

# Connections



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- **Initial Thoughts on ONC's Trusted Exchange Framework Draft**
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## Education Conference plans set

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming KSHIMSS Education Conference, Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, (ending at noon) at Drury Inn, Wichita KS.

We will kick off the event with motivating Key Note speaker Matt Jones on "Healthcare Information Management is a Marathon". Check him out at <http://www.MatthewDJones.com>. We have great speakers on current IT strategies challenging a Healthcare Professional, such as, Population Health, Telehealth in rural America, MACRA/MIPS, a real story of Ransomware/ Security and more.

In addition, the Education Conference will bring back Rapid Fire, 6-minute topic presentations that highlight IT trends.

Something new is a segment called Key Topic Round Table Discussions. During the one hour segment members will have the opportunity to select a topic of interest. This will allow for more one-on-one direct conversations and networking among attendees. Enjoy vendor booths throughout the day on Thursday, as well as, a networking social Thursday evening sponsored by Cerner.

The Education Conference is a great way to connect with other health IT people across

the state. We hope to see you there. With all the changes in healthcare and everyone looking to technology for answers, now more than ever we need to share ideas, thoughts, and strategies!

Early bird registration ends before April 15.

Host hotel is the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita located at 400 West Douglas Ave in Wichita. Hotel reservation deadline is April 11.

To learn more about the Education Conference visit the Kansas HIMSS website at <http://kansas.himsschapter.org/>.

## Upcoming events calendar

Mark your calendars and save the following dates to meet with your colleagues.

- 2018 Kansas Chapter of HIMSS Education Conference to be held May 3 & 4, 2018 in Wichita.
- HIMSS18 to be held March 5, 2018 through March 9, 2018 in Las Vegas at the Venetian-Palazzo-Sands Expo.



## President's Message

### **Fellow KSHIMSS Chapter members:**

You may be asking yourself how can I get more involved in KSHIMSS and get the most out of my chapter membership?

If you are getting this newsletter you are a card carrying member of the KSHIMSS chapter. I'm glad you are a member and would like to see you get more involved. If you are willing to keep reading you will find out ways you can get the most from your chapter membership.

Attend our chapter's main event, the 2018 Education conference will be held in Wichita, May 3rd and 4th at the Drury Plaza. The theme for 2018 is Health Information & Technology-Connecting with Care. Attending this event is the best way to network with other chapter members and let us know you want to get more involved. Look at the website <http://kansas.himsschapter.org> for information on registering.

Join us at National HIMSS in Las Vegas for a KSHIMSS chapter reception. Thank you to MedHost for sponsoring the event. We have invited the Oklahoma chapter to join us so we can better get to know our neighbors. The reception will be at the national convention Chapters event held March 7th 4:30 – 6:30pm at Booth 2514. Come and network, have appetizers and a drink. Meet with Blaine Cappel, Amanda Vandervoort and other chapter members to learn more about KSHIMSS. Email or call Blaine if you have questions, bcap-

pel@mhsks.org, 785-263-6698.

Our chapter would like to highlight Kansans making Health IT news. Many of you are doing great things in Health IT and we want to highlight your accomplishments on our website. Send us information if you have a newsworthy event. An example of newsworthy sharing is our very own board member, Dr. Sam Antonios serving as a member on a national HIMSS committee, HIMSS Quality and Patient Safety Committee. The committee meets regularly to discuss quality and safety issues related to electronic health records and regulatory issues. If you are slated to speak at a national level event, let us know so we can mention it on the website.

KSHIMSS is looking for a person with a passion for helping service men and women learn about opportunities available from National HIMSS to veterans interested in transitioning to Health IT jobs. We have many active duty chapter members and we want to continue to find ways to best serve these member's needs. If you are or have been in the military and are a member of the KSHIMSS chapter member we would love to speak with you about being on the KSHIMSS board of directors. Please reach out to Michelle McGuire at [mcguire200@yahoo.com](mailto:mcguire200@yahoo.com).

If you are early in your career or a college student entering Health IT or a related field we are offering mentorship op-



Michelle McGuire, President of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS

portunities. We can match you up with a mentor who has been in the field for years and also point you towards national HIMSS resources like the job board. Please contact Abby Van Den Haak at [avanden-haak@saint-lukes.org](mailto:avanden-haak@saint-lukes.org) for more information.

Our chapter publishes this newsletter twice a year and we are looking for articles that pertain to healthcare in Kansas. Please reach out to Tami Corn at [tcorn@srhc.com](mailto:tcorn@srhc.com) if you would be interested in contributing to our chapter newsletter.

