appear. Note: the submission deadline will be set by the Publications Committee and the Program Committee, based on publication type

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Rates are subject to change, upon annual review.

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The NCHIMA Publications Committee for 2013-2014 is:

Nacole Everette, RHIA, Publications Chair
We Want YOU!

NCHIMA is a volunteer organization -- from your local region to the state board, these positions are filled by people who are committed to improving our profession and are willing to share their skills, their time, and themselves to accomplish that goal. Please appreciate those who work so hard; Please come on down and volunteer!

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