Initiatives of the 2010 Commission on Certification

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Through certification, CCHIIM assures the competency of professionals practicing health informatics and information management worldwide.
Professional excellence in health informatics and information management through certification.
The CCHIIM serves the public by establishing, implementing and enforcing standards and procedures for certification and recertification of health informatics and information management professionals.
The CCHIIM recertification program ensures that CCHIIM-certified professionals demonstrate ongoing competence in the domain areas in which they are certified through either maintenance or enhancement activities.
CCHIIM Values

• The application of evidence-based best practices for certification
• The validation of workforce competence through professional certification
• The commitment to ongoing professional development, lifelong learning and workforce excellence, and
• The recognition of CCHIIM-certified professionals’ role in maintaining and enhancing quality health information for the safety of the public and the improvement of health care
Established and formally approved a new Operating Code in May 2009 which includes:

- Autonomous governance with respect to essential elements of the certification enterprise
- Membership on the Commission and qualifications for Commissioners
AHIMA (growth and relevance through advocacy and community)

CAHIIM (preparation through standardized education)

CCHIIM (entry, retention, and development through competency validation and maintenance)
Commission Composition

Minimum of 15 voting members:
- at least 8 At-large Commissioners (appointed),
  AHIMA credentialed individuals, but not necessarily members of AHIMA

- at least 6 Representative Commissioners (elected) comprise at least 40% of the entire Commission,
  AHIMA credentialed members

- at least 1 Public Member Commissioner (appointed)
Commission Officers

- Chair – one year term immediately following a year as Chair-elect

- Chair-elect – eligible candidates are Commissioners in their second year of service, one year term and then moves to Chair position

- Immediate Past Chair - optional appointment for one year at recommendation of incoming Chair and approval of full Commission
2010 Goals

GOAL 1 – RECERTIFICATION (Terri Hall, Lead)
Continue review of credential maintenance and enhancement criteria

Major accomplishments to date:
- provided clarification of PPE related CEs
- reviewed other national organizations for enhancement criteria
2010 Goals

GOAL 2 – NEW CREDENTIALS (Mary Thomason, Lead)
complete/review Idea Briefs and perform needs analysis for COC consideration of new credentials

Major accomplishments to date:
- completed needs analysis for clinical documentation professional
- beginning discussion in relation to health informatics and EHR areas
GOAL 3 – COMMUNICATION (Julie Swim, Lead)  
increase communication to all stakeholders

Major accomplishments to date:
- provided articles to AHIMA Advantage, CAHIIM View, Academic Advisor, Long Term Care Insights, CodeWrite, Certification Connection, and Student Connection
- presented info/updates to education consortium, state meetings, FDI, AOE, Team Talks
2010 Goals

GOAL 4 – THIRD PARTY ACCREDITATION
(Elizabeth Layman, Lead)
compile and submit applications for external accreditation of credentials

Major accomplishments to date:
- CCA received NATIONAL ACCREDITATION
- submitted RHIT, RHIA credentials for NCCA review
2010 Goals

GOAL 5 CODING CREDENTIALS (Susan Daniel, Lead)
review of coding exam content, types of questions, eligibility criteria, scoring, and ICD-10 implementation

Major accomplishments to date:
- Reviewed and presented recommended changes to the CCA, CCS, and CCS-P eligibility requirements
- Continued work on transition of case studies to new test question format
2010 Goals

GOAL 6 – ICD-10 RECERTIFICATION (Barb Bunge, Lead)

develop CE criteria and objectives in relation to the national implementation of ICD-10

Major accomplishments to date:
- determined and widely published mandatory minimum ICD-10 CEs to be completed 1/11 – 12/13
- drafting criteria for qualifying events
Other Initiatives

• Created and premiered new Web site
• Continued early testing option for RHIT, RHIA examinations
• Continued Web based item writing
• Transitioning to new testing service January 2011 – Pearson Vue
• RHIT examination job analysis underway
2010 CCHIIM Commissioners

Hertencia Bowe, MSA, RHIA  
(at large commissioner, Florida)  
2012

Barbara Bunge, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P  
(at large commissioner, Iowa)  
2010

Susan Daniel, MEd, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P  
(CCSP practitioner, Arkansas)  
2011

Carolyn Gaarder, MLA, RHIA  
(RHIT educator, North Dakota)  
2012

Terri Hall, MHA, RHIT, CPC, CAC  
(RHIT practitioner, Alaska)  
2010

Erika Hardy, RHIA, CCS  
(at large commissioner, Louisiana)  
2011

Sheri Jacobs  
(public member, Illinois)  
2010

Amanda King, RHIA  
(RHIA practitioner, Tennessee)  
2012
2010 CCHIIM Commissioners

Michelle Knighton, MBA, RHIA
(at large commissioner, Oregon) 2011

Elizabeth Layman, PhD, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA
(RHIA educator, North Carolina) 2011

Brenda Olson, MEd, RHIA, CHP
(at large commissioner, Kansas) 2010

Karen Patena, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA
(at large commissioner, Illinois) 2011

Bonnie Petterson, PhD, RHIA, Chair
(RHIT educator, Arizona) 2010

Danielle Reno, MHA, CCS, CCS-P
(CCA professional, California) 2012

Julie Swim, RHIT, CCS, Chair-elect
(CCS practitioner, Kentucky) 2011

Mary Thomason, RHIA, CHPA, CISSP
(privacy practitioner, Utah) 2011
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