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President's Message Amy Chacko



Winter is here!

Here we are, entering the snowy months that New England is used to, but now we have an added layer of complexity: COVID-19 and the rollout of the vaccine. While many of us have been thankful for our families, friends and continued health, it unfortunately has not been the same for everyone. Keeping that in mind, we are still here to continue to support our members through this new journey.

We kicked off December with our Meet the Board Holiday webinar. This was such a great opportunity to talk about what we, as a committee, do for our members every day and what needs we have. We were also able to raise over \$6,000 in funds that we split across food banks all over New England! What a great success and cause, and we couldn't have done it without you and our sponsors Queen Consulting and Versatile Health!

Later on that month, we had Dr. Megan Ranney come and discuss "Exploring Digital Health Technology to Maximize Health & Eliminate Disparities." What an excellent presentation given by one of our best thought leaders of the year! She discussed the dissemination of digital health technology and its impact given COVID to various groups of populations. It was an eye-opening presentation that was a good warning ahead of the upcoming holidays from and expert on the frontlines.

January brought on new leadership for our country, but also our first event by our Advocacy Committee, presenting on "Post-Election Policy Updates." The presentation was timely, the day after the Capitol insurrection. Our expert panel discussed what promise the new administration offers as well as what HIMSS at a national level expects it to impact us at the state level, including what could happen under the CARES Act.

We finally kicked off the beginning of our six-part Data Governance Community of Practice webinar series. Hosted by Ron M'Sadoques, Director of Enterprise Data Intelligence for Hartford Healthcare, he started off the series going through the basics of Data Governance and establishing a foundation for the remaining sessions we have. Make sure you sign up for the series if you haven't!

We have so much more to come over the rest of the winter and upcoming spring season, including our first virtual Annual Spring Conference. It will be a three-half day series of a conference discussing "Empowering People to Impact Health Through Information and Technology", understanding the transformation of HIT since the coronavirus pandemic and how it will continue to impact us far into the future. I ask all of you to keep an eye out for our email campaigns and social media alerts on this event.

Continue to stay safe and look forward to "seeing" all of you soon!

NEW ENGLAND HIMSS LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**HIMSS New England 2021 Bylaws Approved**

The New England Chapter of HIMSS 2021 Bylaws have been approved!
Interested in reading them, access them here: [New England Standardized Chapter Bylaws](#)

If you have any questions, send us an [email](#)!

**2021-2022 Chapter Elections!**

Interested in serving in a greater capacity at HIMSS New England? Know someone that may be perfect for a leadership role in the Chapter?
NEHIMSS Chapter Elections is coming up!
Stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, [email](#) us!

Congratulations to two of our Board Members!!

Mary Griskewicz, MS, FHIMSS, Director Government Affairs Policy and Matt Fisher Esq. Carium, have been appointed by the HIMSS Board of Directors to the HIMSS Public Policy Committee for 2021 effective January 1, 2021.



MARY GRISKEWICZ, MS, FHIMSS

Serving as a Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mary will work with Committee Leaders and with the HIMSS staff to ensure HIMSS is focused on the policy issues that impact the healthcare industry. "One area of focus that needed our immediate attention for this year is the role that health IT could play in assisting with the global COVID 19 health pandemic. As a result, we have drafted a recommendation letter to the Biden Administration and created a new COVID-19 Work Group to review policy issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal as volunteer thought leaders is to inform HIMSS government relations priorities in response to COVID-19 policy based on our industry experience."



MATTHEW R. FISHER, ESQ.

Matt was recently appointed to a 2-year term on the HIMSS Public Policy Committee and is also starting a second year as part of the inaugural HIMSS Digital Influencer Program. Matt is a corporate and regulatory healthcare attorney who recently (as of February 8th) started as General Counsel for Carium, a telehealth platform connecting patients and care members. Matt provides all legal support for Carium and is involved in many aspects of Carium's operations.

More About HIMSS National Public Policy Committee:

The HIMSS National Public Policy Committee is responsible for convening volunteer healthcare thought leaders across HIMSS membership, working closely with the HIMSS government relations team to advance global policy by collaborating with government officials around the world—including legislators, key national decision-makers, state and provincial leaders, and stakeholder organizations. This year the scope has been expanded to reflect HIMSS global policy engagement, the committee recommends policy positions on pending legislation and regulations, information and technology.

In addition, the Committee will be working on patient identification and patient matching, data privacy and security as more data is exchanged within the framework of both HIPAA-protected and non-protected data sources, interoperability and continuing our advocacy efforts to support our public health infrastructure with updated technology.

Call for Speakers!

