PRESIDENT’S WELCOME MESSAGE

Jeff Loughlin

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the New England HIMSS newsletter, and a new year for the Chapter. I first want to say congratulations to our newly elected officers, Amy Chacko – President Elect, and Renee Broadbent – Secretary. I am also very pleased that our Treasurer, Monique Czulewicz, will continue for another great year. Along with our now Past President Tim Wong, I am excited to see where our Chapter will take us in the coming months.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first event on August 22nd at our Rhode Island Telehealth and CyberSecurity Professional Development and Education Conference at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. This will be a great event, at a wonderful venue – a perfect way to start off the new year which is already packed with great events, both educational and social. I would encourage all of you to check our website regularly as we continue to update our events calendar with new events and updated details on event agendas, speakers, and locations, including our flagship event at Gillette Stadium again next Spring, along with one more Super Bowl ring added to the collection!

I would like to thank our many volunteers and board members who work tirelessly to help coordinate these great events and help promote the mission of NEHIMSS throughout the year.

Last, as always, it is the abundant generosity of our sponsors that help ensure NEHIMSS has the resources to put on such great events. Thank you all for your continued contributions and participation in our events as we strive to keep up with the ever-changing healthcare landscape and the improvements that your technologies bring.

I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at the coming events, but please reach out with any questions and comments you may have to help improve our NEHIMSS community and events.

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Announcing the 2019-2020 New England HIMSS Elected Officials!

New England HIMSS, on behalf of Jeffrey Loughlin, President, and the chapter board of directors, is pleased to announce the elected officers for chapter year 2019-2020. Please join us in congratulating our newest elected officials of the New England Chapter: Amy Chacko, President Elect; Renee Broadbent, Secretary; and Monique Czulewicz, Treasurer! Visit our website to view the official announcement.

New England HIMSS Recognized by HIMSS National

The New England HIMSS has achieved Ambassador level of Chapter Advocacy in 2019 by HIMSS.

Appointments to HIMSS National

Two of New England HIMSS board members were appointed by HIMSS to serve on various committees. Please join us in congratulating Mary Griskewicz for being appointed to the HIMSS Public Policy Committee and New England HIMSS President-Elect, Amy Chacko, for being appointed to the HIMSS Chapter Task Force! HIMSS looks to our volunteers to lead the way in service through their exceptional contributions to transforming health information and technology. Service on a HIMSS Committee focused on specific constituencies and key industry topics within health information and technology, is an excellent opportunity for professional development, networking, and active engagement.

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Telehealth and CyberSecurity Educational Event

On August 22, 2019, the New England HIMSS Chapter is holding a Professional Development and Educational event at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. The event will be held in Ochre Court, Salve Regina’s main administration building, which is a beautiful Louis XIV style mansion directly on the Newport Cliff Walk (pictured to the right, courtesy of Salve Regina University). The event will focus healthcare cybersecurity and telehealth. Register now!

Check out the interview with New England HIMSS Rhode Island Advocacy Committee Member, Steve Earle, on WATD 95.9 Radio to learn more about this upcoming event!

New England HIMSS Educational Event

The New England HIMSS Chapter is hosting an Educational Session on September 17, 2019. This Educational Session will be held at the Inn at Longwood Medical in Boston, Massachusetts. This event will be focusing on physicians. Registration is now open! Visit the event site to register and for more details.

New England HIMSS HIE Event

Save the date for the New England HIMSS HIE (Health Information Exchange) All-Day Event on October 10, 2019. This event will be held at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Visit the HIE Event site for more details as we get closer to our event!

New England HIMSS Holiday Social

Mark your calendars for the New England HIMSS Holiday Social on December 10, 2019. The Holiday Social will be held at the UMass Club in Boston, Massachusetts. Visit the Holiday Social event site for more details as we get closer to our event.

