MSHIMA 2010-2011 Annual Report

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It's hard to believe this is my last message to the membership as MSHIMA president. This has been a wonderful year. I have enjoyed working with all the board members and committee chairs. I look forward to working with the new board next year as MSHIMA continues to grow.

I committed to the membership at last year's meeting that our board would be more financially responsible this year. At our first face to face meeting in August, we revised our travel policies that we would consider the economy and agenda before we sent all 5 delegates to each meeting held by AHIMA. Our spending has been drastically cut this year.

We offered 5 coding roundtables this year. One in each region in the fall providing the October coding updates and two in the spring being a CCS boot camp. The CCS boot camp meetings were a huge success! Many coders are wanting to get their CCS prior to I-10 implementation. Someone contacted MSHIMA wanting this class and we met that need. I personally know of two people successfully passing their CCS that attended the boot camp in Tupelo. I'm sure there are more throughout the state that I'm not aware of. This was a great benefit to the membership that I know the board we continue to provide.

Since there was nothing on the national agenda for our legislative committee, we made the decision not to send our delegates to Washington for winter team talks and Hill Day. We had a State Hill Day which was successful. To be successful at the capital, you should bring food. And we did, Angela's mother prepared homemade croissant sandwiches, muffins, and a beautiful fruit salad that caught everyone's attention. Even though it was cold and snowing that day, we had wonderful morning at the State Capital.

We continued to provide our membership with the quarterly newsletter. Allison and her team always put together a beautiful newsletter that our membership should be proud of. It always has pertinent information that helps keep you abreast of what's happening with MSHIMA.

Trannie Murphy agreed to be the chair of a new committee created this year, the alternative settings committee. The goal of this committee is to reach out to members or other organizations that could benefit from MSHIMA but might not be aware of our resources due to them not being in an acute care hospital setting. Prior to our annual meeting she sent our agenda to several people that could benefit from our agenda topics and I feel confident this helped reach our high attendance level this year.

I hope you enjoy the state meeting and the agenda meets all your needs. We have 18 vendors showing and 2 event sponsors. I know this will be a meeting we'll never forget.

These last few months have been extremely difficult for me in my personal life. When I contacted our board and explained I my town had been devastated by the tornado they stepped up and helped make sure we continued to meet our deadlines. I have enjoyed working with everyone.

It has been an honor to work with the board and this organization.

Stacey
Incoming President’s Message
Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA MSHIMA President 2011-2012

Dear MSHIMA Enthusiasts!!

I am so very excited to serve you, my friends and colleagues, as the 2011/2012 MSHIMA President. It is my honor and privilege to take the helm of such a progressive and committed component state association. I know that we will be able to accomplish great things around the state as we strategize and work together. As we are starting a new year, I hope that you will take the opportunity to put your skills and talents to good use by volunteering for a MSHIMA committee. We are always in desperate need of individuals who are willing to come forward and work on behalf of our membership. It is a truly rewarding experience, and one that I wish every single member would take advantage of over the next 12 months. I can honestly say that the time that I have spent on MSHIMA board activities has, without question, positively impacted my life. I now have friends all over the State of Mississippi who not only share my passion for Health Information Management issues but who also share my passion for service. So ……… this is your invitation to join the team and make a real difference in Mississippi! As always, I am eager to hear from you on topics that affect our state and membership. Please feel free to contact me anytime you have a suggestion or need further information about our CSA. My "door" is forever open.

I can already tell that this is going to be a FANTASTIC year!!

See you at the state meeting!

Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA

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2010-2011 MSHIMA BOARD

President ..........................................................Stacey Upton, RHIT, CCS
President-Elect ....................................................Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA
Past President ......................................................Ron Melvin, RHIA
Secretary/Treasurer ..........................................Laura Little, CCS, CPC
Delegate – 2nd Year .........................................Candice Kittrell, MBA, RHIA, CCS-P
Delegate – 1st Year ..............................................Lorie Mills, RHIT
Member Liaison – North ..................................Lori Little
Member Liaison – Central .................................Susan Perkins, RHIT, CCS, CHC
Member Liaison – South ....................................Kory Hudson, MBA, RHIA
Nominating Committee Chair ...............................Carol Melvin, RHIA
Nominating Committee .......................................Adrienne Dear, RHIA
Nominating Committee .......................................Lisa Simon
Nominating Committee .......................................Melissa Findley, RHIT, CCS
Executive Director ..............................................Ron Melvin

2010-2011 Committee Chairs

By-Laws ..........................................................Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA
Ethics ...........................................................Rita Brown, RHIA
Marketing & Communication .........................Allison Sutterfield, RHIA
Continuing Education (Roundtable) ..................Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P
Continuing Education (Program) .......................Mary Murphree, RHIA, CCS
Alternative Settings ........................................Trannie Murphy
Diversity Committee ........................................Adrienne Dear, RHIA
Legislative/Regulatory ......................................Susan McMillan, RHIA
Finance ..........................................................Lori Little, RHIA
Door Prize .....................................................Melissa A. Findley, RHIT, CCS
Silent Auction ..................................................Cynthia Bouchard, MLS, RHIA

2010-2011 Council Directors

Delta ...............................................................Hannah Waldon, RHIA
East Central ....................................................Angie Buckley, RHIT, CCS
Gulf Coast .........................................................Enid Robateau, RHIT
Jackson/Vicksburg ..........................................Lorie Mills, RHIT, CCS
Northeast .......................................................Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS
Pine Belt ..........................................................Lorie Mills, RHIT & Cassandra Stribling, RN,
CCS, CM, CPUR
Southwest .......................................................Melissa Findley, RHIT, CCS

MSHIMA Distinguished Member Award

1990 Miriam Seale, RHIA
1991 Judy Moulder, MHA, RHIA, CTR
1992 Peggy Smith, RHIA
1993 Cindy Dishongh, RHIA
1994 Sarah Helen Beckham, RHIA
1995 Ann Peden, RHIA, CCS
1996 Mary Crossman, RHIA – Lifetime Achievement
1997 Sandy Willems, RHIA
1998 Deborah Lee, RHIT
1999 Doris Harris, RHIA
2000 Trannie Murphy, RHIA, CCS
2001 Karen Johnson, RHIA, CCS, CPHQ
2002 Terri Hughes, RHIA
2003 Cindy White, RHIA
2004 Joy Tomlinson, RHIA
2005 Loralei McGee, RHIA, CCS
2006 Julie Roussell, RHIA
2007 Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS, CCSP
2008 Susan Perkins, RHIT, CCS
2009 Patsy Hathorn, RHIA
2010 Carol Melvin, RHIA