NEHIMSS is looking for passionate and engaging speakers to present during the 2021 Spring Conference, *Empowering People to Impact Health Through Information and Technology*

Are you interested in speaking at this upcoming conference?
Or do you know someone who would make a great speaker?

We are accepting speaker submissions now!

To submit, fill out the form (link below) if you are interested. Speaker submission deadline is Friday
March 19th, 2021.

This is going to be a great 3- day conference! Don't miss out on this speaking opportunity!

[Call for Speaker Form](#)

**Submit the form and any questions to
ne.info@himsschapter.org**

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**Due to COVID-19, New England HIMSS will be holding virtual events****Data Governance Community of Practice – Session 3**

March 17, 5pm EST - Session 3: Data policy and Strategy

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- What is a data strategy?
 - A set of guidelines and patterns for decision making
- Your strategy needs to be flexible to changes in business need and be able to take advantage of new technology
- Data strategy must follow analytics strategy
- Access policies must follow
 - Balance the HIPAA "minimum needed" with the organization's need for insight, and opportunity for monetization

Host: Ron M'Sadoques**Director of Enterprise Data Intelligence, Hartford Healthcare**

As the Director of Enterprise Data Intelligence for Hartford Healthcare, Ron M'Sadoques is responsible for HHC's Data Management program, including the Master Data Management system, and HHC's Data Lake and Epic Caboodle Data Warehouse efforts. Ron also is responsible for the ETL functions and procedures.

For more information and to reserve your ticket, visit the [event page](#).

Everyone Needs a Mentor

March 4, Thursday 5PM EST

Come join us for an educational evening where you can learn from experienced mentors about career advancement, finding opportunities and resources, how others handle challenges, and how to tackle a changing environment. This will be an opportunity to learn from experienced healthcare IT leaders regarding various healthcare IT topics.

Moderator:



Wendy Ouellette

Manager of Specialty Applications/Patient Care Systems

Speakers:

Ralph Johnson

Vice President of Informatics and Technology for The Leapfrog Group

Ethan Fener

Adoption Management Leader, Intersystems

Laura Marquez

Assistant Vice President IT Applications, UConn Health

Mary Griskewicz

Director Government Affairs, Federal Policy CIGNA

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Hybrid Cloud: How this is Becoming Real in Healthcare

March 9, Tuesday 12p EST

Healthcare is making the turn to focus on strategic health IT investments and long-term transformational initiatives as we emerge from the pandemic. Indeed, we now have the experience and benefits of rapidly innovating IT services around telemedicine, digital front doors and remote workforce solutions. We will review how new hybrid cloud strategies enable healthcare providers maintain this new pace.

Speaker:



Steve Shim

Executive Healthcare Strategist

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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Threat is Real, Risk is Real, Are You Prepared?

April 6, Tuesday 12p EST

With each passing day the frequency and complexity of targeted attacks and breaches in all industries to include healthcare are increasing. If you do not believe in cyber warfare, or cyber-crime, let's be clear, you are already in the thick of it. Although numbers of reported breaches in 2020 show a decline from 2019, the question you should ask yourself - "is that because we have been breached and you just don't know it yet?" The average time to identify a breach in healthcare is a whopping 329 days. Like termites in your foundation, just because you don't see it, doesn't mean it is not there.

1. How do I know if have already been the victim of an attack or breach?
2. Remote workforce and telemedicine have introduced specific threats and risk. Have you made the necessary adjustments?
3. Traditional data boundaries no longer exist. It's 2am, do you know where your PII, ePHI, and EMR data is?

Speaker:



Stephen Nardone, CISSP

Director, Cyber Security

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For more information and to reserve your ticket, visit the [event page](#).

2021 HIMSS New England Annual Spring Conference

Empowering People to Impact Health Through Information and Technology

May 11th-13th, Tuesday – Thursday 12pm EST

HIMSS New England is hosting its annual spring conference virtually this year, May 11-13th 2021.

Conference Agenda (Schedule subject to change):

Day 1: Healthcare IT Evolution Tuesday May 11th	12-1pm: Student Poster Presentation & Exhibit Hall	1-2pm: Conference Open Keynote Speaker	2-5pm: Educational Sessions (6 speakers/2 sessions per hour)
Day 2: Digital Divide Wednesday May 12 th	12-1pm: Student Poster Presentation & Exhibit Hall	1-4pm: Educational Sessions (6 speakers/2 sessions per hour)	4-5pm: Student Poster Presentation & Exhibit Hall
Day 3: Clinical Informatics Thursday May 13 th 6 CE's Available	12-1pm: Student Poster Presentation & Exhibit Hall	1-4pm: Educational Sessions (6 speakers/2 sessions per hour)	

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KUDOS CORNER

New England HIMSS would like to give a shout out to Monique Czulewicz for graduating with a master's degree in Healthcare Informatics from Northeastern University!

