



HIT Advisory Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2025

Meeting Time: Called to order at 5:10pm

In attendance:

Andrea Strosnider – Adjunct teacher HIM program WVNCC

Lisa Baker – Administrative Assistant WVNCC

Bonnie Peterman – Allied Health Division Chair WVNCC

Angela Hawk – VPL WVNCC

John Antal – Clinical Director Orchard Park Hospital Child Adolescent Psychiatric Facility

Kailey Morgan – Student Coordinator Memorial Health System

Mia Crow – WVNCC graduate current WVU HIIM student

Patricia Landino – HIT student WVNCC graduating in May

Dora Wallace – MBC/MAA graduate WVNCC

Deborah Kleeh – Program Director WVNCC

Minutes from October 15, 2024 meeting approved by Bonnie Peterman and seconded by Patricia Landino

Old Business:

- We are still investigating other potential exams for the MBC certification other than the current CBCS exam through NHA. We are considering CCA through AHIMA

New Business:

- We currently have 19 MBC students and 13 students graduating with the certificate in May
- We have 4 HIT students graduating in May
- CAHIIM (Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management) is working the Future Education Model curriculum mapping for Health Information Technology programs to implement September 2026 (may be later as many programs need additional time)

- CAHIIM is still looking for Demonstration programs to adopt the FEM earlier to help us to be ready and compliant when the Future Education Model is implemented.
- Question: Angela Will this FEM be something required for all schools? Answer: Yes, we will be highlighting and if we become a demonstration program we would be ahead of the curve.
- Being a demonstration program could prepare us and our students
- Speaker: Mia Crow, RHIT and WVNCC graduate 2023. Current student and soon to be graduate from WVU Health Informatics and Information Management, Bachelors of Science Degree
- Mia mentioned after graduating WVNCC our program director introduced her to Sally Lucci Program Director of the WVU Health Informatics & Information Management program. They do now have the 2+2 transfer in place now. Students may ask what transfers and what do we need. The majority of the WVNCC classes transferred, except for Anatomy & Physiology and had to take another. Advice to students take higher level (200) courses as you can at the community college. Everything else transferred (i.e. Law & Ethics, Advanced Coding, etc.) Did need to take a semester of Anatomy and a semester of Physiology. WVU is now offering the RHIT to Bachelors program. Similar to what she did but at the original time if a student was out of state they had to pay out of state tuition, but now it does not matter where the student lives they will pay in-state tuition, and it is completely online. WVU will be at the WWHIMA conference next month providing more information on this new format. Would have liked more technical experience as there is a serious need for coders right now. There is an abundance of managers and smaller number of coders and the employers are will to pay more because of competition and outsourcing. In the bachelor's program they do not focus on coding more administrative. ICD-11 will becoming out in the future. The WHO is offering training with it and very user friendly and transition will be better. The newer approach should bring younger students into programs. Providing links for the in-state tuition prices and the WVU link for the HIIM program. WVU offers an accelerated Master's Program and need to apply for it in your junior year
- Question: Angela asked about the different type of exam for coding. Answer: Currently we use the CBCS (Certified Billing and Coding Specialist) exam through NHA. Most hospitals want either a CCS through AHIMA or CPC through AAPC or CCS through AHIMA, there is also the CCA beginning coder through AHIMA as well.
- Meeting adjourned

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