PAST MSHIMA PRESIDENTS

1947-48 Maude M. Holmes, RRL, Jackson
1948-49 Mavis Phillips, Hattiesburg
1949-50 Martha Wood, RRL, Houston
1950-51 Gertrude McCalip, RRL, Columbia
1951-52 Mildred O’Ryan, RRL, Vicksburg
1952-53 Annette S. Zeik, RRL, Hattiesburg
1953-54 Jeanette M. Hazel, RRL, Vicksburg
1955-56 Sister Mary Camille, RRL, Meridian
1956-57 Nellie S. Smith, RRL, Jackson
1957-58 Mary Garvin, RRL, Vicksburg
1958-59 Mary Senter Oglevee, RRL, Jackson
1959-60 Janice Young, RRL, Tupelo
1960-61 Chariess Jennings, RRL, Greenwood
1961-62 Sister Josephine Theresa, RRL, Jackson
1962-63 Fannie Kyker, RRL, Jackson
1963-64 Sister M. Viventia, RRL, Jackson
1964-65 Mary Rawson, RRL, Jackson
1965-66 Martha Wood, RRL, Houston
1966-67 Ann Hankins, RRL, Jackson
1967-68 Mary Williamson Crossman, RRL, Whitfield
1968-69 Gwendolyn Green Box, RRL, Jackson
1969-70 Kitty Speede Oyler, RRL, Jackson
1970-71 Margaret Holderby Liggett, RRL, Jackson
1971-72 Mary Patterson, RHIA, Jackson
1972-73 Inez Prince, RHIA, Natchez
1973-74 Doris Harris, RHIA, Brandon
1974-75 Vesta Chesteen, RHIA, Jackson
1975-76 Rebecca Yates, RHIA, Jackson
1976-77 Helen Smith, RHIT, Greenville
1977-78 Jennifer White, RHIA, Cleveland
1978-79 Phyllis Icomb, RHIA, Jackson
1979-80 Judy H. Moore, RHIA, Jackson
1980-81 Kathy E. Piazza, RHIA, Jackson
1981-82 Hope Nicholson, RHIT, Jackson
1982-83 Susan McMillan, RHIA, Oxford
1983-84 Laura Lynn Goudelock, RHIA, New Albany
1984-85 Debbie Christie, RHIA, Jackson
1985-86 Debbie Miner, RHIA, Ocean Springs
1986-87 Charlye E. Nichols, RHIA, Jackson
1987-88 Joann M. Iacaboni, RHIA, Jackson
1988-89 Miriam Morris Seale, RHIA, Hattiesburg
1989-90 Peggy Blackledge Smith, RHIA, Jackson
1990-91 Beth Butchart Womack, RHIA, Canton
1991-92 Cindy Dishongh, RHIA, Jackson
1992-93 Sarah Helen Beckham, RHIA, Jackson
1993-94 Judy T. Moulder, MHA, RHIA, CTR, Jackson
1994-95 Martha Lawrence, RHIT, Kosciusko
1995-96 Ann Peden, RHIA, CCS
1996-97 Deborah Lee, RHIT, Canton
1997-98 Trannie Murphy, RHIA, CCS, Canton
1998-99 Susan Hunter, MBA, RHIA, Brandon
1999-00 Karen Johnson, RHIA, CCS, CPHQ, Jackson
2000-01 Terri Hughes, RHIA, Tupelo
2001-02 Melissa Rogers, RHIA, Jackson
2002-03 Cindy White, RHIA, Brandon
2003-04 Loralei McGee, RHIA, CCS, Tupelo
2004-05 Loralei McGee/Julie Roussell, RHIA, Poplarville
2005-06 Julie Roussell, RHIA, Poplarville
2006-07 Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS, CCSP, Tupelo
2007-08 Candice Kittrell, MBA, RHIA, CCS-P, Jackson
2008-09 Patsy Hathorn, RHIA, Jackson
2009-10 Carol Melvin, RHIA, Hattiesburg
2010-2011 Stacey Upton, RHIT, CCS
The 63rd MSHIMA Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Carol Melvin at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES AND REPORTS: As the minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting were published in the 2009 Annual Report, a motion was made and seconded to suspend the reading of the minutes, along with a motion made and seconded to approve those minutes. All present approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Executive Director, Ron Melvin reported that as MSHIMA’s fiscal year was July through June, the Treasurer’s report, along with the Statement of Revenues and Expenses, could not be published until the close of the fiscal year. The Statement of Revenues and Expenses will be published on the website once approved by the Board of Directors.

RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ron Melvin was introduced to the membership as Executive Director. Mr. Melvin has served as Interim Executive Director for 2009 and has agreed to accept this position permanently.

COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS: Committee and Council Reports were noted to have been published in the 2009 Annual Report for all members’ review.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS: Carol Melvin delivered the outgoing President’s address, noting the progress that was made during the previous year and expressed her honor at holding the position for which she was elected.

