

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE
Health Information Technology
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 11, 2019

PRESENT:

Marci Arkin, RHIA, Director HIS, San Ysidro Health Centers
Judy Courtemanche, Retired, Former System Director HIM Operations, Sharp System Services
Cassi Birnbaum, MS, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA, System Wide Director, UC San Diego Medical Center
Natasha Dasaro, Program Assistant, UC San Diego Extension
Celerina Cornett, Director Healthcare Education Department, UC San Diego Extension
Suzanne Forrest, Systemwide Director of Coding, Sharp Healthcare
Grace Patricio, Office Manager, Vecchione Medical Group
Lorraine Wilson, HIM Director, Scripps Health

Mesa College Faculty and administration

Tina Recalde, DPT, Dean of Health Sciences and Public Service
Holly Jagielinski, MPH, RHIA, Assistant Professor
Connie Renda, MA, RHIA, CHDA, Assistant Professor and Program Director
Shawn Fawcett, Work Based Learning faculty

- 1) **Call to Order/Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm. Introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from October were reviewed and approved as written by Holly seconded by Marci.
- 3) **Identify trends in health information industry**
 - a) UCSD is moving towards single path coding; looking for coders who are CCS preferred or RHIT with some time to obtain either CPC or CCS
 - b) Coders are doing NCCI edits, medical necessity edits and aiming for clean claims and no denials; focus on accuracy, and improving the experience of the coder and provider
 - c) Also emphasis on HCC coding and risk adjustment
 - d) Analysts help with work stream and deficiency management
 - e) Population health, Medicare ACO
 - f) Identifying patients, MPI cleanup
 - g) Sharp mentioned focusing on medical necessity and having a separate work queue for queries
 - h) Marci mentioned the Mesa students she has hired or had through DCP have been “elevating her workforce”
- 4) **HEIT Program Statistics**
 - a) 19 students graduating from program in May
 - b) 34 fast track students completing program in summer
 - c) 53 total from original 64 due to attrition from students with challenges; diverse group
 - d) 82 applicants for fall 2019, will accept first 64 qualified
- 5) **Curriculum changes**
 - a) Will update for 2018 standards in 2019-2020 school year
- 6) **Coding Certificate Program-approved**

- a) Reviewed and discussed pathway from coding certificate to AS to BS degree
- 7) DCP sites**
 - a) Currently have 55 students in DCP this spring semester, each DCP will have 135 hours
 - b) Summer DCP for fast track students; 30 placements
- 8) RHIT exam pass rates**
 - a) Reported on website: 92% pass rate within 6 months of graduation
 - b) Suzanne asked for breakdown by domain; will run report and present at HEIT faculty meeting in June
- 9) CAHIIM Annual Program Accreditation Report (APAR) submitted 3/25 (due 3/31)**
 - a) Re-accreditation process beginning; self-assessment due June 1, 2020, site visit projected for fall 2020
 - b) Will be asking for advisory board participation for site visit
- 10) Work based learning workshops spring 2019**
 - a) From advisory meeting Oct 2018 to prepare students with 21st century skills
 - b) Shawn Fawcett presented

Next meeting-October 2019

Next Meeting Date: The next Health Information Management Advisory Committee meeting will be in October 2019.

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.