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The [GOCHIA February 2019 Newsletter](#) is now available online. Check it out to stay current with local news, events, job openings and more!

SPECIAL THANKS

We'd like to thank Judy Holloway for her very informative and popular CPT updates presentation held at CHOC on January 24.

GOCHIA BALLOT FOR 2019/2020

Voting period for the GOCHIA 2019/2020 Board will be from Monday 2/18 to Tuesday 2/26.

Candidates:

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| President-Elect: | Rachael Goodman, RHIA |
| Secretary: | Lizbeth Felix, RHIA |
| CHIA House of Delegates (choose 2): | Venus Alejandrino, RHIA |
| | Patty Durkee, RHIA |
| | Kathleen Witte, RHIA, CCS |

Note there is also a write-in option for each of the positions.

Please see GOCHIA CLA page at <https://californiahia.org/clas/gochia> for the voting link.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March: HIM Career and Education Panel Discussion (no CEUs) * Free Event *****

A panel of HIM professionals will share their path to and role within HIM.

March 9, 2019 (Saturday)

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Wade Center conference room

CHOC Children's Hospital, 1201 West LaVeta, Orange 92868

Advanced Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/him-career-and-education-panel-tickets-56719820510>

April: RHIT/RHIA Exam Prep (3 CEUs)

An invaluable opportunity to help prepare for AHIMA certification exams.

April 13, 2019 (Saturday)

9:00 am – 12:00 am

TODOS Conference Rooms, 1st floor of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment
Across the street from St. Joseph Hospital. 1000 West LaVeta, Orange 92868

May: Graduate Recognition Dinner

May 3, 2019 (Friday)

Time TBD

Knott's Berry Farm

CHIA NEWS

2019-2020 CHIA Board Election Results

President-elect: Melany Merryman, MSL, RHIA, CRCR (IAHIA)

Directors: Sally Gibbs, RHIA, CCS (SVHIA)

Vivian Thomas, RHIA, CHDA, CHPS, CPHQ, CDIP (GOCHIA)

AHIMA Delegate: Shirley Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC (SCHIA)

AHIMA Alternate Delegate: Liz Duggan Graham, RHIT, CCS (NCHIA)

HIM NEWS

Record Year for HIPAA Enforcement

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S Department of Health and Human Services concluded an all-time record year in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) enforcement activity. In 2018, OCR settled 10 cases and was granted summary judgment in a case before an Administrative Law Judge, together totaling \$28.7 million from enforcement actions. This total surpassed the previous record of \$23.5 million from 2016 by 22 percent. In addition, OCR also achieved the single largest individual HIPAA settlement in history of \$16 million with Anthem, Inc., representing a nearly three-fold increase over the previous record settlement of \$5.5 million in 2016.

Link: [2018 OCR HIPAA settlements and judgments](#)