

NCHIA Newsletter

North Coast Health Information Association

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The North Coast Health Information Association (NCHIA) is the California Health Information Association's (CHIA) Component Local Association (CLA) that serves the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Trinity.

Message from the President

We begin the 2019/2020 year and look forward to serving you, our NCHIA membership.

In the course of this year, NCHIA will align itself with CHIA's strategic plan set out for 2020/2022.



It will be an exciting year with several educational offerings and, of course, our wonderful annual holiday event in January.

If you have recommendations or suggestions for the NCHIA Board please reach out via the NCHIA email on the CHIA website.

If you would like to volunteer this year, reach out via the NCHIA email.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Freida Smith, RHIA
NCHIA President 2019/2020

NCHIA Members

Welcome to the First Edition of our new quarterly Newsletter.

Your BOD's are excited about the opportunity to provide you updated information about what is happening in our CLA.

Hello from the NCHIA Committee

Coming this Fall! A New and Improved Way to Follow and engage with the NCHIA.

Please follow us on social media: [Facebook page](#) and Instagram, which is coming soon. We encourage you to Like Us! 

Keep abreast of current news and events at our website (<http://California.org/clas/nchia>) where you will find updates, webinar information, and other upcoming events.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can make 2019-2020 a great year, please email us! NCHIA@californiahia.org

Sincerely yours,
2019-2019 NCHIA Committee

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!

- ☞ Name the columns of the newsletter
- ☞ Name the newsletter
- ☞ How can we serve your needs as a NCHIA member? Please answer survey on next page!

Name This Column — A Contest

Cheryl Austin, RHIT

The focus of this column is to continue to bring attention to the many issues and concerns surrounding HIM in the “continuum of care environment.” Our environment covers a wide spectrum of services, many of which are often overlooked.

This column's goal is to teach, educate, and discuss that spectrum of care and begin to develop strategies on how best to represent who we are and what we are about.

The “Name This Column” contest is asking you to bring our column to life with a “title” that describes the interests, ideas, and issues that concern the HIM Professional, who are in the “continuum of care environment.”

AHIMA's ENGAGE Community focuses on the “Continuum of Care Environment as: “A Community, that is accessible to the Public, to discuss how healthcare organizations across the care continuum are addressing issues related to care coordination, longitudinal and chronic care management.”

According to the CHIA's CoCare Committee, its focus is: “Research and recommend methods to enhance the recognition of the HIM professional at the post-acute level of care which may include:

- How to market the post-acute care setting to potential HIM professionals and to employers; and
- How to market HIM skills to the post-acute care setting. This charge would apply to not only skilled nursing units but also to other non-acute care settings such as hospice, home health, IRF, LTACH, etc.
- Provide articles and other resources to be printed in the CHIA Journal, CHIA Bulletin and/or on the CHIA website, specifically addressing the post-acute care or long-term care settings.”

This committee is no longer active, so we now have an opportunity to pick up where this focused CHIA Committee left off with the NCHIA column!

Contest Rules:

1. Provide your “Name the Column” Suggestion
2. Describe the meaning behind the name
3. Give your name, and your “Continuum of Care location”

All submissions will be reviewed and posted for all of our NCHIA members to select the best column name!

Send to:

Cheryl Austin, RHIT

cbaustin@telecarecorp.com

Subject Line: “Name This Column”

Deadline: October 30, 2019

NCHIA Members, Meet Your Board!

As we begin the 2019/2020 year we have a great NCHIA board who will work together to provide a great year for you our members.

2019/2020 NCHIA Board

Freida Smith, President
Terri Thomas, Past President
Debra Darden, President Elect
Cheryl Austin, 2nd Year Director
Debra Martin, 1st Year Director
Marie Conde, AHIMA Delegate
Nancy Andersen, Board Liaison
Roy Shurtliff, Secretary
Debbie Jue, Treasurer

We continue to look for volunteers if you have time. **We need you!**



STUDENT CORNER: Lily Dharmadi Brouette

Greetings everyone!
I am a second-semester student of the HIT program in City College of San Francisco. My professor, Wanda Ziemba, encouraged me to volunteer in NCHIA. My last employment was as a business manager for ten years in a solo proprietorship medical clinic in Sacramento suburbs. Lacking formal training for the position, I decided to take a sabbatical from work; hence, my reason to go back as a full-time student in two majors: Finance and HIT. I earned an A.A. degree in Business Administration in Indonesia, my home country. My last employment in Indonesia was as an executive assistant/assistant manager for the upper management of a worldwide leader in specialty-chemical with headquarter in Naperville, Illinois. I am excited to have a chance of getting involved with NCHIA and working together with everyone.

2019 AHIMA House of Delegates Sunday, September 15, 2019 Hyatt Regency Chicago, IL

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Health Data and
Information Conference
formerly AHIMA Convention & Exhibit
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CHIA President and Chief delegate Nancy Andersen and delegates Kamar Braish, Marie Conde, Shirley Lewis, and Melany Merrymen represented our membership at the House of Delegates meeting.

- **Action Forum #1 Thought Leadership, Professional Development, and Environmental Scanning**

Outcomes

HIM touches everything. Privacy and security practices need to break down barriers between compliance and IT to arrive at better practices. Take leadership roles in your organization, not just the HIM department. We need to be at the table with EHR vendors and app designers. Data governance is still a significant part of the work.

- **Action Forum #2 Health Information Professional**

Outcomes

Make sure your elevator pitch contains the following: state what the profession does or impacts, explore briefly what HIM does, name the organization and profession and state your role for the profession.

- **Action Forum #3 House Action Items**

Outcomes

Current bylaws revised to include the sentence prohibiting the Nominating Committee from having an uncontested position on the ballot. Other revisions to the bylaws will go to a newly created AHIMA Governance Taskforce.

- **Action Forum #4 Best Practices for Engagement, Communication and Process**

Outcomes

Vary networking activities at meetings, expand communication platforms, develop a K.I.S.S. communication plan, member engagement, offer Town Halls and have a student Liaison on CLA Boards.

NCHIA Member Survey

In preparation for the 2019 – 2020 membership year, we would like your opinion and or suggestions.

1. Would you prefer the educational sessions to be held as:
 - A. Webinars?
 - B. In person? If in person, would you prefer evening sessions? Or Saturday?
2. What type of subjects/topics would you like to be covered at the educational sessions?

