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“Education & Information at a Great Value while making Connections to Last a Lifetime”

President’s Message

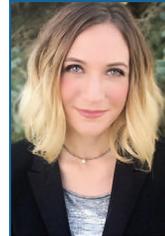
As your 2017-2018 President, I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to build on the great foundation we have established within NDHIMA. Our organization has continued to grow with an increased membership of 232 to date. There have been many exciting changes throughout the years and we have continued to provide affordable education. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the continued service of our valued members, volunteers, and leadership. With that, I ask you to join me in thanking Kim Thompson, my predecessor and immediate past President and all our current and past board members for their dedication and support.

I have to admit, I was both terrified and excited when I was approached to run for office. The fear of the unknown and the excitement of what the future held was a lot to grasp. However, my career in HIM has been just the same, a roller coaster of emotions and constant learning. I started working as a release of information tech while attending college at NDSCS. From there I moved into the world of coding and have been entwined in that for the past 17 years. My passion, which a lot of you may know, is clinical documentation improvement (CDI). In pursuit of my love of CDI, I decided to venture out into the contract world. I was fortunate to be offered a contract with the University of Colorado Hospital as a CDI specialist. My contract was coming to an end around the same time I was attending the AHIMA Leadership Symposium in Chicago as President-Elect. I found one of the speakers highly motivational, approached him for job opportunities, and found my next career path working as an IP auditor and educator at the University of Utah Health. Had I not taken risks and decided to say yes, I wouldn’t be where I am today.

This next year will be full of exciting changes. I recently attending the 2017 AHIMA Leadership Symposium in Chicago and the theme was “Inspire – Innovate – Lead”. While I remain focused on ensuring all our members are aware of the many valuable benefits and educational opportunities available, I will also be focusing on our future. We need to look at where our future is headed in HIM and where we as individuals will fit in this ever changing, technologically driven world. I ask you to all think about where you want your career to go. Do you understand the changes coming? Are you interested in furthering your education? How can you help stay relevant and progressive within HIM? These are all important questions we should be asking ourselves.

We hope to see you all at our upcoming Annual NDHIMA Conference from September 14-15th, 2017 in Fargo. We have a great agenda and plan to inspire, innovate and lead! [Learn more details about the conference.](#)

See you soon! Larissa Stein, RHIT, CCS, CCDS NDHIMA President 2017-2018



> Larissa Stein, RHIT, CCS, CCDS
NDHIMA President

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Kim Amundson, MR,
RHIA
Past- President

Past President's Message

One of the main responsibilities of the Past President is to chair the Nominating Committee. This committee is responsible for identifying and recruiting qualified individuals to serve on the NDHIMA Board of Directors.

In 2018, we will have the following positions open:

- President Elect
- Secretary
- State Advocacy Coordinator
- Education Co-Director (1-year term)
- I am looking for two volunteer members who would like to serve a 2-year term on this committee.

If you are interested, please contact me at: kim.thompson@sanfordhealth.org.

NDHIMA Education Directors Notes

The 2017 Conference will take place on September 14-15, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo, ND. It's a jam-packed with two full days of hot HIM topics, such as the new AHIMA membership model, Addiction and Overdose, and Outpatient CDI. Make sure to get registered because you won't want to miss this!

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Reanna Leier and Hope Friesen



Reanna Leier,
RHIT
Education Co-
Director



Additional Opportunities

A New Opportunity to Take the RHIA

The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) has approved a proviso that widens the pool of individuals who are eligible to take the RHIA exam. As of July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021, individuals who have the RHIT are eligible for the RHIA exam if they:

- have received a baccalaureate degree or higher (in any discipline) from a regionally accredited institution or an institution that is nationally accredited (official sealed transcripts must be sent to AHIMA for verification); and
- have received their RHIT credential on or before August 31, 2018; and

are currently in compliance with the Standards for Maintenance of the RHIT credential (meaning they have met all certification requirements)

These time-limited criteria are a provision of the [HIM Reimagined](#) initiative, which aims to prepare HIM professionals for the jobs of the future.

New: AHIMA Query Toolkit

To help streamline the process of querying, AHIMA introduces a new Query Toolkit, available on our website, free for members. Querying has become a common communication and educational tool for clinical documentation improvement (CDI) and coding departments. An effective query process aids the hospital's compliance with billing and coding rules and serves as an educational tool for providers, CDI professionals, and coding professionals. This toolkit provides numerous query templates that will guide organizations and professional through a step-by-step process for developing a compliant query.

