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President's Message
Alan Thriffiley, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters (GC3) Conference in December at Beau Rivage. This first collaboration of the Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama chapters was a great success. The three chapters are currently working on the same type of event for later in 2014.

I encourage you to join the Louisiana Chapter at our events at HIMSS14. A limited number of passes are available to the Gulf Coast Chapters Reception on Sunday, February 23 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET. To register, please visit our website and use the VIP code "Crawfish". The Louisiana Chapter is also participating in the Communities Open House on Monday, February 24 from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM ET in the Valencia Foyer at the Orange County Convention Center. The open house is open to all HIMSS14 attendees. Louisiana members are also presenting or moderating the following sessions:

Monday, February 24 – 10:00 AM
Session 9
Hidden Pitfalls with Cloud, Mobile Technology and Mobile Data
Room 224E
Hank Fanberg (Morderator)

Monday, February 24 – 11:30 AM
Roundtable 301
Patient Engagement: It's for Small Clinics
Room 303A
Nadine Robin

Tuesday, February 25 – 1 PM
Session 102
Optimizing the Ambulatory EMR: A Systematic Approach to Realizing Value
Room 304 E
Claudia Blackburn

Wednesday, February 26 – 1:00 PM
Session 193
Aim to Sustain: Building a Business Model for HIE
Room 307A
Cindy Munn

Thursday, February 27 – 12 noon
Session 228
Clinical Decision Support: Is Progress Being Made?
Room 300
Chad Cothern (Moderator)

Both the GC3 and HIMSS14 are great opportunities for you to receive credits towards HIMSS Senior Membership and HIMSS Fellow. Attendance at regional and chapter events are worth three points each and attendance at the national conference is worth five points annually. Many of our members are eligible for at least senior status. Apply for senior or fellow status free today at:http://www.himss.org/get-involved/member-advancement?navItemNumber=16073

Inaugural HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters Conference

 The first HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters Conference was a wonderful success! The conference was held December 5-6, 2013 at the beautiful Beau Rivage Casino and Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi. HIMSS chapters from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coordinated the event. It was well attended with more than 200 registrants. The agenda was packed with top issues for today's health IT professional. Participants were also treated to a fun reception Thursday evening. The group plans make this an annual event.

Many thanks also go out to the wonderful sponsors of the conference: Cerner, Dell, Round Tower Technologies, Siemens, Perceptive Software, Anthelio, Orion Health, Leidos, Dynamic Health IT, Nuance, Louisiana Technology Council, Jvion, Encore Health Resources, Presidio, Vocera, TEKsystems, MModal, SuccessEHS, University of Mississippi School of Health Related Professions and EMC[2.]

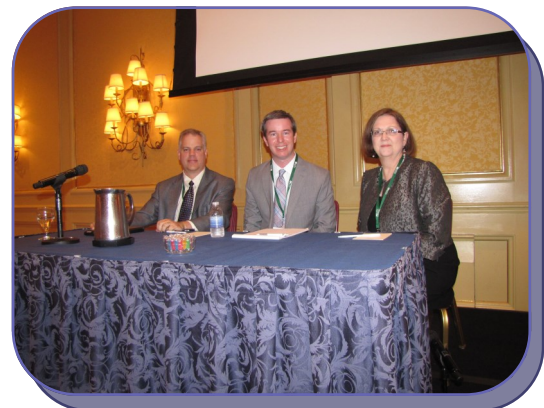For those who attended, a CE certificate is included in this newsletter.

Michelle Seall, Nadine Robin & Chris Williams

Diete Dobroski

Students from Louisiana Tech University

Brian Richmond, Jeremy Hill & Robin Rawls

A word from one of our annual sponsors:

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HIMSS Louisiana Chapter Scholarship in Health Informatics

The HIMSS Louisiana Chapter (LAHIMSS) is delighted to announce its inaugural offering of scholarships for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic year!

LAHIMSS has set an objective of fostering development of the next generation of leaders in the field of Health Informatics (Health Information or Management Systems) by providing financial assistance to well-qualified individuals who have been admitted to or will continue in a qualifying academic degree program as a student.

