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Message from the Chapter President

Dear Chapter Members,

Hope all of you had a good Holiday. Let me start with wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2017.

This is a good time to reflect on the past accomplishments and help you make the most of your membership with our future offerings. Our Healthcare landscape is changing at a faster pace than ever before. The changing landscape places an urgent emphasis on improving the quality of patient care and reducing overall costs particularly within hospitals. Combination of technological advancements, regulatory and marketplace forces, such as consolidation trends, shifting ownership patterns and changing federal reimbursement Policies, create a significant need to

identify additional ways to drive quality and alleviate costs. Our education team keeps a pulse on many of these trends and tries to translate these for you through the various regional networking events. Last fall, the events were focused on the Medicare changes related to payment for physician services, lovingly known as MACRA. The event was well-attended and well-received. We also believe in fostering collaboration when planning the regional events. To this effort, we partnered with five other chapters for a very successful Midwest Fall



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Wisconsin Dairyland HIMSS Chapter*

Technology Conference in November and PMI-NEW (Project Management Institute – Northeast Wisconsin) for the December joint offering on Leadership. This event was sold out.

Make the most of your membership and join us in Feb, March, and April for no charge regional networking events. In February, we continue on the quality and clinical practice improvement trend through a Panel Discussion on moving to MIPS and in March and April, we explore the digital transformation via panel discussions on TeleHealth Maturity Model and Breaking Down Barriers of Traditional Healthcare Delivery. We also hope you are able to join us at the National HIMSS 17 (Feb 19- 23 at Orlando, FL).

Thanks to the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts towards the success of these events. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved or would like to know more about your membership benefits, please visit our chapter site or send us an [email](#). We love to hear from our members.

Educational Events Update



The Wisconsin HIMSS Chapter has had a GREAT start to our educational opportunities this year! December 6th we had a great event partnering with the Project Management Institute of Northeast Wisconsin (PMI-NEW) for an evening educational event featuring Rob Davis, Director of Player Development, Green Bay Packers and former Long Snapper for the Green Bay Packers as our speaker on Leadership. This event included an opportunity for an autograph and/or picture with Rob Davis.



On February 9th we will be in Wauwatosa with Jackie Gisch, Vice President of Quality at Aurora Health Care and Megan Fedders, Manager, Population Health Analytics at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin for a panel discussion on “Moving to MIPS - The Streamlining (?) of CMS Physician Quality”. On March 9th we will be in Madison to learn about Telehealth Maturity Model & Key Tactics for a Successful Program with Ed Simcox, Healthcare Practice Leader, Logicalis Healthcare Solutions. Then on April 20th we will be in Wausau to hear from a panel of speakers on Breaking Down the Barriers of Traditional Healthcare Delivery. Panelists include Debra L. Cox, MS, RN, Mayo Clinic, Elsa Jacobson, UW Health, Forrest Gallagher, Aurora Health Care, and Mike Anderes, Froedtert Health.



The Wisconsin HIMSS chapter will end the educational year on Friday, May 12th at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for our Annual Spring Leadership conference. This full-day conference promises to be another great day of learning and networking.

Keep an eye on our [chapter website](#) for the most up-to-date information on all of our educational and other events. We look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year!

Volunteers Needed!

We currently have open volunteer positions on the social event team! If you are interested, please contact us at widairyland.info@himsschapter.org

National HIMSS Conference is a few weeks away!

National HIMSS 17—February 19- 23, 2017

Orlando, FL—Orange County Convention Center

For more information and to register go to

<http://www.himssconference.org/>



Save the Dates!

Thursday February 9,
2017

Regional Networking
Event Wauwatosa, WI

Topic: Moving to MIPS -
The Streamlining (?) of
CMS Physician Quality

[Click for Details](#)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Regional Networking
Event

Madison, WI

Topic: Telehealth Maturi-
ty Model & Key Tactics
for a Successful Program

[Click for Details](#)

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Regional Networking
Event

Wausau, WI

Topic: Breaking Down the
Barriers of Traditional
Healthcare Delivery

[Click for Details](#)

Friday, May 12, 2017

Annual Spring Leadership
Conference

Wisconsin Dells, WI

[Click for Details](#)

2016-2017 Scholarship Recipient

The Wisconsin HIMSS Dairyland Chapter continued its commitment to recognize student excellence this year by offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a qualified student studying healthcare information and management systems related areas. Over the course of the application process, the chapter received a number of qualified applicants and is happy to announce that Amy Wolfgram has been selected as the recipient of this year's WI HIMSS Scholarship. Amy is pursuing a Master of Science in Health Information Management at College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, and she is also a Compliance Coordinator at the Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire. The scholarship consists of a \$2,000 award, plus a free student membership to HIMSS - Dairyland Chapter and a seat on the Governing Board of the HIMSS - Dairyland Chapter for one year. Congratulations, Amy!

MACRA Standards Educational Event Held in Time for Final Ruling Changes Coming

On October 13th, chapter members and student attendees turned out at Milwaukee School of Engineering for the Wisconsin HIMSS educational event to be educated on new Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) standards. Featured speakers Monica Nichter, RN, MSN and James Deren disseminated complex changes that organizations need to be prepared for with the government's final ruling on MACRA being enacted next year. Their presentations explained how to improve processes within organizations and IT, along with discussing key differences between Alternative Payment Models (APM's) and Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) so that medical providers can remain compliant in the near-future state of healthcare. Thank you to CareTech CT for sponsoring the event! Thank you to the attendees who came out and enjoyed the presentations!



Midwest Fall 2016 Technology Conference in Minnesota

The Midwest Fall Technology Conference was held November 13-15 in Bloomington, MN. Pursuit of knowledge with enthusiasm permeated the halls of the Radisson Blu, the venue for the conference. Over 360 health care technology professionals had the opportunity to network with each other, learn new methods and ideas from speakers, and interact with over 50 vendors. Both the conference agenda and facility received high survey scores keeping in line with the high standards and expectations established by previous year's conference hosted by other Chapters. This conference proved to be of high value for the modest expenses to attend. The two day agenda provided education to a diverse skill, discipline and organizational role audience. All, entry-level analysts, managers, CIOs and providers, were exposed to high quality, professionally developed educational presentations. I encourage all Dairyland Chapter members to set next year's conference on their calendar and influence education budgets to enable attendance for next year's conference at Indianapolis, October 22-24. Watch for details on our website.

2016 Midwest Fall
Technology Conference

Bloomington, MN

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