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A Newsletter for the South Florida Chapter of HIMSS Membership
Spring 2005 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars

You won't want to miss these events

The South Florida HIMSS Chapter Summer Meeting

July 21st, 2005 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

**At the North Broward Hospital District Information
Services Department Offices.
1608 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale**

The South and Central Florida Chapters of HIMSS and HFMA Annual Conference

September 21 -23, 2005

**Palm Beach Gardens Florida
PGA National Golf and SPA**

Key note speaker - *Michael Heekin, Chairman of the Governor's
Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (GHIIAB)*

Final Agenda to follow for both of these exciting programs

Sponsors



Calendar of Events

HIMSS Summer Conference

June 6 & 7, 2005
New York, NY

SFLHIMSS Summer Program

July 21, 2005
North Broward Hospital District IS offices

CFHIMSS/SFLHIMSS/HFMA Fall Conference

September 21-23, 2005
West Palm Beach, Florida

Call for Sponsorship Opportunities

We are now accepting applications for interested sponsors for the 2005/2006 Chapter year. Sponsoring the South Florida Chapter of HIMSS will give your organization exposure to our entire membership and prospective membership base through acknowledgment in our Newsletter, chair communications and our chapter web site. Our membership includes healthcare information technology executives and leaders, management engineers, healthcare consultants, vendors and students.

The South Florida Chapter membership serves over 20 counties located in the southern sections of the state of Florida, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and South America!!! Your valuable contribution and sponsorship will underwrite the cost of chapter educational event, facilities, rental of AV equipment and refreshments for the chapter membership.

Interested organizations should contact either Guillermo Moreno at GMoreno@cerner.com or Joe Wagner at JWagner@nbhd.org to obtain information about sponsorship levels.

Dr. Brailer Shares Interoperability Vision At HIMSS 2005

Dr. David Brailer, national coordinator of healthcare information technology (IT), joined more than 23,000 attendees, a record-breaking attendance, at HIMSS 2005 in Dallas. As the keynote speaker on Thursday morning, Dr. Brailer provided his recommendations for the adoption of healthcare IT followed by a press conference held at the Interoperability Showcase on the exhibit floor. The showcase gave him a chance as well to see interoperability at work as he followed a health record through the real-world patient care scenarios.

- Read [HIMSS statement of support](#) for Dr. Brailer's recommendations presented at HIMSS.
- Read [Dr. Brailer's speech](#) presented at HIMSS 2005.
- Read the *New York Times* story on Dr. Brailer's visit to HIMSS 2005. You must register to read this story, but registration is free. The story ran on Feb. 19 in the Business Section. Here is the [link](#) to the story; you will be asked to register to read it.

Survey Shows Lack of HIPAA Compliance

Despite the April 20, 2005, deadline for compliance with the Security Rule of the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), only 30 percent of payers and 18 percent of healthcare providers who responded to this bi-annual survey indicate that they are compliant with these regulations. HIMSS and Phoenix Health Systems sponsored the Winter 2005 survey, released at the HIMSS 2005 in Dallas, Texas. The release of this survey marks the fifth year of tracking and reporting by these two organizations on the status of HIPAA compliance within the healthcare industry. With the deadline for compliance with the HIPAA Security Rule only weeks away, these numbers are cause for concern, according to Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN, BC, CPHIMS, and HIMSS director of professional services. In her review of survey results, she noted that the continuing lack of compliance may be compromising the overall HIPAA objectives and jeopardizing the ability to maintain privacy of protected health information. View the results of the entire [survey](#) on the HIMSS Web site.

Nothing But 'Net

Health Management Technology (02/05); Reynolds, Phil

Cynthia Adgate Davis, Georgia-based DeKalb Medical Center IT vice president, believes it is more important for the hospital to focus on healthcare than on technology, so the hospital is using application service providers who charge a subscription fee in exchange for use of their software. Therefore, the hospital reduces its IT expenses by avoiding purchase and maintenance of technology. DeKalb recently implemented Healthvision's physician portal that allows authorized

physicians to obtain patient information, including lab results, via the Internet. The portal combines numerous other applications that make collecting and accessing patient information easier, which leads to improved patient care. The hospital plans to implement a physician order entry application pilot that will allow physicians to electronically order prescriptions. DeKalb also automated its materials management process by using Lawson Software's Financials and Healthcare Supply Chain Management suites, and the application also ensures that the hospital meets requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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Update Your HIMSS Membership Information

Make sure your contact information is up-to-date. Login at http://www.himss.org/asp/member_login.asp and make changes. Or email your information to membership@himss.org. A HIMSS username and password are required for login. The username is usually your first initial and last name, and password is usually your HIMSS membership ID number.

HIMSS Summit: Leaders Focus On Healthcare Transformation

On June 6-7 in New York City, the HIMSS Summit - *Achieving National Healthcare Transformation*, will bring together a dynamic platform of keynote speakers to share their insights into current healthcare issues. This extraordinary HIMSS event at the Marriott Marquis provides a platform for collaboration, debate and open dialog focused on the electronic health record (EHR), interoperability and financing at the national, regional, and local levels. At the HIMSS Summit, your voice will be heard, and every avenue will be explored related to these topics.

Keynote speakers include:

- David Brailer, MD, PhD, National Health Information Technology Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS
- Suzanne F. Delbanco, PhD, Project Coordinator, Leapfrog Group
- Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the US House of Representatives and founder, Center for Health Transformation
- US Rep Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI), Invited
- William C. Rollow, MD, Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Visit the [HIMSS Summit](#) online for more information and to register.

Big Blue Targets Health Care Network American Medical News (05/16/05)

IBM Corp. has announced plans to develop a system targeting the emerging regional health information organization market. RHIOs -- local networks that link and enable doctors, hospitals, and others to share patient information electronically -- are a key component in the federal government's plan to implement a national health information network. IBM plans to start testing its system before the end of the year.

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