



# Newsletter

January 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Daniel Castanon, BS, RHIA*

Happy New Year 2019!

I hope you had great holiday break and you are ready and excited to start 2019!

As we all get ready to begin a new year we all have resolutions we make. This year I have a grand experiment which involves you!

### New Year Resolution Challenge

I would like to hear back from each and every member! Would you please send me an email and let me know what you like and dislike about our SDHIA. If you dislike something, please include how you would change that dislike to a like. Please also let me know of any future topics you would like included in our educational sessions and if you have a lead on a speaker or sponsor, e-mail me the necessary information so I can follow-up.

Ready ..... Set .... Go

[SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org](mailto:SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org)

I appreciate any feedback and input!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8, 2019**

**Data Analytics Opportunities in Healthcare. Quality Improvement**

### LOCATION:

Sharp Techway Building  
8520 Tech Way  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A  
San Diego, CA 92123

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**February 2, 2019**

**New 2019 CPT Updates**

### LOCATION:

Sharp Corporate Bldg  
8695 Spectrum Center  
blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92123

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Data Analytics Opportunities in Healthcare. Quality Improvement***

**Date: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Door Registration begins at 4:45 pm

**Location:**

Sharp Techway Building  
8520 Tech Way 1st Floor Rm A  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Speakers:**

**Svetlana Woersching, RHIA, CCS, CPC  
Coding Quality Analyst, UHG, Optum**

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or call (619) 742-4519



**Registration Fee:**

\$17 CHIA Member  
\$22 Non-CHIA Member  
\$10 CHIA Member Student  
\$15 Non-CHIA Student

**Continuing Education**

CEU's: 2  
Domain: Performance Improvement

**For registration and payment online go to "Register":**



Although online registration is preferred, walk-in registration is available at the meeting site - Cash or Check Only. Please make your check payable to SDHIA

## *New 2019 CPT Updates*

**Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Door Registration begins at 8:30 - 9:00 am



**Location:**

Sharp Corporate Bldg./Auditorium  
8695 Spectrum Center Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Registration Fee:**

\$43 CHIA Member  
\$48 Non-CHIA Member  
\$25 CHIA Member Student  
**\$50 At the door**

**Speakers:**

**Judy A. Halloway, RHIA, CCS, MPH**  
**Director, Healthcare Consulting**

**Continuing Education**

CEU's: 4  
Domain: Clinical Data Management

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## California Health Information Association

**eHIM User Symposium – Operational Best Practices****Date:** January 29th, 2019**Time:** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**Location:** DoubleTree

1515 Hotel Circle South  
San Diego CA 92108  
Parking is complimentary.

**Event Type:** Seminar

**Early Registration ends on  
Jan 15, 2019.**

Regular registration starts on Jan 09, 2019 and ends on Jan 22, 2019.

Late registration starts on Jan 23, 2019.

**Who Should Attend**

HIM Directors and professionals in management roles who have influence over the content of the Electronic Health Record, Compliance Officers, Privacy and Security Officers, Chief Information Officers

**6 CEUs**

HIM Domain: Privacy and Security

Lunch is included

Join this vital and important CHIA symposium to learn about optimization of electronic health record use in health care. Operational best practices include:

- Defining the Legal Health Record in the Electronic Environment – Record Management Redefined
- Next Generation Considerations: Data Provenance vs Meta Data
- Conducting an "ePHI" Inventory through a Security Risk Analysis
- eMPI Integrity and Patient Matching – Health Information Exchange Best Practices
- An "FBI" Review of the Cyber Security Climate
- Medical Device Cyber Security – Real World Implications on Morbidity and Mortality

**Speaker Information**

**John Caruthers**, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego, CA

**Christian Dameff**, MD, UC San Diego Medical Center

**Lacey Mendoza**, Production Operations Manager, San Diego Health Connect

**Daniel Smiley**, Chief Deputy Director, CA Emergency Medical Services Authority

**Leslie Witten-Rood**, Project Manager, HIE for EMS Projects, CA Emergency Medical Services Authority

**Debi Primeau**, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA, President, Primeau Consulting Group

**Diane Premeau**, MBA, RHIA, CHP, Director of Health Information Services, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital

More information and registration at:

[https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=CHIA&WebCode=EventDetail&evt\\_key=a42fe224-c586-4e93-8371-5cfb9cb6b23f](https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=CHIA&WebCode=EventDetail&evt_key=a42fe224-c586-4e93-8371-5cfb9cb6b23f)

**Register** ▶▶

## SDHIA NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2019 BALLOT



Dear SDHIA members!

The SDHIA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 SDHIA Ballot. The SDHIA election and online voting will begin on February 1, 2019 and close February 22, 2019. Check out the February SDHIA Newsletter for candidates' biographies and upcoming email bulletins for complete election details. Only votes of CHIA members will be counted for the SDHIA 2019 Ballot.

Congratulations to all of these ballot candidates, and a sincere thank you to those who volunteered and offered their name for consideration. These HIM professionals have offered to give their time and expertise to serve SDHIA and make the HIM profession stronger in the rapidly changing healthcare industry.

