2011 Timeline of Accomplishments

Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI)

Quarter 1

- Introduced the new blue prints for the RMT and CMT credentials and launched at-home testing capabilities in partnership with our new testing provider, Kryterion

- Debuted the *RMT Exam Guide: A Walk Through the Blue Print* book to help candidates prepare for the updated RMT exam

- AHDI voting members approved the redesign the association's governance structure according to a plan developed and approved by the AHDI House of Delegates at its 2010 Annual Meeting. Members approved changes to the bylaws that created our National Leadership Board and Districts for a new form of representational governance.

- The House of Delegates Strategic Initiatives Steering Committee unveiled AHDI's four key strategic initiative blue prints in Credentialing, Education, Membership, and Advocacy & Outreach. Each was designed to guide the association at all levels in achieving our goals.

- The MT Education Program Approval Manual Committee released the 2011 edition of the Manual. Schools seeking approval from the Approval Committee for Certification Programs (ACCP) will find a streamlined process for application beginning in January 2011.

- AHDI Board of Directors published a new "Let's Talk About" series of open letters to engage members and the industry in critical dialogue on an array of emerging trends, drivers, and challenges facing our workforce and our sector.

- *Matrix* transitioned to an online, digital magazine.

- AHDI and the Clinical Documentation Industry Association (CDIA) submitted joint comments on Meaningful Use Stage 2 to the Health Information Technology Policy Council, the governing body overseeing the deployment of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) funds and establishing criteria for those funds through the definition of "meaningful use"

- AHDI and CDIA exhibit at the Healthcare Information and Management Society (HIMSS) Health IT Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, Florida

- Nearly 30 AHDI and CDIA members volunteered as Legislative Leaders in their home states to lead our grassroots advocacy efforts

- An updated QA Best Practices Tool Kit was released to support the July 2010 *Healthcare Documentation Quality Assessment and Management Best Practices* standards and best practices issued by AHDI, CDIA, and AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association).

Quarter 2

- Launched the Credentialing Qualifying Exam (CQE) to give candidates the ability to sit for both the RMT (level 1) and CMT (level 2) exams in one session

- The 6th annual Advocacy Summit (Preserving the Patient Health Story) was held in Washington, DC, when AHDI/CDIA members met with Members of Congress and their aides. Our members carried important messages to Capitol Hill on the patient's health story, EHR adoption, health information exchange, health record privacy and security, workforce development, and the value of the healthcare documentation knowledge worker.

- Unveiled the new online AHDI/CDIA Advocacy Tracker system for our Legislative Leaders. The system centralized our internal communication for better coordination, and created an efficient mechanism for logging and tracking our legislative/alliance activities.

- AHDI/CDIA members and staff followed up with the legislators they met with during the Advocacy Summit with letters and telephone calls. This helped to further build the relationships and reiterate our messaging. Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA) followed through with our request and wrote a letter on our behalf to the Office of the National Coordinator of Health IT (ONC).

- First election of At-Large and District Directors was held for AHDI's new National Leadership Board (NLB). The newly elected Directors were announced on June 29.

- The Visually Impaired Transcriptionist Alliance (VITA) held their first credit-worthy, fully-accessible webinar for the visually impaired

- The AHDI Marketplace store was opened in Café Press

- In May, AHDI kicked off the monthly Bonus Member Benefit that has continued throughout 2011 and into the start of the new year

- The Board and House of Delegates have one-on-one conversations to hear what is on the mind of our members. They speak to more than 100 AHDI members to answer questions, hear their concerns, and share information on the latest AHDI initiatives.

Quarter 3

- Rep. Filner received a response from Dr. Montashari, ONC. At this time, further follow-up is being strategically planned and coordinated.

- AHDI and CDIA filed official joint comments with the ONC and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the proposed Metadata Standards to Support Nationwide Electronic Health Information Exchange.

- The *CMT Exam Guide: A Walk Through the Blue Print* book was released as a new resource for candidates preparing to take the CMT credentialing exam

- For the first time, AHDI's Annual Convention & Expo (ACE 2011) was captured on high-quality video, offering the entire convention in a full video DVD format

- ACE 2011 attendees were able to pay their registration fee in installments for the first time to make the convention accessible to more members

- New AHDI credit card for members was opened with UMB

- "Looking Forward" $10 webinar series launched, encouraging the healthcare documentation community to "Poke the Box" as encouraged in Seth Godin's book of the same title.

- E-books *Getting Your Foot in the Door: Two Years' Experience Not Required, Willie Getwell,* and *A Career in Medical Transcription* content updated

Quarter 4

- AHDI and CDIA exhibit at the AHIMA convention in Salt Lake City, Utah to spread the word about healthcare documentation

- The *Compliance and Business Best Practices Manual* is released as an ebook at a new, lower rate

- In partnership with the EHR Training Academy, the "Introduction to the EHR" course was made available to AHDI members

- Accessible versions of *CMT* and *RMT Exam Guides,* and *Book of Style Workbook* made available to the visually impaired healthcare documentation students and practitioners

- National Leadership Board approved changes in the Model Curriculum, 5th edition, to be launched in early 2012

- The number of fans of AHDI's Facebook page increased to 3,300

- Total number of schools approved through the Education Approval Program rose to 28

- New Professionals Alliance launched new online RMT study group for AHDI members

- AHDI recruits more than 50 new volunteers through a national Call for Volunteers initiative

AHDI Component Associations & Special Interest Alliances

The National Leadership Board would like to recognize and thank our more than 60 component associations and special interest alliances for their year-long efforts. Our local, state, regional, and web-based component associations and alliances are 100% volunteer lead to provide an enriching community for our members in closer to home and online.

Take a moment to Get Connected today to the AHDI components and alliances.