After graduation, Monique will continue in her role with the Beth Israel Lahey Health System at Mount Auburn Hospital as an Epic Analyst & Principal Trainer.

She views continuous learning as an important part of every professional's career plan and advocates applying a strategic planning process to help identify the right opportunities.

During Monique's informatics studies, she balanced her full-time position and two terms on the Executive Board as the New England HIMSS Treasurer. Along with family commitments, pursuing her master's degree was challenging at times, but she focused on meeting academic deadlines. Jay Spitulnik, Director of the Informatics Program and Craig Schneider, her mentor through NEHIMSS was supportive every step of the way. Monique's advice for professionals pursuing a part-time degree: "You can do it. Do the best you can - and go at your own pace. The lessons learned along the way lead to greater fulfillment."

Monique currently serves as the Student Activities Chair for New England HIMSS. She has been an active volunteer for the past six years. Serving on the board has increased her visibility with professionals beyond those in her current organization.

Congrats to you Monique!



Steve Earle, PMP, FHIMS has started a 2-year appointment on the HIMSS LTPAC Committee, which is focused on Long Term Care, Post-Acute Care and Behavioral Health. After spending much of his career in hospitals and academic medical centers, Steve says, "it's interesting to be learning other perspectives from across the continuum of care."

Great work Steve!

MENTORSHIP SPOTLIGHT**New England HIMSS Mentorship Program**

Kelly Gorham, Associate Systems Analyst, of MaineHealth Information Services shared with us that they have 15 matches this year consisting of 40 participants! They also have also had a couple social hours this year and are planning their first ever mentorship webinar this upcoming March.

Spotlighted Mentorship Pair**K.C. Marshall & Ethan Fener****Another rewarding connection:
Transitioning military veteran finds success through NEHIMSS Mentorship Program**

"I was hesitant to apply since I believed that I didn't fit the more common profile of a mentee," said K.C. Marshall, who recently finished his graduate program in healthcare and technology at UMass Dartmouth after a career in the U.S. Navy. However, after a brief informational interview with Pam Breach, an advising panelist in this past fall's NEHIMSS After Dark webinar on career transitions, he was strongly encouraged to apply: "Pam is a big fan of the program and felt that I would greatly benefit from this type of one-on-one interaction," said K.C.

The NEHIMSS Mentorship Program quickly paired K.C. with Ethan Fener, an Adoption Management Leader with InterSystems, who has extensive experience working with chief executives and medical leadership in developing vision and strategy for complex IT infrastructures within large multi-hospital networks. "We quickly established trust which led to a meaningful, open and surprisingly lengthy first conversation," said Ethan. "It was clear what K.C. needed and how I could help."

Shortly after being matched with Ethan, K.C. was hired by Massachusetts General Hospital as a healthcare technology project manager. As luck would have it, Ethan had previously managed information systems for many years in the Radiology Department at Brigham & Women's Hospital and had later transitioned upward into enterprise-level positions after its merger into Partners Healthcare, now named Mass General Brigham.

"This has been truly a perfect match," said K.C. "Ethan's professional strengths and institutional knowledge of my current employer has been enormously beneficial for my development as a mid-career professional rapidly transitioning into this new position and industry." They both credit the program's thoughtful approach of creating quality interactions based on common goals, experiences and areas of expertise, and are grateful for this opportunity to foster a dynamic relationship.

RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

HIMSS New England Holiday Social
Our first ever virtual Holiday Social was held on December 3rd

The rapid spread of the coronavirus pandemic has increased the number of people living with food insecurity here in New England as well as globally. The New England chapter of HIMSS held a holiday social with special meaning this year. Our Board of Directors, other members and sponsors joined together virtually to raise money to help the food banks of New England. This zoom gathering met the challenge of the pandemic to keep our momentum in learning and networking. We hope everyone enjoyed this evening on Zoom with chat, games, and prizes! This special Holiday Social will remind us of what we appreciate about our chapter and the folks who volunteer to keep us engaged and those who wore an ugly sweater kept the smiles going 😊

All proceeds from this event were donated to food banks across the 6 states HIMSS New England Serves.