### President-elect Candidates

Hernan Amezcua, RHIA  
Mengistu Hika, MHIS, RHIA, CDIP, CHP, CSCS  
Lawrence Willis, EdD, RHIA

### Secretary Candidate

Ashley Baker, RHIT

### Treasurer Candidate

Morgan Hezlep, Esq., JD, RHIT, CHC

### CHIA Delegate Candidates

Marci Arkin, RHIA  
Maria Hewett, MBA, RHIA

Submitted by Svetlana Woerschling, RHIA, CCS, CPC  
Past President and SDHIA Nominating Committee Chair





## CHIA Nominating Committee Announces 2019 Ballot

The CHIA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 CHIA Ballot. The CHIA election and online voting will begin on January 14, 2019 and close January 25, 2019. Check out the January-February *CHIA Journal* and upcoming email bulletins for complete election details.

Congratulations to all of these ballot candidates, and a sincere thank you to those who volunteered and offered their name for consideration. CHIA and the HIM profession are stronger with the leadership of our valuable members.

### **President-elect Candidates**

Roberta Baranda, MS, RHIA, CHP (SHIA)  
Melany Merryman, MSL, RHIA, CRCR (IAHIA)

### **Director Candidates**

Sally Gibbs, RHIA, CCS (SVHIA)  
Vickie Skidmore, RHIA, IGP (SHIA)  
Vivian Thomas, RHIA, CHDA, CHPS, CHPQ (GOCHIA)  
Svetlana Woersching, RHIA, CCS, CPC (SDHIA)

### **AHIMA Delegate Candidates**



Liz Duggan Graham, RHIT, CCS (NCHIA)  
Shirley Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC (SCHIA)



Thank you also to the CHIA Nominating Committee for your work preparing the CHIA ballot. Chair: Deborah Collier; Board Liaison: Nancy Andersen; Members: Ashley Baker; Jacqueline Bloink; Kamar Braish; Rebecca Clark; Linda Dietz; Steve Kim; Monica Leisch; Krista McComb; Pattie Small; Monica Thurston; and Anafrancia Tordilla.

Learn more about the [CHIA Leadership Nomination Process](#) and consider submitting your name next year for the 2020 CHIA Ballot.

## San Diego Health Information Association, SDHIA

### CALENDAR of EVENTS for 2018 - 2019

Date & Location	Speaker	Topic & Sponsor
<p><b>September 25, 2018</b> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Lawrence Willis, EdD, RHIA HIM Director at San Diego Vibra Hospital, Faculty, Chicago State University &amp; Malcolm X College</p> <p>Andrea Swenson Motivational and Inspirational Speaker.</p>	<p><b>Topic: What's Next: Professional Development and Career Mapping for Today's HIM Professional Leadership</b> <b>Domain :</b> Organizational Management and Leadership <b>Sponsor:</b></p> 
<p><b>September 29, 2018</b> (Saturday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Sharp Corporate Bldg. Sharp Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Elvia Esquer, BS, RHIT, CCS Adjunct Coding Professor at San Diego Mesa College</p> <p>Vilena Boussarova, MS, RHIA, CCS Hospital Inpatient Regional Coder at Kaiser Permanente, Southern California</p>	<p><b>Topic: Coding Round Table New ICD-10-CM/PCS 2019 code s</b> <b>Domain: Clinical Classification Systems and Coding</b> <b>Sponsor:</b></p>
<p><b>October 23, 2018</b> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Health Law (Compliance)-Privacy and Security</p> <p>Kimberly Shuttters, BS, RHIA HIPPA Security Officer</p> <p>Morgan Hezlep, Esq., J.D.</p>	<p><b>Domain:</b> <b>Topic: Health Law Health Law and Compliance</b> <b>Sponsor:</b></p> 
<p><b>November 27, 2018</b> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Connie Renda, MA, RHIA, CHDA Program Director Mesa College</p> <p>Holly Jagielinski, RHIA, MPH Professor</p>	<p><b>Topic: Leading the Way to Cultural Competency in Healthcare</b> <b>Domain: Organizational Management and Leadership</b> <b>Sponsor:</b></p>

Date & Location	Speaker	Topic & Sponsor
<p><b>December 11, 2018</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) <b>Location:</b> Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island San Diego, CA 92101</p>	<p>Mesa College</p> <p>Maria Alizondo , MOL, RHIT, FHIMA Director, HIMS at UCLA Health System</p>	 <p><b>Topic: Leadership through Volunteerism Holiday Party</b> <b>Domain: Leadership</b> <b>Sponsors:</b></p> 
<p><b>January 8, 2019</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) <b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Svetlana Woersching, RHIA, CCS, CPC Coding Quality Analyst, UHG, Optum</p>	<p><b>Topic: Data Analytics Opportunities in healthcare. Quality Improvement.</b> <b>Domain: Performance Improvement</b></p>
<p><b>February 2, 2019</b> <b>(Saturday)</b> <b>Location:</b></p>	<p>Coding Round Table New 2019 CPT codes</p> <p>Judy Halloway and an associate.</p> <p>Cover CPT and some ICD-10 PCS</p>	<p><b>Topic: Coding Round Table New 2019 CPT codes</b></p> <p><b>Domain:</b> Clinical Classification Systems and Coding</p>
<p><b>February 12, 2019</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) <b>Location:</b> <b>No Meeting this Month</b></p>	<p><b>No Regular Meeting this Month</b> <b>Happy Valentine Day!</b></p>	
<p><b>March 12, 2019</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) <b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Illumina, Inc.</p> <p>Bruce Castner, PhD- Associate Director, Customer Data Management</p>	<p><b>Topic: Medical Devices and Data Analytics - Panel</b> <b>Domain: Information Protection: Access, Use, Disclosure, Privacy and Security</b></p> <p><b>Sponsor: Illumina</b></p>



