



Privacy and security
information "interesting and relevant; always excellent"



"Coding sessions: love Libman and one reason that I come. **Artificial intelligence**: "very impressive for process improvement & better coding"



Legislative affairs: "great snapshot of CT legal affairs" **Leadership**: "inspiring, fantastic speaker"

CtHIMA News

CtHIMA, a non-profit organization whose members are experts in health information, promote and advance national standards in order to foster excellence through advocacy, professional development, innovation and leadership.

Annual Conference News

The CtHIMA Annual Conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in Mystic, CT. The two day conference was well attended by our members and vendors alike. There were awesome speakers on a variety of topics from coding, billing, privacy and security to artificial intelligence; all engaging and informative (see example of member comments above).

Though the event was well attended our actual member numbers was slightly lower than past years and expenses up; some of the feedback received was related to time of year, cost of hotel accommodations (if staying for both days) and impact on personal life.

With that in mind the Board has voted to hold a One Day Annual Conference for 2019. The event will be held in August this year and will consist of two tracks: one related to the revenue cycle (e.g., coding, CDI, billing, collections, process improvement) and the other track related to general Leadership and HIM topics. Stay tuned – more information to come!!

Education

The CtHIMA Board has been busy planning upcoming educational sessions and strategy for the year to come. The November 9th educational session on HIPAA, TEFCA AI and security with speakers from OCR, YNHH, Attorney Jennifer Cox and our own James Donaher was an overwhelming success with members asking for "more" like this! We hear you and are planning more sessions to come.

Board Activity

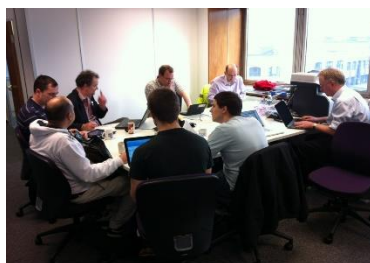
Besides the annual conference and educational sessions the Board tackled a long overdue project – cleaning out our storage unit. It was a cold dreary day in October and we uncovered lots of long forgotten treasures.

We think you'll be interested in seeing them and will perhaps take a trip down memory lane with what you see. (See Page 2 for first tidbit)!

We'll be displaying some of the historical documents, pictures and such at our meetings from time to time. If you have any photos or interesting tidbits from past conferences (CtHIMA or AHIMA) and would like to share them, please send them to our office coordinator, Tara.

By the way, we had a little help from a special guest who helped lift our spirits and provide a "warm nose" break from time to time. Do you know what board member she lives with?

Meet Thisbe!



Upcoming Events:

December 13th: Coding Roundtable: The agenda will cover Tumor Registry Snapshot, payer denials and trends, coding and clinical validation, HCCs, and CDI. **PLEASE NOTE** new location: Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT.

February 6th Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Preliminary agenda includes advocacy groups, Our True Colors, SPEAK, Stonewall, Planned Parenthood and speakers from YNHH; stay tuned for more details.

Lincoln College Closing (previously Briarwood College)

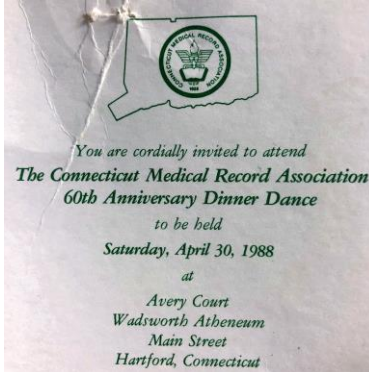
Lincoln College, also known to many as Briarwood College, is closing at the end of December 2018. Many of Connecticut's health information management and coding professionals were graduates of the Briarwood College.

As we bid adieu to this long-standing establishment here are some fun facts: Briarwood was founded in 1966 as Briarwood Secretarial School and became Briarwood College in 1979. In the summer of 2010 Briarwood College became Lincoln Technical College of New England. Between 1966 and 2010 there were 51 graduating classes!

For those of you needing a copy of your transcripts you may call (973) 736-9340 or locally (860) 627-4300.

From our archives:

Does anyone remember this one? Did you go or do you know anyone who went? Tell us- and if you have pictures, please share them with us!



The CT Medical Record Association
60th Anniversary Dinner Dance
Saturday April 30, 1988
Avery Court, Wadsworth Atheneum,
Hartford, Connecticut

Save the date:

August 16, 2019



Mark your calendars for the Annual CtHIMA 2019 Conference!

We're planning a new, more central location as well as a refreshed and exciting format. More to come ...

Stay tuned!!



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