

## NCHIA Candidate Biographies

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Director - Cheryl B. Austin, RHIT**

Cheryl has thirty-seven (37) years of health care management experience. She currently serves as Corporate Director, Clinical Information Management - Quality Team Division at Telecare Corporation in Alameda, CA since 2014.

### **NCHIA Delegate to CHIA House of Delegates - Julia Duckworth Iljas, BA, RHIT**

Degrees and Credentials:

BA, San Jose State University, May 2011

RHIT, Chabot College, October 1998

I work from home – I am currently a stay at home mom & property manager. Also, I've been working with: Swim Team, Girl scouts, Little League, PTSA/School Volunteer (BoxTops coordinator), Odyssey of the Mind, etc. over the last six years as a volunteer, fund raiser, graphic designer, and leader. My previous experience in Health Information is as a director, manager, supervisor, clerk, birth registrar, etc. Excited about the prospect of returning!

### **NCHIA Delegate to CHIA House of Delegates - Sandy Hames, MLS, RHIA, CHP**



After being away from California for 3 years, I am thrilled to be back! I am on the CHIA ballot for an NCHIA Delegate position. I have been in the Health Information Management, Privacy, and Educator profession for more than 20 years. I have been a member of NCHIA for 20 years, served previously as NCHIA President for 1 ½ terms, served on the NCHIA Education Committee for 10 years, and served on various CHIA committees. I currently work at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital as the Health Information Services Operations Manager. Please vote for me for NCHIA Delegate position.

**NCHIA Delegate to CHIA House of Delegates - Debra Ellen Martin, RHIT, CDIP, CCS**

Degrees and Credentials:

AS, Medical Record Technology, Fresno City College. 1976

RHIT, 1978

CCS, 1995

CDIP, 2013

Current Position:

Regional Interim Coding Manager, Marin-Sonoma Area; Kaiser Permanente Foundation Health Plan

**NCHIA Delegate to CHIA House of Delegates - Patricia Owens-Gomes, BA, RHIT, CCS**



Credentials & Degrees:

Certified Coding Specialist, AHIMA, 2015

Registered Health Information Technician, AHIMA, 2011

AS, Health Information Technology, City College San Francisco, 2010, *with honors*

BA, English Literature, University of California, Berkeley, 1989

Current Position:

Coding Professional

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital

My focus is primarily inpatient coding, but I also code outpatient, and work across all our clinical service lines. In addition to coding, I am often asked to do testing prior to roll-out of a new process or after software updates. I have also been an active member of the Forms Committee (2013-2017) and helped initiate the bar-coding process on all of our forms in support of electronic document management.