“SBAR” is an acronym for an executive proposal tool that has gained popularity in healthcare, referring to a description of the following details:

Situation

Background

Assessment

Recommendation

SBAR on Business Process Outsourcing:

<https://engage.ahima.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=5f6d40b9-6027-413e-ade7-06925f9be19b&forceDialog=0>

Summary DVAC Meeting April 2017

DVAC Summary Report
submitted by Deb Selland, RHIT

DRG Validation Advisory Committee (DVAC) NDBCBS Fargo, ND
4/28/17

Members present: Deb Selland, Laura Jassek, Susan Weidler, Joy Krush, Sue Roehl, Kari Buchholz, Julie Thrailkill (phone), Jackie Molfino, Michelle Coalwell

Guest: Shawna Mills

Agenda review and review of meeting minutes were done.

New member orientation – Jackie Molfino was welcomed to DVAC with introductions being done.

New Business:

RAC/MIC updates – nothing new so far

AHIMA/NDHIMA – Joy talked about her visit to Washington for Hill Day. Topics of conversation included single **patient** identifier, MACRA, and promotion of AHIMA

4Q Coding Clinic Review – Joy presented a review of this coding clinic.

Dues and reporting CEU's – The system is fixed but caution was advised when entering CEU's

Coding Clinic response re: Interpretation of “diagnostic” test – per Sue R, no response yet

Possible MI –If the patient status was an IP it would be appropriate to assign an MI code following the “uncertain diagnosis at the time of discharge guideline”.

C-section for advanced maternal age and h/o vertebral artery dissection – recommended code O99.42 and I69.898.

3M blog regarding Guideline 19 – discussion held regarding coding and clinical indicators.

Hand assisted port approach – will continue to follow CC.

Coding Clinic serves as the Supreme Court – Sue R shared information from a presentation she watched.

Concurrent Coding – Discussion held regarding pro's and con's of concurrent coding. Trinity will be going to this process in the future.

Malunion of rib fractures – Michelle sent to Coding Clinic for advice

Bridging technique for saphenous vein graft – Michelle shared that a query will be done if the approach is not clearly stated.



DVAC Meeting Continued

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Packs per day – It was stated that packs per day = cigarettes

BPH – recommended to look for treatment before assigning as a diagnosis

Stent removal during PTCA – It was recommended that if a patient had stents put in and then immediately removed with insertion of additional stents that the removal of the stents should be coded.

COPD with unspecified asthma – The question was asked if this coding clinic was guidance for all “unspecified” diagnosis or just asthma. The group felt it was just for unspecified asthma. No query for asthma specificity was recommended.

Old Business:

Bibliography review – nothing new to add

Membership – nothing new

Bronchoscopy with biopsy response from Coding Clinic – new CC addressed BAL

COPD exacerbation with aspiration pneumonia – new CC addressed

Kidney failure due to dehydration in a transplanted kidney – Guideline presented. Discussion held. There was not a clear consensus from the group at this time.

Assignment review:

Deb – Send Jacki DVAC info

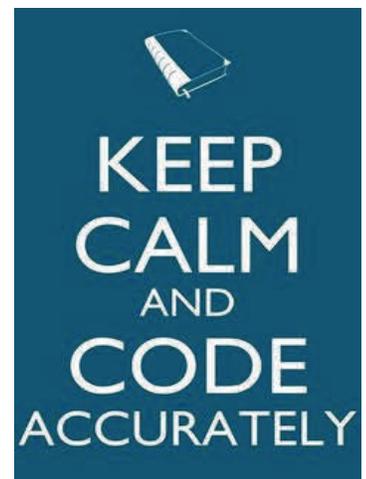
Michelle – Do summary of 1Q2017 coding clinic

Sue R – find information regarding bed rest being treatment for pelvic fractures, advice that packs per day defaults to cigarettes, bring article regarding internal policies can't conflict with coding guidelines.

Libman education - Sue is going to summarize and bring back to the group. Topics in this Libman education material she will summarize are: sepsis, COPD, stoma reversal, clinical criteria and code assignment, DM w Osteomyelitis, Readmission Post MI, HTN and CHF, Toxic Encephalopathy, BMI 19 or less, Manual Reduction of Hernia, TKR, Uncontrolled DM and Postoperative Ileus.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Coalwell



State Advocacy Coordinator Update



Joy Krush, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, CDIP
State Advocacy Coordinator

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Calling for volunteers!