<i>Food Bank Donations</i>	\$1,305 Registration Fees Collected \$1,305 NEHIMSS Matching Donation \$300 NEHIMSS Additional Donation \$3,375 Sponsor Donations -----
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Exploring Digital Health Technology to Maximize Health & Eliminate Disparities

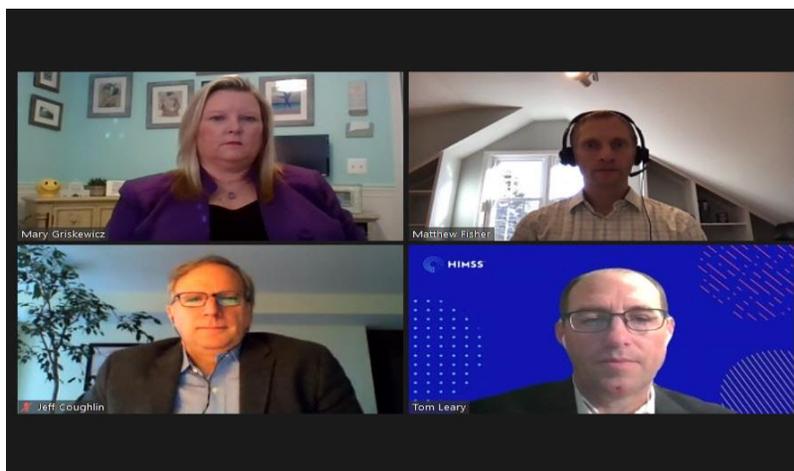


Held Tuesday December 22nd, 2020

During this webinar Megan Ranney, MD, MPH, FACEP shared insightful news and developments on the impact of how COVID-19 has turbocharged digital technology and the investment in it by healthcare leaders and healthcare organizations to meet the challenges of caring for patients and communities during this pandemic.

Post-Election Policy Update

Held Thursday January 7th, 2021



During this webinar, we learned a bit more about our distinguished panel of experts who guided us through regulatory changes and updates that have occurred in the last year and what to expect with the new administration in 2021.

Data Governance Community of Practice – Six Sessions

Held Wednesday January 17th & February 17th 2021

Hosted by Ron M'Sadoques

The Data Governance CoP series kicked off January 20th with an overview of what Data Governance is. Ron had an engaging presentation which left audience members asking questions about what they can do to better improve their organizations and personal approach to data governance.

Session 2 was held February 17th with Ron discussing Data Domain Governance.

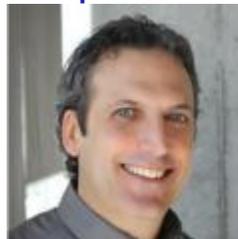
It's not too late to catch up to this series! The next one is being held on March 17 and any registrants will receive access to the slides and webinar recording from Sessions 1 & 2.

Join the conversation!

Recovery Readiness: Getting Back to Business with Complete Data Protection

Held Tuesday February 9th, 2021

Speaker:

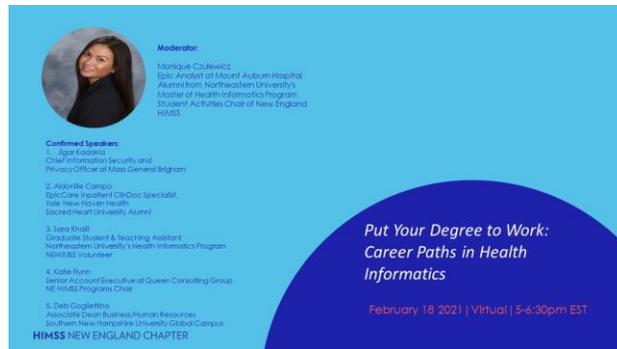


Lance Shaw
Director, Data Solutions

This webinar provided those that attended a better understanding of how to develop a plan to regularly test and validate recovery data strategies and embrace to use of cloud technology without giving up security.

Put Your Degree to Work: Career Paths in Health Informatics

Held Thursday February 18th 2021



Moderator:
Monique Czulewicz
Epic Analyst at Mount Auburn Hospital
Alumni from Northeastern University
Master of Health Informatics Program
Student Activities Chair of New England
HIMSS

Confirmed Speakers:

1. Ajay Kozhikar
Chief Information Security and
Privacy Officer at Mass General Brigham
2. Abhinav Chango
EpicCare Supporter / CPO/Doc Specialist
Yale New Haven Health
Sacred Heart University Alumni
3. Jara Khalil
Graduate Student & Teaching Assistant
Northeastern University's Health Informatics Program
NEHIMSS Volunteer
4. Kalle Ryan
Senior Account Executive at Queen Consulting Group
NE HIMSS Program Chair
5. Deb Gaglietto
Associate Dean Business/Human Resources
Southern New Hampshire University Global Campus

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*Put Your Degree to Work:
Career Paths in Health
Informatics*

February 18, 2021 | Virtual | 5-6:30pm EST

This was a quite popular event held by our Students Activity Committee. Monique Czulewicz moderated 5 panelists who shared their advice on how to navigate your career, increase visibility at your work and whether certifications truly give you an edge in being qualified for job opportunities.

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