

Revised 2017 Health Informatics Accreditation Standards available for Public Comment

CAHIIM invites stakeholders and the public at large to review and submit general comments via survey on the approved draft of the 2017 Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Degree Programs in Health Informatics (MHI). The public comment period is scheduled to close on May 18, 2017. [Click here](#) for more information. If you have any questions about submitting a comment, contact info@cahiim.org.

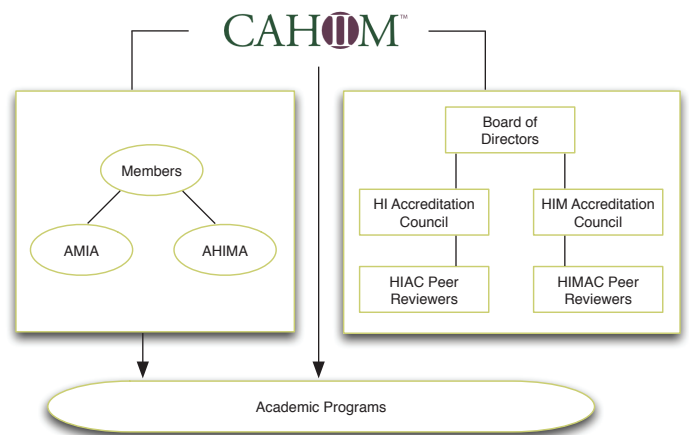
Revised Organizational Structure

In January 2015, the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) joined the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) as a Member association along with our founding Member, the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). CAHIIM has now fully implemented a revised organizational structure that includes a Board of Directors, the Health Informatics Accreditation Council and the Health Information Management Accreditation Council.

We have made great strides in establishing many Board and Council operational procedures such as conducting a strategic planning session this year, reviewing and updating our bylaws, and establishing new policies and

processes for better effectiveness in our oversight capacity, to name a few.

The Health Informatics Accreditation Council (HIAC) has made great strides in collaborating with the AMIA Accreditation Committee to create competencies for graduate health informatics programs. The challenge for this year will be to integrate these new competencies into the accreditation process. Once operational, CAHIIM will maintain a spreadsheet of curriculum deficiencies by competency which will be reported to the AMIA Accreditation Committee and HIAC so that future revisions or target training might be designed to assist programs in implementing the competencies within graduate curricula.



Board and Council Appointments

Through our website solicitation and nominating process we welcomed several new CAHIIM Board and Council appointments:

- To the CAHIIM Board of Directors
 - Dr. Melanie Brodник, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA
 - Dr. Dorine Bennett, EdD, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA
 - Dr. Joan Straumanis, PhD—Public Member
- To the HIM Accreditation Council
 - Dr. Leah Grebner, PhD, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA
 - Valerie Prater, MBA, RHIT, FAHIMA
 - Jacqueline Moczygemba, MBA, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA
- To the Health Informatics Accreditation Council
 - Dr. Timothy Patrick, PhD
 - Dr. Sue Feldman, PhD, MED, RN
 - Dr. John Holmes, PhD
- Board of Directors completing their six years of service:
 - Bonnie Cassidy, MPA, RHIA, FAHIMA, FHIMSS—Past Chair
 - Dr. Mervat Abdelhak, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA—Past Chair
 - Polly Cathcart, MMSc/MT(ASCP)SC—Public Member
- HIM Accreditation Council members completing their six years of service:
 - Lynette Williamson, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CPC, FAHIMA, Past Board Secretary

Dr. Judith J. Warren, PhD, RN, BC, FAAN, FACMI continues service for a second year as CAHIIM Board Chair. The full list of CAHIIM Board and Council volunteers for 2017 is published here (with photos on the CAHIIM website).

2017 Board and Councils: Members and Officers

2017 CAHIIM Board of Directors

Dr. Judith J. Warren, PhD, RN, BC, FAAN, FACMI, *Chair*
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Dr. Prudence Dalrymple, PhD, MS, AHIP, FMLA, *Secretary*
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Dr. Joan Straumanis, PhD, *Public Member*
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Dr. Dorine Bennett, EdD, MBA, RHIA
Dr. Stephen Johnson, PhD, FACMI, *HIAC Chair*
Dr. Hertencia Bowe, EdD, RHIA, FAHIMA, *HIMAC Chair*
Dr. Claire Dixon-Lee, PhD, RHIA, CPH, FAHIMA, *Ex-Officio*

2017 Health Information Management Accreditation Council

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2017 Health Informatics Accreditation Council

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Dr. John Holmes, PhD

Accreditation Review Process

CAHIIM is committed to continuous quality improvement of the effectiveness of its accreditation review processes. To that end CAHIIM seeks input from the programs and the peer review teams about their recent experiences with the evaluation processes. The results of these evaluation surveys are reported in the aggregate to the CAHIIM Board of Directors and to the respective Accreditation Councils for improvements to the accreditation review process. Timeliness of the accreditation process is always of paramount concern and we are happy to report that through the efforts of staff and volunteers we are able to shorten the accreditation cycle significantly this year.

Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR)

First of all, thank you for completing the 2015 and 2016 APAR survey! We would like to thank everyone that provided advice and suggestions about APAR improvements that they felt were needed, features that they liked or would like to see added. We take your suggestions, ideas and issues very seriously and use them to continuously improve the APAR data collection process and APAR data platform.

We have been working on the new APAR since early 2016, beginning with the selection of a new vendor who understands our operating process and understands how accreditation works. We plan to begin beta testing in late April. A final release date has not yet been determined, however program directors will receive sufficient advance notice, including preparation guidelines prior to the opening of the reporting system.

Some of the APAR 2017 features include:

- Clean interface for data entry that is clear, concise and easy to use
- Ability to update your program profile when changes occur

- Multi-year view of your program data collection such as data tables of enrollments and graduates over a five-ten year period
- Goal Reporting will be modified to request that programs provide a measurable outcome, steps to achieve, results, analysis and action plan, person in charge and time frame for each of the defined categories of curriculum improvements, students/graduates, and faculty support consistent with systematic program evaluation and planning components
- Reporting Tools for which you will have the ability to print a professional looking completed APAR report, be able to run data reports by program level and regions across the country; reports that will give you aggregated data (totals and averages) for several data fields for programs with similar characteristics

If you have any questions, suggestions, or areas for improvement about the APAR process or this new APAR system, please contact CAHIIM at info@cahiim.org

Congratulations to Health Informatics Programs For Initial Accreditation in 2016

- Boston University, Boston, MA
- University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Upcoming Events

[The CAHIIM Accreditation Process Conference 2017](#)

This Conference presented by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) is designed to assist new programs in the application process for CAHIIM Accreditation to prepare for the process, review the Accreditation Standards, curriculum requirements, exam-

ine the CAHIIM expectations for quality assessment, and review overall program readiness.

May 16–17, 2017, Chicago, IL

The AMIA InSpire 2017 Conference

InSpire 2017 is a conference for educators to learn about state-of-the-art approaches and best practices in education, research, and training; and to build, support, and strengthen the academic informatics community. The goal of InSpire 2017 is to foster innovative approaches in informatics education to advance the health informatics workforce of the future. The conference is intended for faculty and program staff who are committed to their own professional growth as well as multidisciplinary, inter-professional informatics professionals at all levels of academic informatics.

June 6–8, 2017, La Jolla, CA

2016 Strategic Planning Session

Following CAHIIM's Strategic Planning update session in the fall of 2016 four core aspirations are stated. Annual metrics for 2017 are being defined to measure progress toward these aspirations:

- Core Business is to Ensure Quality Education
- Enhance Leadership Opportunities
- Foster External Collaborations
- Seek New Revenue Sources

CAHIIM Staff and Volunteers

CAHIIM is supported in 2017 by three FTEs, one PTE, a temp Executive Assistant, contracted Executive Director and CFO, as well as several specialists in accreditation and program evaluation who have done an extraordinary job this year working with over 80

volunteers that give of their time and talents to serve the CAHIIM accreditation organization in various capacities. CAHIIM will be welcoming and training new Peer Reviewers throughout the year, to continue the quality assessment processes that are the hallmark of CAHIIM Accreditation.

Retirement of CAHIIM Executive Director

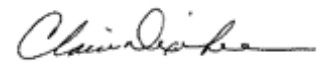
As some of you are aware, the CAHIIM Executive Director retired from AHIMA after 14 years of employment, and subsequently has contracted with CAHIIM as Executive Director in 2017 until a successor is hired and the transition is complete. A CAHIIM Search Committee has been formed, a search firm hired, and interviews with CAHIIM Board, Councils, staff and other stakeholders will support a revised position description for recruitment to commence. Information on the position when available, will be published on the CAHIIM website and on other distribution sites.

In Closing

These are exciting times as we advance high quality program accreditation and further the CAHIIM mission as the trusted accreditation organization for Health Informatics and Health Information Management education programs. We look forward to working with you through increased communications and activities in support of quality education for the HIM profession.



Judith Warren
CAHIIM Board Chair



Claire Dixon-Lee
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For any questions, contact staff at info@cahiim.org