BYLAWS AMMENDMENT: A Bylaws amendment was proposed by the Board of Directors changing the Secretary/Treasurer’s term to two years instead of one. This would help with consistency as other Officers are elected annually. A second proposal was also made that a term of Office cannot be held by the same person consecutively. Discussion was held and some members felt this would limit volunteering as there is oftentimes when a ballot is not completely full due to lack of volunteers to run for Office. Rita Brown, Ethics Committee Chair oversaw the counting of membership and validation of results. The Bylaws Amendment passed with the required two-thirds vote.

INSTALLATION OF 2010 OFFICERS: Nena Scott served as Parliamentarian in the installation of officers for the upcoming year. Stacey Upton (President), Angela Morey (President-Elect), Laura Little (Secretary/Treasurer), Candice Kitrell (2nd Year Delegate), Lorie Mills (1st Year Delegate), Lori Little (Member Liaison-North), Susan Perkins (Member Liaison-Central), Kory Hudson (Member Liaison-South), Adrienne Dear (Nomination Committee), Lisa Simon (Nomination Committee), Melissa Findley (Nominating Committee).

INCOMING PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS: Stacey Upton, incoming President addressed the membership expressing her appreciation of the membership participation. As encouragement to Stacey a letter was read by Sarah Helen Beckham CEO of North Mississippi Medical Center stating the pride and support of NMMC for Stacey.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol Melvin, MSHIMA 2008 President, adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Little, CCS, CPC
Incoming Secretary/Treasurer
2010-2011 Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee  Submitted by Chair:  Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA
There were no bylaws amendments, additions, deletions or changes made during the year

Legislative & Advocacy Committee  Submitted by Chair:  Susan McMillan, RHIA
Committee Members: Carol Armstrong, RHIT, Patricia Evans, RHIA, Patsy Hathorn, RHIA, and Judy Moulder, RHIA

MSHIMA hosted State Hill Day on an icy February 3, 2011, serving homemade breakfast items to Legislators and staff. Letters promoting MSHIMA and the health information exchange were placed in all Legislators’ mailboxes. MSHIMA members present enjoyed using the newly designed business cards when conversing with the Legislators and staff.

Committee members monitored both Federal and State legislative and regulatory activities with specific attention given to changes/modifications in laws. The current Legal Manual was reviewed for any changes and updates that were required. Websites, statutes and resource materials were added for HIPAA, ARRA, HITECH and Meaningful Use and will be available at the annual meeting.

An Advocacy booth will be available at the annual meeting for information regarding the advocacy process. AHIMA brochures, and MSHIMA business cards will be available to assist the membership in promoting our profession.

Ethics Committee  Chair: Rita Brown, RHIA
The Ethics Committee main goals as outlined in the year’s strategic plan were as follows:

- Insure understanding of Code of Ethics
  - An abbreviated version of the AHIMA Code of Ethics is published on the MSHIMA website for all members.

- Review, revise as appropriate and publish on web site Vision, Mission and Values of MSHIMA.
  - MSHIMA Mission, Vision and Value statements have been reviewed and no revisions are necessary at this time.

- Sanction MSHIMA Board of Directors 2010/2011 election results.
  - The 2011/2012 candidates for MSHIMA Board of Directors all ran unopposed, therefore an election was not held.

Finance Committee  Submitted by Chair:  Carol Melvin, RHIA
Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee  Submitted by Chair:  Carol Melvin, RHIA
Nothing to report.
**Diversity Committee** Submitted by Chair: Adrienne Dear, RHIA
Nothing to report.

**Alternative Settings Committee** Submitted by Chair: Trannie Murphy, RHIA

The alternative setting committee has reached out to the following organizations and shared the MSHIMA Annual Meeting Agenda with Mississippi Healthcare Association, Mississippi Independent Nursing Home Association, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, Mississippi Primary Health Care Association and Mississippi Hospital Association. They all stated that they would share the agenda with their members. These organizations were told that MSHIMA is striving to reach out to AHIMA credentialed staff in alternative settings. They were also informed that credentialed staff need to receive 6 to 18 hours of coding taught by an AHIMA trained instructor to maintain their credentials.