Connected Health Conference 2019

The 2019 Connected Health Conference is the global platform for provocative and forward-thinking discussion, deal-making opportunities and real-world perspectives. The event will return to Boston, the hub for health and innovation, world-renowned medical and academic institutions, and technology development. Attendees will interact with a diverse audience from across healthcare, health IT, public policy, consumer technology, research, the investment community and academia. For more information and to register, visit the Connected Health website!
Our annual spring conference took place at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA on Thursday, May 16, 2019. The major themes of our spring conference included physician burnout, patient-centered care, health information technology, and a CIO panel. Please visit our event page to view event materials, pictures, and more.

If you were unable to attend our annual spring conference, check out the full video of our conference! Additional presentations and materials can be found on our event page. View event pictures and New England Patriots rings images. Use the password “NEHIMSS2019” to download any pictures from both links.
Amy Chacko is the newly appointed President Elect of the New England HIMSS Chapter for 2019-2020. Amy has a background in information systems, but she began her career in healthcare IT with Meditech in the Service team of Billing and Accounts Receivable (BAR). She then moved on to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston where she worked on several applications related to revenue and clinical implementations. She learned about clinical aspects of healthcare and attended multiple nursing trainings that helped her shift to clinical informatics. The focus in her current role on implementing the EHR for a hospital system in New York, with a focus on the Emergency Department.

Amy’s involvement with NEHIMSS began over 10 years ago during her transition from revenue cycle to clinical application systems. She attended local NEHIMSS conferences and educational events to expand her knowledge and to connect with peers from the healthcare industry. She started volunteering with National HIMSS and NEHIMSS in 2011. She assisted in developing the Marketing and Communications Committee (MarCom) which grew from two to nine committee members while she was MarCom Chair. Amy also served as a NEHIMSS mentor for five years. She joined the HIMSS International’s Professional Certification Committee four years ago and has been appointed to other roles since, including the HIMSS Chapter Task Force and Professional Development Committees. As President Elect, Amy is preparing for her role as President next year working closely with the current Chapter President.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys photography, wedding planning, and provides makeup services for events and weddings.

AMY’S RECOMMENDED READS:

- Implementation best practices: Getting pop health off the ground
- As new cyber risks emerge, strategies evolving – but basic principles still apply
- Access to telehealth services still low, with many questioning its value
Renee Broadbent is the newly elected Secretary of the New England HIMSS Chapter for 2019-2020. She has been in the healthcare field for over 20 years where she held positions such as Chief Information Security Officer, Chief Information Officer, and VP of Population Health at various healthcare organizations. Her focus has been on health IT and more specifically improving patient care, interoperability, data security, and implementing regulatory programs to make data accessible to providers.

From her experience in the field, Renee sees a positive shift of the healthcare industry towards population health, improving data interoperability, data security and analytics. Physician burnout is a pressing issue at present, but it will reduce with better data integration. Renee has a passion for teaching and research which led her to pursue a faculty position at Southern New Hampshire University in addition to her industry work.

Renee has been HIMSS member for many years. Her active involvement with the New England HIMSS Chapter began when she presented at National HIMSS conference in 2018 on Implementing a Population Health Strategy that Scales. After which, she began volunteering with the NEHIMSS Speaker Selection Committee that involved identifying speakers and moderating events. Renee’s new role as Secretary will include providing advocacy, drafting notes for the board meetings, and assisting in developing policies and procedures.

In her spare time, Renee likes to do yoga and enjoys swimming and spending time at the beach in the summer.

RENEE’S RECOMMENDED READS:
- The Risk You’re Taking: Not Having A Cybersecurity Strategy (published by Renee Broadbent)
- How Healthcare CISOs Can Triage IT Risk
- Video: Women Know Cybersecurity: Moving Beyond the 20%

Fun facts: Renee lives in western Massachusetts with her husband, twin son and daughter, and their pet Labrador, Bailey.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECT SUPPORT THROUGH STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Northeastern University invites you to join the Experiential Network (XN) program which provides companies with the opportunity to work with talented students on short-term projects. This arrangement enables companies to move forward on project-based work at no cost while giving students highly relevant work experience and real-world learning opportunities.

