

For The Record

July - 2007

Presidents Report

As spring changes to summer (or the possibility of), the Health Information Management profession also continues its metamorphosis. We must continue to evolve with the changing world of electronics and privacy. These were two of many items of discussion at this years very interesting CHIMA AGM & Conference in beautiful Quebec City. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend and learn so much about our organization and its developments. Please start now, or continue, to realize your important role in the health care environment. Ensure that we maintain leadership in the EHR, Privacy and Data Quality, by continued education, discussion among peers and constant awareness that our field is of utmost importance.

The opportunity to attend the annual CHIMA Conference and AGM is one experience that motivates, encourages and reveals our important status in today's health information profession.

The new credential CHIM (Certified Health Information Manager) was announced at the AGM and a more formal announcement will be forthcoming. This new credential removes the differentiation of 'A' and 'C' and you will if desired have the option to purchase your certificate with this new credential.

NLHIMA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: If you have yet to do so, please visit our web page to see the updates as well as to obtain & **complete** a copy of the **NLHIMA Membership Registration form**. Whether your health board pays or you pay yourself, we must receive a new registration form annually to update our records with any new contact or other information.

Our committees are working hard to continue to provide a productive & functioning association. Please remember you are the association and without your input we cannot succeed. Please forward your recommendations, comments and feedback to executive and/or other committee members.

Other members of 2007 & 2008 executive are Alicia Trask, Karen Squires, Diane Ryan & the current chair of Communications Committee, Michele Bishop.

In closing I'd like to make note that Health Information Professionals Day will be here before we know it. Keep your eyes and ears open for information forthcoming.

Please visit & browse through our web page: <http://www.nlhima.ca>

See you September 13 & 14th at this year's AGM & PDD which is being held at the Battery & Suites in St. John's!

Have a super safe & hopefully sunny & warm summer.

Elizabeth Hunt

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Communications Committee – formerly the Newsletter Committee; we have been reformed out of the former Newsletter and Public Relations Committees. Our new role includes public relations and marketing to promote the health information profession. As such, the committee is hard at work revamping the website (much thanks to Blake Collet), and putting together a new pamphlet which will be an excellent promotional tool to encourage new Health Information Professionals and to give an overview of what it is that we do. The committee will be working on a number of tasks over the next months, and with the AGM in September, there may be some new faces coming onboard. We encourage feedback and comments from our members and hope that the new format of a fully electronic newsletter works for everyone!

Have a great summer!

Michele Bishop
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FINANCE/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Hello members,

Please make an effort to sell your tickets on our Fundraising Print and don't forget to send back your ticket stubs.

The ticket for the Print will be drawn for at our AGM in September.

Also, please send in membership registration applications for renewal or new members, if you haven't registered, yet.

Keep in mind, for our Social, the evening before the AGM; we have a Silent Auction. We need your donations for this Auction!!!!

Have a great summer!

Members of the Finance/Fundraising Committee:

Karen Squires
Eileen Hatch
Barbara Genge
Cindy Smith

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Friday, May 11, 2007, the Annual Data Quality Session was held in St. John's with video connections to St. Anthony, Norris Point, Corner Brook, Stephenville, and Grand Falls-Windsor. For the afternoon session we had teleconference connection to Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Labrador City.

The education received from both sessions was top notch, Jackie Brockerville gave a great presentation and brought along VADs for us to examine. We did our best to show this to the camera so all those joining via video could see. Dr. Gill's presentation on endometriosis and dysplasia was very interesting.

A quick review of the evaluations showed that most of our wonderful NLHIMA members agreed that it was a great day of learning. A big thank you to the Education and Professional Development Committee for your commitment to professional education.

On to the AGM and PDD...

The PDD will be held on Thursday, September 13th at the Battery Hotel in St. John's. The AGM will be held

on Friday, September 14th in the morning at the Battery Hotel.

