Going to the HIMSS Annual Conference in Orlando?

SAVE THE DATE:

(go to Utah-himss.org for registration links and more information)

February 24: HIMSS14 Communities Open House

Valencia Foyer – Orange County Convention Center, Orlando , Florida

5:30-6:30pm

Mix and mingle with HIMSS staff, volunteers and chapter leaders for casual and informative discussions of HIMSS communities, Special Interest Groups (SIG's), Fellows and chapters. Light refreshments served.

February 25: Utah Health IT Day

7:30-10am

Utah State Capital—Senate Copper Room

"ACA Impressions Post Implementation"

Speakers: Representative Jim Dunnigan, Senator Brian Shizawa, Steve Burrill, Dave Gessel, and Tanja Northrup. Space is limited so register early on the UHIMSS website. We are appreciative of Deloitte sponsoring this event with a wonderful complimentary breakfast.

April 21: Spring Conference

11:30am-1pm

Enjoy lunch and learn about some exciting new technologies that will be highlighted.

President's Message—Julie Beard

Our 2014 year is off to a great start. We enjoyed a wonderful webinar presentation from Shawn Wells, BS, RHIT, ICD-10 Coordinating Manager for University of Utah Healthcare (UUHC) ; Michelle Knuckles, RHIT, Manager CDI and Inpatient Coding, UUHC and Stephanie Mazza, CCS, I-10 Trainer UUHC entitled "**Preparing for ICD-10: Implementation and Utilization of Computer Assisted Coding to drive Coding Accuracy and Productivity, Clinical Documentation, and Quality Improvement".** They shared the magnitude of the project, their insights and productivity experience with natural language processing for coding and the benefits they experienced with the analytical reporting tools for ongoing ICD-10 impact evaluation and staff preparation. If you did not get an opportunity to listen to the webinar, it is available on the UHIMSS website.

Feb. 24 5:30 – 6:30 Communities Open House, HIMSS14 - Annual Conference

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We are excited and hope that you will stop by and enjoy visiting with your Utah Chapter of HIMSS Board participating in the HIMSS Communities Open House. Come learn about the benefits of becoming engaged with your Utah Chapter of HIMSS:

Chris Smith, CIO Central Utah Clinic, Program Chair

Teresa Rivera, President UHIN, HIE Co-Chair

Nancy Staggers, Professor Informatics U of Maryland, Communication Co-Chair

Mike Nelson, Director Leavitt Partners, Spring Conference Chair

Ralph Reyes, President HCSage, VP ClearData Networks, Sponsorship Chair

Take this opportunity to see true value in HIMSS membership. Mix and mingle with HIMSS staff, volunteers and chapter leaders for casual and informative discussions of HIMSS communities, Special Interest Groups (SIG's), Fellows and chapters. More than 40 tables are ready to introduce you to HIMSS. Light refreshments will be served.

Feb. 25 Utah Health IT Day

As a result of the incredible efforts of the Advocacy Committee, led by Paul Sanders, and Phillip Kimball, Governor Herbert declared Feb. 25, as Utah Health Information Technology Day! Don't miss the upcoming **Utah Health IT Day, "ACA Impressions Post Implementation"** at the Utah State Capital on **Feb. 25, Senate Building Copper Room 7:30 – 10:00 AM**.

Representative Jim Dunnigan, Health Reform Task Force and Senator Brian Shizawa, Senate Health and Human Services Committee will be sharing their insight and perspective on the Affordable Care Act. We will also have the pleasure of hearing form Steve Burrill, a partner at Deloitte and a national leader on the Healthcare Providers Marketplace; Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President Utah Hospital Association, and Tanja Northrup, Assistant Commissioner Utah Insurance Dept. Space is limited so register early on the UHIMSS website. We are appreciative of Deloitte sponsoring this event with a wonderful complimentary breakfast.

May 21 Spring Conference "Driving Value through Health Information Technology"

Hosted by Utah Health Executives and UHIMSS from 8:00 – 4:00 PM at the beautiful Rice-Eccles Stadium, Tower Room 6th floor.

The agenda will be packed with outstanding speakers, provide an excellent opportunity to network and learn about some of the exciting technology from our vendor sponsors. Final details on the agenda will be available on the UHIMSS website within the next couple of weeks.

Vote for new Board Member

I am excited to share with you that Dr. Matt Hoffman, MD, MS, Chief Medical Informatics Officer for the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN) is interested in serving as Co-Chair on our Physician Member at Large Committee. After receiving his business degree, Dr. Hoffman attended the University of Utah for both his Medical Doctorate and Masters in Biomedical Informatics. He has over eight years of experience in Health IT, including two years at the Chief Medical Informatics Officer at UHIN. Dr. Hoffman is passionate about the power of IT to improve the care of patients. He views UHIMSS as the perfect venue to bring members of the community together for the betterment of healthcare in the state and beyond. Please indicate your vote for Dr. Hoffman to serve on the UHIMSS Board by Feb. 14 by clicking the following link to the UHIMSS website.

Calling for new Board Members:

Within the next couple of months, terms will be ending for some of our current Board Members. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me. Jgbeard1@gmail.com. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, will begin this process in April to identify potential new Board members for consideration and nomination by the membership.

I extend a warm welcome to our new members and continue to encourage our current membership to enjoy the benefits of becoming involved. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President with such an amazing Board. Thank you for all you do to make a difference in healthcare.

As always, I welcome your feedback at jgbeard1@gmail.com.

Student Liaison Committee Initiatives

We have modified the Student UHIMSS Scholarship to include a separate undergraduate and graduate student award each of $500 for this year. The deadline for the 2014-2015 school year will be April 1, 2014.
See the http://www.utah-himss.org/education/education2.html Utah HIMSS site for the scholarship details and application.

We are also starting an Internship Clearinghouse service for UHIMSS students. Please contact Kim Bartholomew at barthoki@uvuedu or Katherina Holzhauser at katherina.holzhauser@imail.org if your organization offers any HIT or HIM internships. We would like to feature as many internship opportunities as we can. The UHIMSS Internship Clearinghouse will be located at: http://www.utah-himss.org/education/education1.html.

The Student Liaison team is also creating a targeted member benefit brochure for students and faculty. We hope to get this brochure approved and distributed to various schools with Informatics, HIT, HIS , or HIM undergraduate or graduate programs.

- Kim Bartholomew—UHIMSS Student Liaison Chair
- Katherina Holzhauser—UHIMSS Student Liaison Co-Chair