Projects are carried out virtually over a flexible six-week period as an academic exercise in students’ coursework as an assignment or capstone project. Projects conclude with an actionable deliverable for the company that provides insight and recommendations to inform critical business decisions. Students bring proficiency in many domains such as healthcare management, health informatics, biotech, and project management. XN allows our partners to engage with rising professionals on exciting and important project work while collaborating with the next generation of professionals.

Get in touch with Emily Kingston at projects@northeastern.edu to learn more about XN and discuss your project needs!

SOCIETY OF PHYSICIAN ENTREPRENEURS

The Society of Physician Entrepreneurs (SOPE) is a global biomedical and healthcare innovation network with membership open to all healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs and industry stakeholders. SoPE was founded in 2011 by three physicians who shared a common vision - to empower physicians and other professionals to innovate healthcare through entrepreneurship. Members include doctors, nurses, dentists, healthcare entrepreneurs, investors, engineers, academics, IT professionals and industry representatives.

Learn more about the Society of Physician Entrepreneurs, please visit www.sopenet.org.
A MESSAGE FROM MENTORSHIP: KELLY GORHAM AND WENDY OUELLETTE

The New England HIMSS Mentorship program utilizes personalized mentor-mentee matching to help facilitate jump-started professional growth. Mentees and mentors share a common goal of helping further the health of their community through improved information technology practices across facilities and state lines. Pairs are matched based on common goals and areas of expertise, focusing on quality of the match over quantity of pairs.

Our mentorship program has been active for over 5 years, with last year’s session generating 14 pairs spanning New England. This program allows for mentors to give back to their industry, while simultaneously strengthening their relationship with the next generation of NEHIMSS professionals. Mentees leaving this program are primed to become more active and well-rounded contributors to our chapter, ensuring continued growth and excellence for years to come. The mentorship program will begin accepting applications September 1, 2019.

For more information on how to engage in the NEHIMSS Mentorship program, please reach out to Kelly Gorham at kgorham@mmc.org or Wendy Ouellette at waouellett@mmc.org.

A MENTORSHIP SUCCESS STORY

Steve Ruth, Business Development & Government Relation at SMC Partners, LLC, was introduced to Kevin Nguyen, a chapter Student member and protégé of Rich Kubica, at the 2019 Annual Spring Conference at Gillette Stadium. Kevin was paired with Rich Kubica in the 2018 NE HIMSS Mentorship Program. Kevin currently resides in the Greater Hartford area and Steve Ruth offered to meet with him at his office, SMC Partners, LLC, to chat with him about the health information technology (HIT) environment in Connecticut. His credentials were so impressive, Kevin not only knocked Steve’s socks off, but also caught the attention of a few others within SMC Partners, LLC. As a result, Kevin started a full-time job with SMC Partners, LLC in June! SMP Partners, LLC and Kevin were both excited for this new opportunity. Congratulations Kevin!

Kevin Nguyen was also the recipient of the Dvora Brodie Grant-Backed Internship Stipend Program in 2018. Kevin completed an internship at UConn Health, assisting in data analytics of healthcare quality data on several different data sets.
Dimensional Insight

Burlington-based Dimensional Insight was named 2019 Best in KLAS in healthcare business intelligence and analytics, and the company is a six-time winner of the award. Thousands of healthcare champions across the globe use the Dimensional Insight platform and applications for clinical, financial, and operational analytics and data governance to help improve patient care and outcomes and reduce costs. To learn more about Dimensional Insight, please visit www.dimins.com or follow the company on Twitter @DI_tweet.

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A special thank you to Dimensional Insight and Wolf & Company for being Premier Sponsors at our upcoming Rhode Island Telehealth and CyberSecurity Educational Event on August 22, 2019.

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Interested in volunteering for a committee? Contact us for more information on how you can be involved: ne.membership@himsschapter.org