Stop by the KSHIMSS booth at the KHA conference Sept 6th and 7th and say hi and enter our drawing for a prize.

Our goal is to have more than 100 members at our spring education event and having a booth at our event is a great way to connect with people in Health IT from across the state of Kansas. Contact Tiffanie Hickman for Sponsorship opportunities, [thickman@kammco.com](mailto:thickman@kammco.com).

*“Join us at National HIMSS in Las Vegas for a KSHIMSS chapter reception.*

*Michelle McGuire, President of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS*

## Member Spotlight: Shawn Weldin

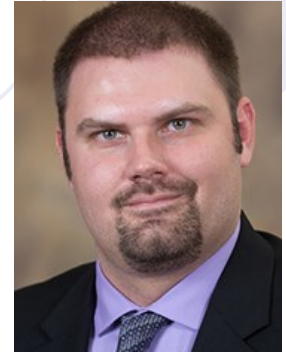
Shawn Weldin, Vice President, is currently the Director of Information Technology and HIPAA Security Officer for the Sabetha Community Hospital. He attended Flint Hills Technical College with an emphasis in Network Technology, completing Microsoft and Netware Certifications. In 2017, Shawn was featured as one of “100 Rural CIO’s to Watch” by Becker’s Hospital Review. As a professional with more than 15 years of experience, he has worked in the healthcare realm for 10 years. “One of the largest changes is the return to the consolidated data center,” Shawn says, “for years we moved away from

main frames and large systems to single use machines. Now with virtualization, we have returned to shared computing.” Shawn is also an advocate of thin computing. “In our organization, we have found that thin clients have provided a level of access at a price point that we couldn’t have afforded otherwise.”

Shawn has previously served as a Member Representative and Sponsorship Chairman for the Kansas Chapter. “One of the largest benefits of any organization is the networking with other members. Most of healthcare in Kansas is rural based and have only 1 or 2 staff working in the HIT field. Many

hold multiple job roles. Having the ability to reach out and work with other facilities can be the difference in a quick fix or a long-term issue.”

“Over the last few years we have grown as a chapter,” Shawn says. “We have expanded our membership every year, provided more education, and have created an even greater presence in the Health Community in Kansas. I am very proud to tell people about KSHIMSS and what we do.” Many people don’t realize the overlap from other areas to HIT. “We have a wide array of members. There is almost no part of a facility that isn’t connected to technology.”



Shawn Weldin, Vice President of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS

## HIMSS Training and Certifications available

Kansas HIMSS and National HIMSS offer certification opportunities if you are looking to distinguish yourself in the competitive environment of healthcare IT, expand your career opportunities, and gain skills.

This spring, Kansas HIMSS is offering CE credits for either certification by attending the Education Conference.

At the national level, the Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CAHIMS) is designed for the emerging professional who may or may not have experience within the industry. CAHIMS is designed to be a pathway for careers in health IT according the national HIMSS website. To qualify and take the CAHIMS examination and earn CAHIMS certification,

the applicant must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent. The exam fee for a HIMSS Organizational Affiliate Member is \$145 and HIMSS Member (excludes Chapter Only and Online Only members) cost is \$185.

The Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS) is a professional certification program for the experienced healthcare information and management systems professional. The exam for a HIMSS Organizational Affiliate Member is \$280 and a HIMSS Member is \$310. In order to qualify to take the CPHIMS examination and earn certification, an applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and have five years

of information and management systems experience, with three of those years in a healthcare setting. The alternate way to qualify for the exam is to hold a graduate degree or higher from an accredited college or university and have three years of information and management systems experience, with two of those years in a healthcare setting.

For both certifications, the Non-member exam fees are higher for the CAHIMS and the CPHIMS.

To learn more about these certifications, information is available in the Professional Development section of the national HIMSS website or go to <http://www.himss.org/health-it-certification>.

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# KSHIMSS Education Conference Scholarship Opportunity

KSHIMSS board of directors is developing more ways to involve students and early career professionals. This year the chapter offers a scholarship to students interested in attending the Education Conference in Wichita on May 3rd and 4th. This is a great way for students to attend a KSHIMSS conference without a financial burden. Please contact Abby van den Haak, [avandenhaak@saint-lukes.org](mailto:avandenhaak@saint-lukes.org) for more information on scholarship opportunities.

### **Mentorship Program**

To encourage student involvement, we have developed the KSHIMSS Mentorship Program for our student members.

### **Why is a Mentorship Program Beneficial?**

A mentorship program promotes early engagement in the field and community prior to entering the workforce. A mentee can gain insight, improve important skills and be

more prepared for the field upon graduation. A mentor also benefits from this program. It is a way to give back to the community and grow professional relationships and networks. We would like to encourage anyone to apply to become a mentor including professionals who are new to the field.

