



CAHIIM Press Release: CAHIIM Appoints Angela C. Kennedy, EdD, MBA as CEO

Chicago, Illinois. The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) announces the appointment of the new CAHIIM Chief Executive Officer (CEO) effective October 1, 2017.



Dr. Angela Kennedy is a former Board Chair of CAHIIM with recent service on the CAHIIM Health Information Management Accreditation Council. Dr. Kennedy is a strong advocate for "Health Information Where & When You Need It." She is recognized nationally and internationally for her work in the area of consumer health advocacy and health literacy, and is the former Director of the Center for Health Data Analytics. She was Department Head/ Professor for Health Informatics & Information Management at Louisiana Tech University that has a CAHIIM accredited baccalaureate degree program in Health Information Management, and a graduate degree program in Health Informatics that is a member of the American Medical Informatics Association's (AMIA) Academic Forum. In addition, Kennedy is a former President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). In 2015, Kennedy testified before the US Senate HELP Committee and appointed by the US Secretary of Health & Human Services to the Office of the National Coordinator's (ONC) Health Information Standards Federal Advisory Committee and ONC Consumer Task Force.

Dr. Kennedy serves as a director on the North Louisiana Go Care Board of Directors and on the Louisiana Healthcare Quality Forum as a council member to the Consumer Health Task Force. She has held management positions at Louisiana State University Medical Center, Columbia Highland Hospital, and Homer Memorial Hospital, authored numerous grants and publications, and is a highly sought speaker for professional conferences.

Dr. Kennedy received her Doctoral degree in Education with a cognate in Psychology, a master's degree in Education from Louisiana Tech University, and an MBA from NOVA Southeastern University. In 2016, Dr. Kennedy was recognized as one of the Top 20 Professors and Minds in Health Informatics in the United States. Kennedy has received the Vantage Health Visionary Educator Award, both the Louisiana Health Information Management Association's distinguished member and Career Achievement Awards, and is a past AHIMA Triumph Award winner. She is the 2017 AHIMA Distinguished Member.

Dr. Kennedy replaces Dr. Claire Dixon-Lee who had previously announced her retirement in the fall of 2016 after serving as CAHIIM Executive Director since 2003. Dr. Dixon-Lee will continue supporting CAHIIM in a consultative manner during this transition phase.

CAHIIM provides quality assurance in higher education within CAHIIM's scope of accreditation services and contributes to quality performance measures, accreditation standards and processes driving improvements in health informatics and health information management academic programs in colleges and universities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Stakeholder representation is enabled by two Member organizations – the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). To learn more about the CAHIIM organization go to www.cahiim.org; questions about CAHIIM should be directed to info@cahiim.org