As part of the committee work we will develop a group to facilitate sharing information such as this in the future.

**Marketing & Communications Committee** Submitted by Chair: Allison Sutterfield, RHIA

Website Coordinator: Allison Sutterfield, RHIA
Committee Members: Angela Morey, MSM, RHIA; Mary E. Morton, PhD, RHIA; Kristy Nugent, RHIA; John Farrish, RHIA; Sandra Bowman

Goal 1: To keep the MSHIMA website content updated.
Content has been continually updated throughout the year including new job opportunities and administrative postings such as meeting minutes and forms. Website traffic has steadily increased since content overhaul with over 800 visits over the past month.

Goal 2: To create and disseminate a quarterly MSHIMA newsletter to the membership.
Quarterly newsletters went out via email to over 900 members in August, November, February and May, and were posted to the MSHIMA website. In addition, the newsletter was sent via email to all HIM Directors across the state.

Goal 3: To recruit and mentor a new committee chair, as well as committee members.
Kristy Nugent, RHIA, was recruited to chair the Marketing and Communication Committee for 2011-2012. In addition, two new members were added to the committee: John Farrish, RHIA, and Sandra Bowman.
2010-2011 MSHIMA Council Updates

Pinebelt Council Submitted by Council Director, Lorie Mills, RHIT

The Pinebelt council has had an active year with the total of 4 quarterly meeting for the year of 2010 – 2011. August 24, a meeting was held at Forrest General Hospital at 5:30. Lorie B Mills, RHIT presented; Documentation! You Hate It. We Hate It. We all have to do it. Kory Hudson, RHIA; Member Liaison for the South, was present and give information on the workings of the MSHIMA Board and the future road we would be taking. December 6, a meeting was held at Wesley Medical Center at 5:30. Cathleen Swisher, RHIA presented an overview of Privacy in HIM. The council also hosted a Christmas ornament exchange. February 15, a meeting was held at Forrest General Hospital at 5:30. Forrest General provided a speaker from their RAC department. A presentation was given on the impact of RAC and some of the steps that could be put into place to manage this program. During this meeting assessment fees were paid for the year and Lorie Mills, RHIT, stepped down from position of Council Director that she had held for several years. Cassandra Stribling, RN, CCS stepped up and assumed the role as the new Council Director. Kim Widdershoven, RHIT, is the current Treasurer. Janie L. Stribling RMC is the current Secretary. May 10, the final meeting for the year was held at Forrest General at 5:30. Cassandra presented material on ICD 10 and laid plans for the current year for the Pinebelt Council. The council has averaged 8 to 12 members present at each meeting throughout the year. Thank you Council for allowing me to serve you over the years, and thank you Cassandra for stepping up to take the wheel.

Gulf Coast Council Submitted by Council Director: Enid Robateau, RHIT

Officers:
Program Chairperson – Becky Smith, RHIT
Treasurer – Raenell Rohlfs, CPC
Secretary – Constance Epps

Summary of Meetings:

◊ August 2010 – Gulf Coast Council hosted an ICD-10 seminar by DocuVoice. Karen Scott was the speaker and gave information on preparing and implementing ICD-10.

◊ December 2, 2010 – Laura Little presented the 2011 CPT updates. She also informed everyone of the CCS Boot Camp to be held Spring 2011 at Forest General in Hattiesburg. Kory and Laura provided an update on the State Meeting.

◊ February 2011 – This meeting was hosted by Memorial Hospital @ Gulfport and the topic of discussion was “Procedure Description and Guidance for coding a Bronchoscopy”. Laura Little provided an update regarding State Meeting to be held in Jackson June 20-22, 2011. Two (2) CE hours were issued.