### **Details**

How time is spent is flexible and is determined between the mentor and mentee. However, we suggest at least 30 minutes a month be set aside for the mentor program. The mentor program requires a 6-month commitment.

### **How to get involved?**

If you are interested in applying to become a mentor or mentee, please contact Abby van den Haak ([avandenhaak@saint-lukes.org](mailto:avandenhaak@saint-lukes.org)) with your areas of interest (mentee) /expertise (mentor).

See below for interest/expertise list.

- Clinical & Business Intelligence
- Clinical Decision Support
- Clinical Informatics
- Healthcare Analytics
- Interoperability & Health Information Exchange
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Meaningful Use & Quality Payment Programs
- Privacy & Security
- Clinical Terminologies & Classifications (ICD-10, HCPCS, CPT)
- Health Information Management
- Other (Please Specify)

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*Abby van den Haak, Student/Early Career Liaison of the Kansas Chapter of HIMSS*

## Dr. Antonios joins national committee

In Summer 2017, Dr. Sam Antonios joined the HIMSS Quality and Safety committee. Through virtual meetings, the committee addresses issues of health IT and Quality.

Most recently, the committee has been working on drafting a response letter to CMS in regards to eCQMs and quality reporting.

Dr. Antonios is using his participation with the committee to help bring forward issues that affect clinician workflows and bring light to the challenges of

health IT. In addition, he would like to support and celebrate health IT when it works and improves care. “My goal is to also highlight the perspective from the point of view of Kansas hospitals and rural hospitals specifically. I keep mentioning on the calls that we need to take into account the availability of resources to do any of the work that we want to do,” Antonios said.

“I am hoping to convince the

committee to include this in the letter that will now be drafted to send to CMS.”

Dr. Antonios will serve on the Quality and Safety committee until 2019.

Dr. Antonios has served as the Medical Director for Information Systems, CDI and CM physician advisor at Via Christi since 2012. He is the physician advisor of KSHIMSS.

With the growth of information technology and the application to the healthcare industry, relatively new roles, specialties, and career fields have emerged. Clinical informatics is just such an example. Many hospitals and larger clinics employ someone with informatics duties in the job description, and yet there is still so much to discover about this now common and still evolving specialty. In our Kansas HIMSS Chapter Newsletter, I would like to highlight an element of this important field. To begin at the beginning, let us examine some basic questions about informatics.

### **What is informatics?**

The term “informatics” is generally defined as the study and practice of obtaining, storing, generating, and sharing information. In healthcare, specialty fields have emerged, such as medical, nursing, pharmacy and more generally, clinical informatics.

Each branch of informatics may have a separate definition. As nurse informaticians are common in our state, the following nursing informatics quote may be of use to provide a common ground from which we, as information technology professionals, can operate:

“Nursing informatics is a specialty that integrates nursing science, computer science, and information science to manage and communicate data, information, and knowledge in nursing practice.

Nursing informatics facilitates the integration of data, information, and knowledge to support patients, nurses, and other providers in their decision making in all roles and settings. This support is accomplished using information structures, information processes, and information technology.

The goal of nursing informatics is to improve the health of populations, communities, families, and individuals by optimizing information management and communication. This includes the use of information and technology in the direct provision of care, in establishing effective administrative systems, in managing and delivering educational experiences, in supporting lifelong learning, and in supporting nursing research.” (Staggers & Thompson, 2002).

### **What does a clinical informaticist (aka informatician) do?**

The role of clinical informatician may have different job tasks and roles at different organizations. For example, at larger facilities the role may be divided among several key players, including clinical or information analysts, nursing informatics technicians, technology education specialists, clinical application administrators, EHR specialists and project managers, among many others. Many rural informaticians are responsible for all of these duties at the same time!

The practice of clinical informatics should weave a com-



mon thread of quality, evidence-based practice, patient safety, and constant improvement into every task and project. For example, informatics can contribute to the culture of safety through systems such as barcode medication administration (BCMA) (Kilbridge & Classen, 2008).

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**Register today to attend the Education Conference!**  
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# Spring 2018 Education Conference

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## Send us your news!!

Have you got a story or photos you would like to send us?

Maybe you have been involved in a story or have seen or heard something significant for Health IT.

We welcome your contributions.

Send an email to Tami Corn, Web & Communications Chair at [tcorn@srhc.com](mailto:tcorn@srhc.com).

## 2018 Education Conference Keynote Speaker

### Matt Jones

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