HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2013

MEMBERS
Kay Andersen, Jill Burrington-Brown, Tim Downie, Carol Garsi, *Nancy Gladish, *Sheila Green-Shook, 
*Bev Hillinger, *Jean Iverson, *Laura Koster, *Jean Kreibeil, Susan Lingle, Sean Longosky, Jim Mazurk,  

Steve Van Anda has moved out of state

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
*Teri Hinman

UNION REPRESENTATIVE
Union representative seat open – no candidates available

*members present

1. Welcome – Sheila Green-Shook, Chair

   The meeting was convened at 1430 hours. Sheila Green-Shook welcomed the members. Two new members were introduced, Teri Hinman, Student Representative and Rhona Moses, RHIA, CCS-P from Group Health Cooperative.

2. Program Status – Ellen Cadwell

   a. HIIM Program Approval – The Health Information Technology program was notified in October that CAHIIM had accepted and approved the annual evaluation of the program.

   b. Program Metrics Fall 2012- Winter 2013

   - 47 second year students –
     o 1 Summer 2012 graduate
     o 1 Fall 2012 graduate
     o 5 2nd year students obtained MCRS certificate Fall 2012
     o 41 students to take Professional Practice Experience, Winter/Spring 2013
       ▪ 32 Greater Seattle, 5 Washington State, 4 out of state
     o 1 HIT student dropped by end of Fall 2012

   - 137 first year students (Full and Part-time)
     o 4 Fall MCRS graduates
We have assisted 211 individuals interested in our program thus far for this academic year.

c. The 10/1/11 – 9/30/12 RHIT exam results were reviewed. 28 students/graduates took the exam. The pass rate was 93%. Twenty-seven students took the exam for the first time and 25 passed; one student was a repeat and did not pass. The total exam scores were 110% of the national scores.

d. AHIMA Coding Approval Process Updated – AHIMA has updated their certified coding program format. The process will be 100% online. The certification process will be every three years instead of five years. An annual certification will also be required. The report will be due June 30, 2013.

e. CAHIIM Revision Health Information Technology Program Approval Process – CAHIIM is also updating their reporting format this year. During the interval when they are designing the process programs will be required to report their metrics. This report will be due May 30, 2013.

3. Medical Coding and Reimbursement Specialist Program – Gloria Anderson

ICD-10 Delay – SCC Response HIIM 295 Gloria reviewed SCC’s response to the delay of ICD-10 in 2012. A 5 credit course, HIIM 295, was designed to teach the basics of ICD-9. This course was offered in Fall 2012 and a 2-credit course will be offered Fall 2013. Discussion ensued regarding how facilities were handling the transition period as the ICD-10 start date gets closer. Facilities will have to have coders who can still work with ICD-9 as there are so many years of that date in the computer systems. Encoders and crosswalks between ICD-9 and ICD-10 will be importance.

4. Professional Practice Experience (PPE) for HIT – Ellen reported that the 2nd year HIT students were using the online ChartWise to work gain a bit of experience in Clinical Documentation Improvement. The company has made their software available to us free of charge.

5. Capstone Project Update - Toni McKay reported that she and Sally Zeibak have been revising HIIM 235 Capstone Project. Students will be planning to convert from a paper medical record to an electronic record. Students will be working in groups and have responsibilities to complete assignments to move the project along

6. RHIT Track Models – Ellen and Gloria reported that to be in line with the AHIMA 2016 Vision the HIT program needs to have specialization tracks. The course information would be taught in the last 2 quarters of the program. Under consideration are Coding, Cancer Registry and Long Term Care. The committee agreed that all these specialized areas would be a benefit. Ellen reported that the biggest issue right now is getting the resources to design the courses. She may have once source in a student working on their BS degree in HIT. She is hoping to do her Professional Practice with Shoreline Community College. General discussion ensued about the changing job titles. In the Cancer Registry area there are not only jobs for registrars but also for abstractors.

7. Other Business - Kathy Peterson reported that the University of Washington baccalaureate program had enrolled 30 students this year.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be Thursday May 9, 2013. 14:30 – 16:00.

8. Adjournment – Sheila adjourned the meeting at 16:00 hours.