HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
MEETING Minutes
May 9, 2013

MEMBERS
Kay Andersen, Jill Burrington-Brown, Tim Downie, *Carol Garsi, *Nancy Gladish, *Sheila Green-Shook, *Bev Hillinger, Jean Iverson, Laura Koster, Jean Kreibeil, Susan Lingle, Sean Longosky, Jim Mazurk, *Toni McKay, *Kathy Peterson, Rhona Moses, Nicole Tamrakar, Nancy Wyer, Donna Wilde, Shari Wilson

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES
*Ellen Cadwell, *Gloria Anderson, Gillian Lewis, * Fikru Diro for David Cunningham

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
*Teri Hinman

VISITER
Brandon Rogers

1. Welcome – Sheila Green-Shook, Chair

2. Approval March 2013 Minutes – The March 14 minutes were reviewed and approved as written

3. Program Status – Ellen Cadwell
   a. Professional Certificate Approval Process (PCAP) update – The new PCAP Self Study for approval of the Medical Coding and Reimbursement program is well underway. The report is 100% online. It must be submitted by June 30, 2013.

   b. CAHIIM Health Information Technology Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR) update – The Accreditation report for the Health Information Technology report was an abbreviated report this year and already submitted. CAHIIM is currently updating their reporting system.

   c. 2013-2014 New Student Applicant Update – 2013 has been the first year the program is requiring that course pre-requisites be met prior to application. By the end of February the admission numbers were lower than expected. We extended the application process to May 1. Students who did not have all the prerequisites were placed on a waitlist. If they completed the required courses in the spring they would be accepted into the program. At this time we have been trying to reduce the number of first year students and with requiring pre-requisites to be met prior to program acceptance.

4. Advisory Committee Membership Review and Recommendations for Future Membership – The committee members were provided the current committee roster.   Several members have not attended for several years. Nancy Gladish will check with several

people at Providence to see if they are willing to serve. Ellen will contact the VA to see if Kazumi Cornell would be interested in replacing Sean Longosky. Other ideas are the Polyclinic, Pac Med, Valley Medical Center or Highline Medical Center.

5. Roundtable Discussion of Current Trends, Computerization, Upcoming Issues in the Seattle Area HIM Community –
    a. Sheila Green-Shook reported that Evergreen has been ramping up for ICD-10-CM/PCS. Although ICD-10 is coming on October 2014 facilities will still need coders to know ICD-9 to provide data analysis, audits, etc.
    b. Nancy Gladish reported that Swedish is working on their Health Information Exchange and how the Hi-Tech rules will affect their security and privacy policies and procedures. Rules governing privacy and security are much stricter than HIPPA and full risk assessments and planning are underway.
    c. Nancy Wyer reported that Fairfax Hospital had just broken ground on a new wing to expand the psychiatric services available. She also had concerns about finding experienced coders and had mixed feelings about bring on new graduates. Nancy Gladish said that Swedish was planning a "mixer" in the near future so that medical center personnel could meet potential HIIM employees. More information to follow.

6. Other Business – Brandon Rogers introduced himself as the Special Assistant to the President for Grants and Contracts. He is currently visiting professional technical advisory committees to advise them of a Department of Labor grant that is available to have programs develop new certificate programs. The minimum grant per student is $7,000 with a maximum grant of $2.5 million over 3 years. The certificate programs would not be part of the current program curriculum. He did state that the grant money could cover the cost of faculty. (Brandon did not bring any materials for review but I believe he was referring to the Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training initiative. Apparently schools and potential employers would be paired. The school would work with area employers to determine what type of skills are needed for their facilities. The employers would be committed to accept X number of certificate students for at least 1 interview). Initial proposals would be due within one week of the meeting. Gloria and I will speak to Dean Gillian Lewis about this grant but the timeline definitely cannot be met with this being the end of Spring Quarter and the academic year.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 4:00.

8. Next meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2013. 2:30-4:00