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HIMSS 2010 - Chapter Reception

Dan Davenport, Past President



Start planning for HIMSS10

Registration for HIMSS10 is now open! Registrations made prior to Dec. 15 qualify for Early Bird rates, so now is great time to start planning for the conference.

This year's annual conference will take place in Atlanta, March 1-4, 2010 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Keynote speakers will include: **Dan Hesse**, Chief Executive Officer, Sprint Nextel Corporation; **Dr. Sanjay Gupta**, Senior Medical Correspondent, CNN; **Harry Markopolos**, Fraud Investigator; **Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger**, III Pilot, US Airways and Founder and CEO, Safety

Reliability Methods

For complete details and registration, please visit <http://www.himssconference.com>

MN Chapter Reception

As you start planning for the national conference, make sure to put the MN Chapter Reception on your list of events to attend. This is a great networking event made possible by the generous contributions of our elite sponsors: Ingenix Consulting, Phenomenal Networks, Sprint, TAJ Technologies, and Virtelligence.

Complete details for the reception will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Programs Update

Ken Stensvold, FHIMSS, Programs Chair

The September 9th program on how to use Lean Six Sigma methodology in healthcare IT set a record! We had **186** people view our WebEx that night and the number continues to grow. With the help of Villanova University the WebEx is able to be viewed by going to [Click on the "Playback" button](#).

Our November 18th program, A follow-up to E-Prescribing, will feature a four member panel and Liz Cinqueonce from the Minnesota Department of Health as our moderator. The agenda will be introductions and opening comments by the panel members and then we will open it up for questions from the audience. Our first program on the topic last January was full of excellent questions, I am hoping the follow on will generate as much discussion.

[Register online now.](#)

Midwest Fall Technology Conference

Dan Davenport, Past President
Margaret Senn, Director At Large



**The 2009 Midwest Fall Technology Conference Enabling Healthcare Reform:
The Role of HIT and the 2009 Stimulus Provisions**
8:00 am Monday, November 2 - 12:30 pm through Tuesday, November 3, 2009
The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

This is an annual conference that is put on each Fall by a group of chapters in the Midwest. The chapters involved this year include: Minnesota, Wisconsin Dairyland, Iowa, Michigan, Greater Chicago and Indiana. This year's conference is hosted by the Michigan Chapter and will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at The Amway Plaza Hotel. We have pulled together a great list of presenters for this conference from a variety of health care venues. Our speakers are physicians, nurses, consultants, pharmacists and healthcare leaders with in the government. More information on the specific speakers and the schedule can be found at the following website: <http://www.falltechnologyconference.com>

The Minnesota chapter will be hosting this event next fall, with planning starting in January 2010.

[Online Registration is now open!](#)

Advocacy Day on the Hill

Katie O'Brien, Advocacy Chair

2009 is the year for healthcare reform in the United States. Last September, several members of HIMSS-MN joined hundreds of HIMSS members and Chapter Advocates in Washington, D.C. to participate in the 8th Annual Policy Summit and Day on the Hill. The HIMSS-MN Board of Directors sent three representatives: President Andy Galbus, President-Elect Steven Due and Advocacy Chair Katie O'Brien.

The goal of the Summit was for HIMSS members to attend pre-arranged meeting with their members of Congress and staff and ask for their support on three issues:

1. Ensure that the Executive Branch meets the timelines, requirements, and the needs of your Congressional constituents for the health information technology (IT) components included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
2. Require the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct a study concerning the necessary funding needed to achieve the nationwide exchange of health information among health information exchanges (HIEs)
3. Apply Congressional oversight authority to ensure that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) establishes a final regulation for the e-prescribing of controlled substances that would not impede the overall benefits of e-prescribing.

We had the opportunity to meet with the staff of our state's Congressional members but the highlight was an opportunity to speak directly with Senator Al Franken during his weekly "Breakfast with Minnesota" in his office. We



Senator Al Franken, Andy Galbus, Katie O'Brien

were able to share our thoughts on the issues described above and our messages were well received.

As we move forward in advancing healthcare, we need to remember that our voices need to be heard in Washington. Each of us plays a critical role in advancing Health IT in the current legislation. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit:

<http://himss-mn.org/information/information1.html>

Questions? email Katie O'Brien at advocacy@himss-mn.org.

Physician Forum

Pam Graves, FHIMSS, Past President
Dr. Andrew Mellin

Are you a physician interested in a healthcare IT discussion with your colleagues?

For the second year, the chapter has organized quarterly dinners with physicians interested in healthcare IT. This informal get-together is organized to allow for some socializing before dinner and a focused discussion of a current topic during dinner.

If you are interested, please contact either our physician liaison, Dr. Andrew Mellin at andrew.mellin@mckesson.com or Pam Graves at pam.graves@childrensmn.org. We anticipate the next gathering in January.

Contest

Diane Walizer, CPHIMSS, Professional Development Director
Sue Green, SHIMSS, CPHIMS, Communications Director

A win-win opportunity! In Minnesota we are always up for a challenge - viewed as leaders in Healthcare. Learn how to improve yourself, your "brand," through your educational credentials, and strengthen our local chapter.