◊ May 2011 – This meeting was to be hosted by Biloxi Regional Medical Center. The topic of discussion was on coding Wound Care. Elections were held and the Director - Nelicia Sturges, RHIT, Program Chair - Rhonda Bridges, CCS, Treasurer - Raenell Rohlfs, CPC and Secretary - Kimberly Williams, RHIT. Two (2) CE hours were issued.

Northeast Council Submitted by Council Director: Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS, CCSP

Officers:
Secretary-Mallory Pennington
Nothing to report.

Southwest Council

Officers: Council Director– Melissa Findley, RHIT, CCS
Secretary/Treasurer– Terry Stutzman, RHIA, CCS
Nothing to report.
Northeast Council Update—
Submitted by Council Director, Nena Scott, MSEd, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P

In October 2011 a quarterly Northeast Council meeting was held at the NMHS Coding and Reimbursement Office.

◊ Requests for volunteers for the President and Secretary positions were discussed.
◊ There was a vote and it was anonymous that Nena Scott would be the new council director.
◊ Then it was voted on anonymously that since there were no volunteers for secretary that Nena would appoint a secretary. Later on the Secretary position was announced to Mallory Pennington, RHIT.

On January 13, 2011 a quarterly Northeast Council meeting was held at Itawamba Community College.

◊ In attendance were 10 members.
◊ Meeting time of 2:00-5:00pm.
◊ Agenda included: Lori Little, Health IT Workforce Training Program, Meaningful Use Webinar and MSHIMA Board update.
◊ 3 CE Hours were received.

On April 14, 2011 a second quarterly Northeast Council meeting took place at Itawamba Community College.

◊ In attendance were 20 members.
◊ Meeting time of 2:00 – 5:00 pm.
◊ Agenda included: Charles Vinson, Essential Skills of Leadership and Communication and MSHIMA Board update.
◊ 3 CE Hours were received.

Action Items:
Motion was made to give away (2) Gift Cards at the State Convention being held in June.

The next meeting to be held is on November 8th, 2011 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.
Jackson-Vicksburg Council
Submitted by Council Director: Angela Buckley, RHIT, CCS
Officers:
Secretary/Treasurer-Merelan Evans, RHIT.

The Jackson Vicksburg Council started the year off with new officers: Council Director, Angie Buckley, RHIT, CCS and Secretary/Treasurer – Merelan Evans, RHIT.

The first meeting was held at UMMC by invitation to attend the Health Information Community Initiatives program. The next two meetings were held in Jackson at the Colonnades Medical Office Building. A total of 7.5 continuing education hours were awarded for the members in attendance. At the May 11, 2011 meeting, the council voted to provide a “Not So Silent Auction” item for the MSHIMA Annual Meeting to be held June 20-22, 2011.

November 12, 2010 – Attendees 46
Event: UMMC Health Information Community Initiatives:

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March 30, 2011 – Attendees 31
Agenda:
- “Hardwiring Organizational Excellence using Six Sigma Principles”
  - Presented by Jason Neel, SSBB, CCNA, NCA
- “ICD-10 Update”
  - Presented by Tonya Mitchell, RHIT
- “Electronic Health Records – HITECH Workforce Training Overview”
  - Presented by Michelle McGuffee, RHIA
- MSHIMA Updates and JVC Council Business Meeting

May 11, 2011 – Attendees 19
Agenda:
- “Infection Control in Hospitals”
  - Presented by Erica Payne, RN
- “Coding Compliance”
  - Presented by Cynthia Taylor, RHIA
- MSHIMA Updates and JVC Council Business Meeting

East Central Council
Submitted by Council Director: Rita Brown, RHIA
Officers:
Judith Beesley, RHIT Secretary
Sandy Davidson, RHIT Treasurer
Nothing to report.
HIT/IT Workforce Program in Electronic Health Records offered by Hinds Community College

Hinds CC has moved into year two of the ONC Community College Consortium project. Hinds CC began the training on September 27, 2010 and has completed 1 group of students with 2 more groups of students currently in progress.