Two awardees will receive cash awards in the amount of $1,000.00 each. The awards may be used at the discretion of the awardees to defray expenses associated with their formal education. Payments will be made to the awardees directly, in two equal installments of $500 each – in August 2014 and in January 2015, upon the awardees' submission of evidence of initial and continuing enrollment. These merit-based scholarships will be effective for one academic year only, and are not renewable.

While the exact program and degree being pursued are not critical factors, preference will be given to students in academic programs in health informatics and information management, health-industry-focused computer science and information systems, and healthcare administration. Applications from students pursuing advanced degrees in professional school programs in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and other clinical specialties will also be considered insofar as a significant component of their program is dedicated to Health Informatics.

Applicants must be an active Regular Members or Student Members of HIMSS and affiliated with Louisiana Chapter and, if awarded the scholarship, must remain active during the term of the award. Recipients will become official student liaison members of the LAHIMSS Board.

The deadline to apply is April 30, 2014. Refer to the LAHIMSS website for additional details and application materials.

HIMSS Gulf Coast Chapters Conference

Below are the sessions that qualify for CPHIMS or CAHIMS continuing education (CE) hours. Check the "√" column for all sessions attended and total the number of hours earned each day. At the end of the form, total the number of hours earned for the entire event. Do not send this form to HIMSS. Retain this form for your records. You will need to provide a copy of this form if selected for an audit when renewing your certification.

Session	Eligible Hours	(√)
Finding Meaning in Stage 2 Meaningful Use Nadine Robin, Health IT Program Manager, LA Health Care Quality Forum; Michelle Seall, AL Regional Extension Center at the University of South AL; Chris Williams, HIT/EHR Regional Team Leader, eQHealth Solutions (MS Regional Extension Center)	1.5	
Meaningful Use Incentive Program Audits Diete Dobroski, Project Coordinator. LA Health IT Resource Center	1.0	
Health Information Exchange Support of Stage 2 Meaningful Use Jeremy Hill, Business Development & Technical Director, MS Health Information Network; Robin Rawls, Director, Communications, AL Medicaid Agency; Brian Richmond, Chief Technology Officer, LA Health Care Quality Forum	1.0	
Opening Comments / Opening Keynote Address Building a Better Memorial: Vision, Selection and Implementation Gene Thomas, VP &CIO, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport	1.0	
How Social Media is Shaping Disaster Response Janice Jacobs, Healthcare and Life Sciences Social Media Director, Dell	1.0	
Southeast Regional HIT-HIE Collaboration SERCH - Health Information Exchange in Disaster Preparedness and Response Jeremy Hill, Business Development & Technical Director, MS Health Information Network; Robin Rawls, Director, Communications, AL Medicaid Agency; Allen Abshire, Director of HIT Operations, LA Health Care Quality Forum	1.0	
Rolling Up Your Sleeves on ICD-10 Adele Allison, National Director of Government Affairs, SuccessEHS; Ritesh	1.0	
Creating a Secure Mobile Device Environment for Healthcare Providers Sam Spurlock, Director of Security, Risk and Compliance, RoundTower Technologies	1.0	
The Evolution of Enterprise Content Management 2.0 Jon Hamdorf, Director of Global VNA Solutions, Perceptive Software	1.0	
Cajun Code Fest 2014 – "Aging in Place" Dr. Ramesh Kolluru, Interim VP for Research, University of LA at Lafayette; Cian Robinson, Associate Director, Center for Business & Information Technologies and Site Director, Center for Visual and Decision Informatics, University of LA at Lafayette	1.0	
CIO Panel Discussion Billy E. Stephens, Jr., VP/CIO, Infirmary Health System, Edwina Mallory, VP/ CIO, Lafayette General Health, David Chou, CIO, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Wanda Sims, CIO, Baptist Health Montgomery, Doug Lauterbach, Interim CIO & Assistant VP of Technology and Chief Technology Officer, Ochsner Health System	1.0	

Total Continuing Education hours earned for this event   (max. = 9.5)   _____

I am claiming credits to renew my:

☐ CPHIMS   ☐ CAHIMS

I attest that I have attended all the sessions indicated above in their entirety.

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Printed Name   Certificate Number

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Signature   Date

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