HIMSS National issued a challenge to all chapters:

- Promote advancement in HIMSS, and
- Add the Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMSS) credential to memberships

For many of you, this is the opportunity for you to receive the credentials that you have already earned; for others, it can "provide the push" for you to follow through on the education commitment that you have considered.

From personal experience I have made it a point to take advantage of the educational opportunities after studying for and passing the CPHIMS exam. In doing so, I am better informed and as a result better able to meet the demands of our industry.

The Minnesota HIMSS Board focuses on providing education on current issues that we face. We provide the credits necessary for those needing them for certifications. We also stand ready to provide support for HIMSS Advancement.

If you accept this challenge we will help you. Please contact me via email at communications@himss-mn.org. I will work with each of you to identify where you are at and what is needed for you to achieve the next certification level.

In addition to providing support for this challenge, we also hope to hear from you regarding which topics we should focus on in the coming year.

Members may apply for advancement after meeting several criteria based on professional capability, experience, leadership, and service to their profession and the society. CPHIMS acknowledges and honors the proven expertise and commitment of those who have earned this credential. CPHIMS are distinguished innovators and dedicated contributors to the delivery of quality healthcare.

In Minnesota we have 699 members, 15 have CPHIMS credentials, 12 have FHIMSS credentials and 6 have Senior credentials:

First	Middle	Last	CPHIMS	Senior	FHIMSS
Barbara	Louise	Brian	X		
Brian		Bullock	X		
Barbara	J.	Carroll	X		X
James		Dilling			X
Steven		Due		X	
Andrew		Galbus			X
Glenn	R.	Galloway		X	
Raymond	A.	Gensinger	X	X	X
Pamela		Graves			X
Susan	Marie	Green	X		
Susan		Heichert			X
Rick		Holtmeier	X	X	
Elvina		Jeffers	X		
Daryl	C.	Kallevig	X		
Dana		Kimmel			X
Patricia	Soledad	Lugtu	X		
Carl		McCann			X
Walter		Menning			X
Mary	K.	Niska	X		
Lori	B.	Opsal	X		
Bradley	R.	Ruzicka	X		
Shawna		Schueller			X
Greg	C.	Staudenmaier	X		
Ken		Stensvold			X
Mike		Tressler			X
Diane	Kay	Walizer	X		
Stan		Wiebe		X	
HoJung	J.	Yoon	X		

Visit <http://www.himss.org/ASP/advancement.asp> and http://www.himss.org/ASP/certification_cphims.asp for more information on member advancement and CPHIMS.

Health Information Exchange Update

Dr. Ray Gensinger, CPHIMSS, FHIMSS, RHIO Liaison
Michael Ubl, MN HIE Executive Director

The Minnesota Health Information Exchange is available to help providers meet federal and state regulations and provide effective care for patients.

Health care reform

The implementation and adoption of health information technology (HIT) is the cornerstone of health care reform at both the federal and state level. Government has established incentives and regulations that require health care providers to implement electronic health records (EHRs) and exchange patient specific health care information with other provider organizations. Minnesota has a state mandate that requires providers to have EHRs by 2015.

Impact in Minnesota and bordering states

The Minnesota Health Information Exchange (MN HIE) provides the first state-wide network that enables providers to



exchange a patient's medical information with virtually any health care organization in the covered geographic area. MN HIE is designed to share clinical and administrative patient information among providers in Minnesota and bordering states. Currently there are over 4 million patients in its Secure Patient Directory (SPD).

A common network that is viewed as a community utility will eliminate many point-to-point solutions and enable healthcare organizations to leverage one network connection for a wide variety of business and clinical services. With a strong focus on standards and interoperability of HIT at both the federal and state level, there will be significant consolidation in the networking space. MN HIE is positioned to support the proposed standards and deliver the solution in a cost-effective manner.

Better coordination of care

The current patient care model is undergoing change. With MN HIE, a patient's medical information can be accessed in real-time mode at the point-of-care when patient and provider make critical decisions regarding a proper treatment program. The need for patients to carry paper medical files from one physician to another will be eliminated.

Providers have quick access to a broad set of patient information from multiple data sources. Medication history is now available and new services available this fall include patient eligibility and benefit checking, lab results, immunization history and exchange of medical record information for continuity of care.

Patient safety will also be enhanced. Access to medication history, lab results, problem lists, immunizations etc. will result in more appropriate treatment programs; eliminate adverse impacts from improper prescriptions and unneeded hospitalizations.

Public / private partnership

MN HIE is a not-for-profit public / private partnership. It was created, owned and governed by leading health care organizations in Minnesota. The partnership is unique in that it includes health plans, providers and state government.

Upcoming Events

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Be sure to check out our upcoming events at www.himss-mn.org

November 18th, 2009

[A follow-up to E-Prescribing](#)

November 2-3, 2009

[Midwest Fall Technology Conference](#)

March 1-4, 2010

[National HIMSS in Atlanta](#)

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