Highlights of the program:
Federally funded curriculum development
Train in six months or less
Online classes with flexible schedule
Tuition refunded after successful completion of program
National competency exam developed by AHIMA (funded by the ONC)

Apply Now!! The last scheduled class begins in September 2011!

Please review our website for admission criteria and for an application at www.hindscc.edu/EHR.

Workforce Roles offered by Hinds CC:

**EHR Technical/Software Support** role will:
Interact with end users to diagnose IT problems and implement solutions
Document IT problems and evaluate the effectiveness of problem resolution
Support systems security and standards

**EHR Trainer** role will:
Be able to use a range of health IT applications
Communicate both health and IT concepts
Assess training needs and competencies of learners
Design lesson plans, structuring active learning experiences for users

For a brochure or more information about how to apply, admission criteria, costs, or any other questions, please contact Penny Carter at Hinds Community College at penny.carter@hindscc.edu or call 601-376-4844.

Funding for this project was made available through the Office of the National Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, award number 90CC0078/01 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Public Law 111-5: Information Technology Professionals in Health Care: Community College Consortia to Edu-cate Information Technology Professionals in Health Care.
Hinds Community College
Health Information Technology program update

The HIT program is currently in the middle of summer school with 14 students enrolled in the program moving in to their 2nd year. We will be accepting 20 students for the fall and still have remaining openings for the program.

Hinds is excited to offer a new night track beginning this fall. We already have several students enrolled so we look forward to this being a great success. Students will meet one night a week on Mondays for the fall. Days of the week/times will change for the spring semester.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with our students in their professional practice experience this past year. We could not teach them all that they need to know without you. Thanks also to those who were guest speakers over the year. The student’s enjoy hearing information from those in the workplace.

If anyone would like more information about the HIT program or the new night track option, please contact Michelle McGuffee, RHIA at mlmcguffee@hindscc.edu or (601)376-4823.

Submitted by:

Michelle McGuffee, RHIA
Hinds Community College
Health Information Technology
1750 Chadwick Drive, Jackson, MS 39204
(601)376-4823
The 2010-2011 school year has been a very exciting one for the Meridian Community College HIT program. MCC’s Health Information Technology program completed the Spring semester with 9 graduating students, 2 of which were online. The graduates are busy studying for the national exam. Five of the graduates have secured full-time positions in local health care facilities with the majority working in Coding Departments. We have 12 returning sophomores, with five of those being on-line students. We have also admitted 31 students to begin the program in fall of 2011 with 14 of those freshmen being online students.

Krystal Powe, RHIT, CCS took over the Program Coordinator position in August of 2011 after completing a Bachelor Degree in Healthcare Administration from Mississippi State University. Robin Jones, RHIA retired after 28 years of service and dedication to the program and the community. Robin has been a mentor to so many students over the years, including myself, and I can attest to her ability to instruct and her demand for academic excellence from each of her students. She is currently teaching online classes part time in the HIT program.

Krystal Powe, Program Coordinator as well as HIT Instructor Rebecca Higginbotham became AHIMA Certified ICD-10 Trainers in April of 2011. They will begin training previous graduates as well as the community in Fall 2011.

Lameka Wilson was chosen as our Meridian Community College HIT Student of the Year. She was honored on April 18th here on campus at our awards ceremony. Jenna Linton was chosen as our MSHIMA Outstanding Student Award.

We are also excited to announce the addition of a new course titled Electronic Health Record which will begin in the fall of 2011. We feel this will better prepare our students for the ever changing technology that is found in our profession. We feel it could not have come at a better time with the adoption of electronic health record systems by so many facilities becoming a reality.

Our online program is still going strong and we are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity especially to individuals already working in the field who want to become certified.