A goal of the NDHIMA board is to complete an update to the ND Legislative Manual. The current version has been a valuable resource for members and anyone in the healthcare field, however is badly out of date! The plan will be to provide an electronic version of the manual. The timeline of completion is August 2018.



We need your help!

Where to begin:

Choose a chapter or topic of interest to you (or we can assign one)

OR choose a topic you believe should be included that was not previously

The specific chapter/section will be emailed to you if one present in the old manual.

Review what has been written in the manual previously

Research the topic (using any or all of the resources listed – we will provide you with a list)

Amend the information with any updated information – cite any references you use (or create all new documentation)

Email your draft information to be further reviewed by the Committee and incorporated into the NDHIMA Legislative Manual

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The estimated number of chapters to update and add is approximately twenty. Currently, we have six member volunteers. So we need your help! This is a great opportunity to get involved and a great learning process. We plan to have scheduled conference calls to assist members working on the manual.

To volunteer, just send me an email or text. If you have questions before you volunteer, please feel free to reach out to me. You can reach me at jkrush@eidebailly.com or 701-226-7622.

We need your help! Please consider volunteering! Thank you!

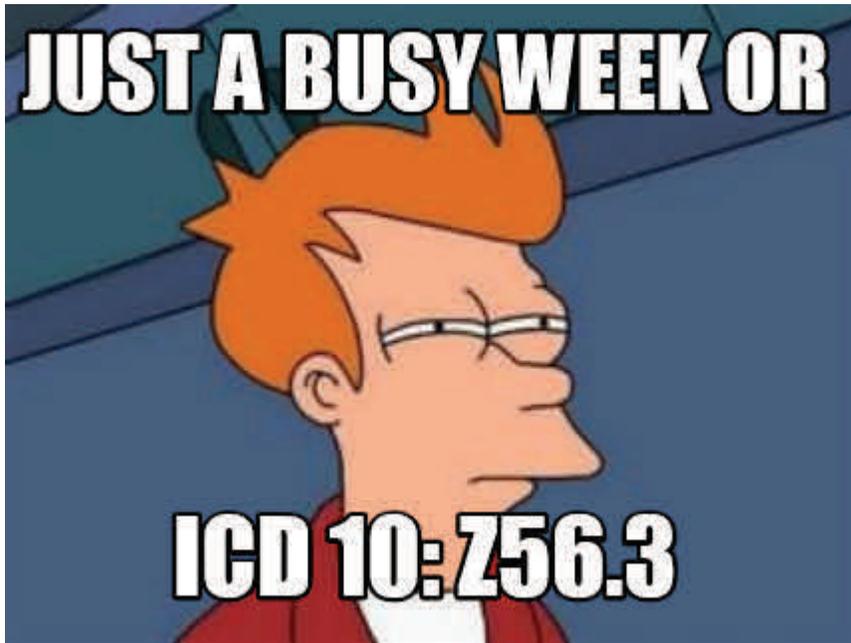
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The screenshot shows the NDHIMA.org website. At the top is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Continuing Education, HIM Careers, Members, Resources, and Contact Us. Below the menu, the page is titled "2017 – 2018 Board of Directors". It lists three board members with their titles, names, and contact information, each accompanied by a headshot:

- President (Delegate)**: Larissa Stein, RHIT, CCS, CCDS, University of Utah Health, C: 701-680-3921, Email: Larissa.Stein@hsc.utah.edu
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To the right of the board list is an "About Us" section with a list of links: About Us, Board of Directors (with sub-links for Board Job Descriptions, Board Only Area, and Call for Board Nominations), Bylaws, Mission, Past Presidents, and Strategic Plan.

[Go to NDHIMA.org to read about your Board of Directors and all your HIM News needs.](http://NDHIMA.org)



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Membership Director

As of August 2017 the membership numbers for NDHIMA are:

- 202 Active Members
- 142 Certified Members
- 2 Emeritus Members
- 13 New Graduate Members
- 9 New to AHIMA Members
- 55 Student Members

This compares to the May 2017:

- 208 Active Members
- 138 Certified Members
- 2 Emeritus Members
- 10 New Graduate Members
- 5 New to AHIMA Members
- 58 Student Members