The **GOCHIA February 2019 Newsletter** is now available online. Check it out to stay current with local news, events, job openings and more!

### SPECIAL THANKS
We’d like to thank Judy Holloway for her very informative and popular CPT updates presentation held at CHOC on January 24.

### GOCHIA BALLOT FOR 2019/2020
Voting period for the GOCHIA 2019/2020 Board will be from Monday 2/18 to Tuesday 2/26.

**Candidates:**
- President-Elect: Rachael Goodman, RHIA
- Secretary: Lizbeth Felix, RHIA
- CHIA House of Delegates (choose 2): Venus Alejandrino, RHIA, Patty Durkee, RHIA, Kathleen Witte, RHIA, CCS

Note there is also a write-in option for each of the positions.

Please see GOCHIA CLA page at [https://californiahia.org/clas/gochia](https://californiahia.org/clas/gochia) for the voting link.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March:  HIM Career and Education Panel Discussion (no CEUs)  *** Free Event *****

A panel of HIM professionals will share their path to and role within HIM.

March 9, 2019 (Saturday)
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Wade Center conference room
CHOC Children’s Hospital, 1201 West LaVeta, Orange 92868

Advanced Registration: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/him-career-and-education-panel-tickets-56719820510](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/him-career-and-education-panel-tickets-56719820510)
**April: RHIT/RHIA Exam Prep (3 CEUs)**

An invaluable opportunity to help prepare for AHIMA certification exams.

April 13, 2019 (Saturday)
9:00 am – 12:00 am
TODOS Conference Rooms, 1st floor of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment
Across the street from St. Joseph Hospital. 1000 West LaVeta, Orange 92868

**May: Graduate Recognition Dinner**

May 3, 2019 (Friday)
Time TBD
Knott’s Berry Farm

**CHIA NEWS**

**2019-2020 CHIA Board Election Results**

*President-elect:*  Melany Merryman, MSL, RHIA, CRCR (IAHIA)

*Directors:*  Sally Gibbs, RHIA, CCS (SVHIA)

  Vivian Thomas, RHIA, CHDA, CHPS, CPHQ, CDIP (GOCHIA)

*AHIMA Delegate:*  Shirley Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC (SCHIA)

*AHIMA Alternate Delegate:*  Liz Duggan Graham, RHIT, CCS (NCHIA)

**HIM NEWS**

**Record Year for HIPAA Enforcement**

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S Department of Health and Human Services concluded an all-time record year in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) enforcement activity. In 2018, OCR settled 10 cases and was granted summary judgment in a case before an Administrative Law Judge, together totaling $28.7 million from enforcement actions. This total surpassed the previous record of $23.5 million from 2016 by 22 percent. In addition, OCR also achieved the single largest individual HIPAA settlement in history of $16 million with Anthem, Inc., representing a nearly three-fold increase over the previous record settlement of $5.5 million in 2016.

Link: [2018 OCR HIPAA settlements and judgments](#)