Currently we have the following vendors confirmed:

- MED20/20
- 3M
- CompuCollege

We are waiting for speakers to confirm their attendance. NLHIMA's website post information on the AGM/PDD so check the site regularly for updates.

Tickets are now on sale for our fundraiser; don't forget to sell your tickets, the proceeds go to our scholarship fund.

Committee membership is up for renewal in September. We are looking for new members for the Education and Professional Development Committee; please consider joining this committee that supports our members educational and professional development requirements.

Have a great summer and see you in September at the AGM/PDD.

Rosalie Haire

Did You Know...

That there is now a link on the NLHIMA website which will bring you directly to the Coding Query page of NLCHI? On this page you will find an email contact which will allow you to send your queries to NLCHI. We encourage anyone with a coding query to send it provincially first, so that the response may be placed on our provincial database; thereby making it available to all Health Information Professionals here in our province. Check it out on our Association's website at: www.nlhima.ca

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PROVINCE...

The following submissions are in response to our province-wide request for articles for this newsletter.

Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre

- Dialysis Unit is scheduled to open at the BPHCC in November of 2007. Renovations are ongoing on the East Wing of the Hospital.
- Kelly Appleby was the successful applicant of the Health Information Professional (HRT) that was advertised. She will perform the duties of Coding/Abstracting/Chart Analysis and Completion.
- Bev Brushett was successful in completing a Business Statistics I Course.
- Kay Murley passed her 2nd year Health Information Services Course.

Laurella Stacey, HIMP

Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital

Hello Everyone,

Everything is full speed ahead with the ongoing construction of our new Long Term Care Facility. The planned completion date is the spring of next year so there is lots of hammering and banging throughout the hospital these days.

Our Department (Health Information Services and Informatics) entered a Relay Team for the Cancer Relay for Life on June 2. This is our third year participating in this event and we have been busy raising money over the past few months. We have had several bake sales and sold tickets on a beautiful hand made quilt, etc. The name of our team is the "G" Team, in memory of one of our co-workers who touched all of us and whom we still speak of daily. We have had a wonderful response from our co-workers even though some of them weren't able to participate this year due to other commitments. They contributed baked goods and sold lots of tickets for the team. The Relay for Life is definitely a worthwhile cause and all of us have been touched by Cancer in one way or another.

Our 3 Second Year HIM students are on the home stretch of the last year and looking forward to their final work terms. It's been a busy and challenging 2 years for them. We also have a First Year student from Bonavista and she is looking forward to her work term at one of the St. John's sites. They are all great students!

Have a great and safe summer everyone!

Barb Genge, HIMP

More News from Bonavista:

Michelle Fifield has completed her 1st year HRT program.

Bonavista is getting a new X-Ray machine. Work is ongoing and the department is expected to reopen by end of May.

Joyce Strathie

Labrador-Grenfell Region

News from Labrador-Grenfell these days circulates around Accreditation talk. We have recently come through our first full accreditation as the new health authority. It was a fairly extensive process with six accreditors coming into the region, traveling to a number of facilities and meeting with approximately 14 CQI teams. Client and staff focus groups were also on the agenda and evaluations covered a full week of review. We anticipate a result in approximately six weeks – all are hopeful that the result will be positive.

In other news, provincial PACS implementation has come to the North, with both Goose Bay and Labrador City sites up and running live. Curtis Memorial in St. Anthony had previously been running their own 'internal' PACS network – work is underway to bring them into the provincial system over the next few months.

Congratulations go out to Jackie Fowler at the Curtis Memorial site for the completion of her second year of the HIM program. Jackie is anxiously awaiting the results of final exams and preparing for her practical rotation at James Paton in Gander (our thanks to them!!). We wish Jackie well as she begins her study for the certification exams. Congrats also to a couple of new/repeat "grandma's" in our region: Diane Lyon (CWJ site) and Joan Hillier (Curtis site) both became new grandmothers recently – certainly no shortage of great baby pictures floating around!