Date & Location	Speaker	Topic & Sponsor
<p><b>April 9, 2019</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Maria Hewett, RHIA</p> <p>Vilena Boussarova, MS, RHIA, CCS Regional HIM Coder at Kaiser Permanente, Southern California</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> <b>Data mapping /data dictionary/sets HL7/</b></p> <p><b>Domain:</b> Informatics, Analytics, and Data Use</p> <p><b>Sponsor:</b></p>
<p><b>May 14, 2019</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island San Diego, CA 92101</p>	<p>Connie Renda &amp; SDHIA Board</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> HOD Topics</p> <p><b>Domain:</b> Evolving Topics</p> <p><b>Sponsor:</b></p>

## Treasurer Report



**Nov 30, 2018**

Checking:	\$9,477.15
Savings:	\$12,580.47
Petty:	\$67.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$22,124.62</b>



### [SDHIA Scholarships for CHIA Student Members](#)

SDHIA has established a scholarship to support SDHIA CHIA students who have completed 50% of their coursework towards a credential in health information management. SDHIA is committed to helping students

complete their education and enable them to successfully embark on their HIM career path. You must be a CHIA student member if you have not signed up please register here:

<https://californiahia.org/join>

Applications are required to be submitted by the March 1, 2019 deadline. The eligibility criteria, application, and selection/notification process can be found here:

CHIA: <https://californiahia.org/student-scholarships>

SDHIA:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i6MT4ioVWk6D5eoxYU0xe5HtAOeWb78/view?usp=sharing>

## ***Thank you to our December Meeting Sponsor***





### Svetlana Woersching, RHIA, CCS, CPC, PMEC, LSSWB

SDHIA endorses Svetlana Woersching for Director for the 2019 CHIA Election. Svetlana is motivated HIM professional with more than 15 years of experience in areas of Data Analytics, Coding, and Auditing in multi-health care settings such as US Navy hospital, long-term, inpatient, and outpatient facilities.

At present, she works for Optum, UnitedHealth Group as Coding Quality Analyst, Quality Improvement on different compliance projects for San Diego County, and develops training for providers to improve clinical documentation and audit outcomes.

Svetlana has been a very active member of AHIMA, CHIA, and SDHIA since 2012. As a lifelong learner, Svetlana started this year her Master's degree at Capella University to stay current on changes in the dynamic HIM industry. Svetlana would be honored to serve for CHIA and to represent interests of all local associations of California. Please show your support by **VOTING** for Svetlana.





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<b>Sharp Healthcare:</b>
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▶ <a href="#">Coding Auditor</a>
▶ <a href="#">Supervisor Compliance Auditor</a>
▶ <a href="#">Clinical Document Improvement Specialist</a>
<b>Scripps Health:</b>
▶ <a href="#">Coder I</a>
▶ <a href="#">Supervisor, Medical Coding</a>
▶ <a href="#">Coder - Hospital Outpatient Surgery</a>
<b>Rady Children's Hospital:</b>
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<b>San Ysidro Health:</b>
▶ <a href="#">HIS Specialist</a>
▶ <a href="#">Health Information Services Specialist Lead,</a>
<b>UC San Diego:</b>
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▶ <a href="#">Patient Record Abstractor II</a>
▶ <a href="#">Manager, Training Team</a>
<b>UC San Diego Extension:</b>
▶ <a href="#">Director - Healthcare Education</a>

<b>Palomar Health:</b>
▶ <a href="#">Coding &amp; Documentation Integrity Manager</a>
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**Host:** Walid Al Abdullah

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**Newsletter** – Hernan Amezcua, RHIA, Leslie Barden, MBA, RHIA

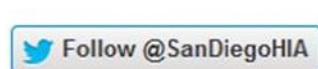
## CHIA BUSINESS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

1. July 31, 2018 CLA Name of the Nominating Committee Representative
2. July 31, 2018 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
3. Jan 31, 2019 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
4. Feb 28, 2019 CLA Leadership Rosters
  - CLA Delegates to the 2019 CHIA House
  - CLA Board Leaders for FY 2019-2020 (FY starts July 1, 2019)
5. May 1, 2019 CLA Proposed Budget
6. May 1, 2019 CLA Annual Report



## SDHIA Social Media Corner

Join us and stay connected for the latest news, events, and networking opportunities.



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