As always we want to thank our clinical sites for the outstanding job they do educating our students hands-on. Our program would not be the success it is without these individuals who take out time to teach our students.

Last but not least we once again have a 100% pass rate for our nationals in the 2010 class and would like to say congratulations to the 2010 and 2011 graduates for their accomplishment. We would also like to mention that they are all working in the field.
The program at Itawamba Community College will have 15 returning sophomores and we will accept 16 freshman students. The returning sophomores are excited about their professional practice experience and they are looking forward to applying the knowledge that they have obtained in the classroom to the real world.

I want to thank all the professional practice sites that work with students. This is a vital part in the educational process. The students learn what is necessary to be productive in the Health Information field. The HIT program at ICC will be represented at the National Leadership Conference for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in Anaheim, CA. This is a competitive event and the students became eligible for this event by placing in the top three at the state level. The HIT students were encouraged to participate in HOSA because it is a great opportunity for students to gain leadership experience.

The instructors at ICC are always interested in any recruiting opportunity. If anyone knows of a student that is interested in a career in Health Information Technology please have them email Nena Scott at npscott@iccms.edu or call 666-620-5123.

**HIT/IT Workforce Program in Electronic Health Records offered by Itawamba Community College**

Itawamba Community College has moved in to year two of the ONC Community College Consortium project. ICC began the training on September 27, 2010 and has completed 2 group of students with 15 completers and 30 in progress.

**Workforce Roles offered by Itawamba Community College:**

This program is designed to be completed in an online environment, within six months or less, and allows a student to focus on one of the following workforce roles:

- Practice workflow and information management redesign specialist
- Clinician/practitioner consultant
- Implementation support specialist
- Implementation manager
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The University of Mississippi Medical Center's Program Update

School of Health Related Professions Honors Day 2011

On May 6, 2011 the Health Informatics and Information Management Class of 2011 met for an informal breakfast with parents and teachers before the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony was hosted by the School of Health Related Professions in the Nelson Student Union on the Medical Center Campus. Award winners include (from left to right) Jin Young Hyun – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Excellence in Coding Award, Carisa Nixon – Mississippi Health Information Management Association Outstanding Health Informatics and Information Management Student Award as well as the Regions Bank Health Informatics and Information Management Scholastic Award, Kristy Nugent – The Rebecca J. Yates Professional Presentation Award, and John Farrish – Health Informatics and Information Management Leadership Award.

New Options Available for HIM education at UMMC

We have some exciting new opportunities available at UMMC in Health Informatics and Information Management education. In 2010, we launched a Health Informatics track in the Master of Health Sciences (MHS) program. We have had a great response to this program both from our own alumni as well as from individuals without a background in HIM. Because many applicants to the MHS program were interested in attaining RHIA eligibility through the master’s program, we designed a post-baccalaureate certificate option that would allow individuals to take the courses necessary to sit for the RHIA exam upon completion of the MHS. Again, we found that there was a lot of interest in this option as well.

As you may know, AHIMA is encouraging master’s degree education for the RHIA. Because of this and the healthy number of applications we have had for the Health Informatics track in the MHS program, we are transitioning our traditional, face-to-face BS degree HIIM Program to an online Master’s degree program. For the time being, we are enrolling students in the MHS program, but we are also proposing a separate Master of Health Informatics and Information Management (MHIIM) degree to be considered by the Board of Institutions of Higher Learning later this year. If approved, we will be able to offer both an entry-level track for individuals pursuing RHIA eligibility and an advanced practice or health informatics track for our own graduates and others interested in an advanced HIIM education. If the MHIIM is not approved, we will still be able to achieve our goals through the MHS program. If you or anyone you know might be interested in one of our master’s options, please let us know.

Please note that the RHIT progression program will continue as a bachelor’s degree program. We are excited about some new opportunities for this program, too, so if you know any individuals with the RHIT who are interested in furthering their education, please encourage them to contact us.

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