Best wishes to all our colleagues around the province for a lovely summer – we trust it will be restful for all and we look forward to seeing some of you at the AGM in the fall.

Susan Bourgeois

Provincial Tumor Registries, Cancer Care Program – Eastern Health

Things have been very busy in the Tumor Registry at the Cancer Care Program in St. John's, NL.

First of all to update you on our new Collaborative Staging system, it has been very intense; the process is very detailed and reviewing reports and "picking the bones" out of them is a very time consuming process. So workloads are constantly changing depending on the chart content, some Collaborative stages are very clear and others can lead to minutes of group discussions among us. We are doing a Q&A on some charts now, each person will code the exact same charts and then we will review them to discuss the answers. This will ensure that we are on all the same path when it comes to analysis of the information used to stage.

Continuing education, continuing education, yes it is never ending. Two of our staff members were fortunate enough to travel in June. Elizabeth Hunt attended the CHIMA National Conference in Quebec City and Susan Ryan attended NAACCR National Conference in Detroit and information regarding items specific to the Registry have been shared with all staff.

A Cytology Quality Assurance is being performed comparing reports received with those entered in the Cytology database this is a long process but should be completed soon.

Ms. Margie Molloy is our newest staff member; she is a CTR (certified tumor registrar) trainee. She started in the department January 2007 and brings with her years of knowledge gained through working in the Health Records Department here at the Cancer Centre.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Callista Silver, HIMP

Newfoundland And Labrador Centre For Health Information

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information has now officially relocated to 28 Pippy Place. As always, many projects are underway at the Centre. Please check out our website: www.nlchi.nl.ca

Safety Tip from Occupational Health & Safety

Duties of Workers



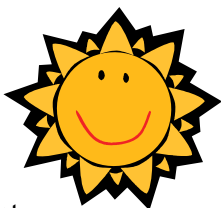
A worker, while at work, shall take reasonable care to protect his or her own health and safety and that of workers and other persons in the workplace.

Laurella Stacey
O.H.S
Worker Co-Chair

From Health Canada...

Sun Safety For All

Before you head for the beach, the park or even the back-yard, take a few minutes to learn about sun safety. You can protect your family and still have fun under the sun. This advice applies to everyone regardless of age or ethnicity.



- ☀️ Avoid needless exposure to the sun.
- ☀️ Protect your eyes by wearing UV blocking sunglasses.
- ☀️ Select Shaded areas for outdoor activities. Clothing such as a broad brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt, and long pants can protect your skin. Tuck a handkerchief under the back of your hat to help prevent sunburn on the neck.
- ☀️ If you can't cover up, use a sunscreen containing a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15, verify that it has both UVA and UVB protection, re-apply every two hours and after sweating or swimming.
- ☀️ Avoid using sun lamps.
- ☀️ Some medications can make skin more sensitive to UV rays, consult your doctor if you have an questions.

- ☀️ Don't let infants or children play or sleep in the sun in a playpen, carriage, stroller, etc.
- ☀️ Get children used to wearing sunscreen lotion, paying particular attention to the most exposed parts – the lips, face, neck, shoulders, back, knees and tops of feet.
- ☀️ People can use both sunscreen and insect repellents when they are outdoors to protect their health. Follow the instructions on the package for proper applications of each product. Apply the sunscreen first, followed by the insect repellent.

Calendar of Summer Health Promotion Days

JULY

- 11th – World Population Day
- 21st – Canada's Parks Day

August

- 1st – 7th – World Breastfeeding Week
- 9th - International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 12th – International Youth Day

Coming In September...

- National Arthritis Month
- Ovarian Cancer Month

That is it for this edition of the newsletter everyone. Have a wonderful, happy, and safe summer and we will see you all in September at the AGM/PDD!

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Blake Collet
Alicia Trask
Laurella Stacey
Susan Bourgeois
Patty Simpson
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Diane Ryan

Any Last Words...?

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

~ Mark Twain