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President's Message

In Matt Jones' book, *Life's A Marathon*, Matt challenges each of us to "have a plan." Matt says, "Without a plan, we wander aimlessly, settling for whatever comes our way." Just as individuals need a plan (for life, for relationships, for career, etc.), NHIMA also needs a plan in order to guide our activities, assess our outcomes, and help us focus on what is important. But what is important to you, the member, and the profession? In September, the NHIMA Board asked this question. What emerged is the current strategic plan, based on the following four pillars and accompanying goals:

Advocacy	Goal: Inform and influence legislative activities pertinent to the health information management profession.
Professional Promotions	Goal: Engage Nebraska membership, promote HIM professional association involvement, and promote the HIM profession.
Education	Goal: Encourage growth within our profession by providing educational programming.
Education/ICD-10	Goal: Improve health information management practice through effective adoption and use of ICD-10.

The Board also developed objectives and action plans to achieve these goals. For example, one of the action plans for Education/ICD-10 is to organize and host four face-to-face training sessions for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. Planning for these sessions is well underway with dates, locations and trainers all set. Plan to attend, plan for the cost in your budget, plan for the days away from the office, and plan for a rewarding, educational experience! Details in the associated blurb on page 2.

If you are interested in knowing more about the 2013 NHIMA Strategic Plan, click [here](#).

This past month I read a book about a man who had a goal. The book was *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Harold Fry is determined to walk six hundred miles from Kingsbridge to the hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed. While at first it seems he is wandering aimlessly, he thought about his goal and developed a plan to achieve it. If you want to read an inspirational, yet subtle book about having a goal, never losing site of the goal, and ultimately achieving the goal, read about Harold.

What are your plans? What books are you reading? What new people have you met? Write and let me know!

Charlene Dunbar, NHIMA President



CCS Prep Workshop

Are you interested in attending a CCS Prep workshop? The Board needs your input on this topic! The CCS exam content is ICD-9-CM through March 2014, then ICD-10 content beginning April 2014. If you are interested in attending a CCS Prep course, please take the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZMM6FXM>. The information gathered will determine the level of interest as well as location and price point.

Engage FAQs

Where can I find the communities I belonged to in the previous CoP?

With a new community structure, we couldn't import the communities you belonged to in the old Communities of Practice (CoP) to the new Engage Online Communities. This provides a great opportunity to review and join similarly themed communities on the new platform. Many of the new Engage Online Communities reflect most of the previous CoPs. [This chart](#) illustrates the previous CoPs and where their discussions and resources are now housed in the new Engage site.

Am I automatically a member of my component state association (CSA) community?

No, but rejoining is easy! [Visit this site](#) to look up and join your CSA community.
For more information, visit the [Engage FAQ page!](#)

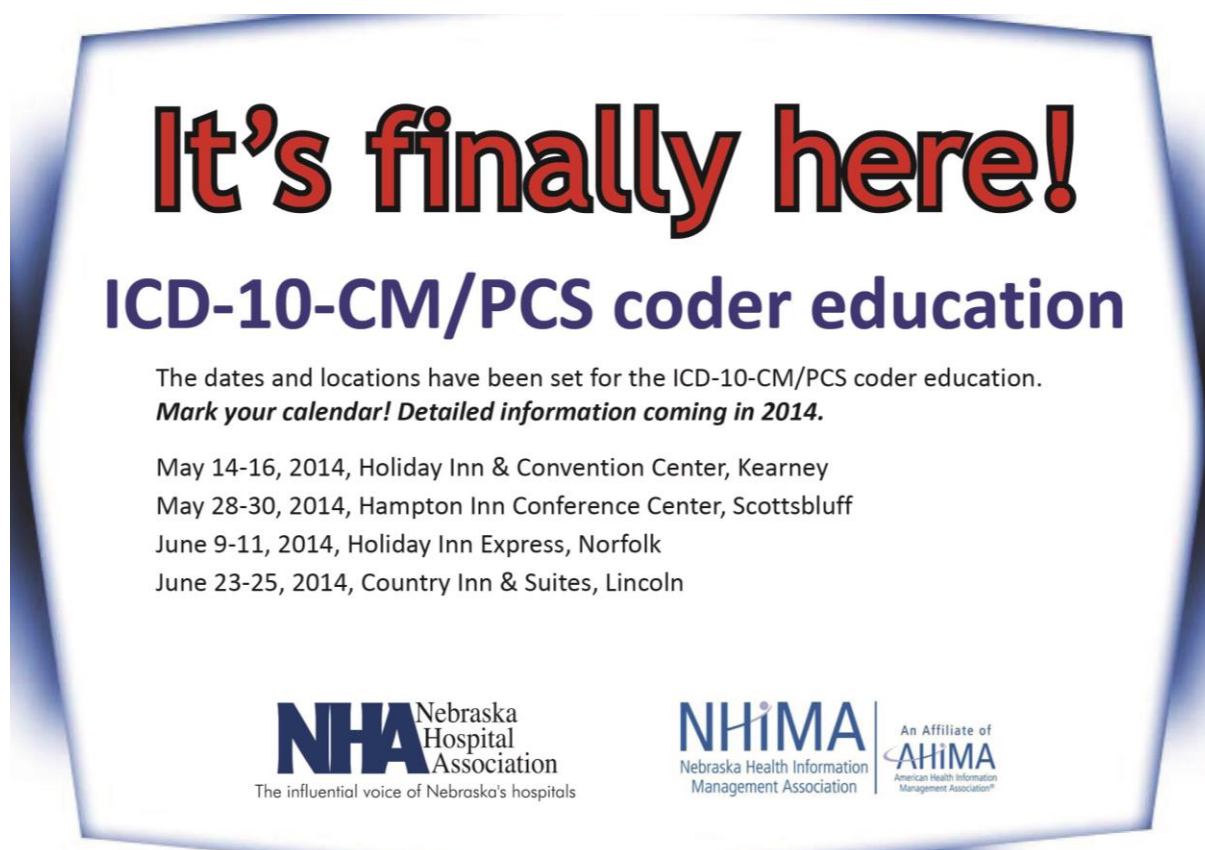
NHIMA Contact Information: [Board Members](#) - [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#)

Dates to Remember:

Click [HERE](#) for more info

November 21-23, 2013 - AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS

April 16-18, 2014 - NHIMA Annual Convention - Kearney, NE



It's finally here!

ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education

The dates and locations have been set for the ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education.
Mark your calendar! Detailed information coming in 2014.

May 14-16, 2014, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Kearney
May 28-30, 2014, Hampton Inn Conference Center, Scottsbluff
June 9-11, 2014, Holiday Inn Express, Norfolk
June 23-25, 2014, Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

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Virtual Education

ICD-10-PCS Medical/Surgical Section Coding (recorded live 3/2013)

The objectives of this 1 hour webinar are to 1) Review the code format and structure of ICD-10-PCS the Medical/Surgical tables; 2) List the advantages of ICD-10-PCS; 3) Review the seven chapters of the ICD-10-PCS codes; 4) Use operative/procedure reports to demonstrate the assignment of appropriate ICD-10-PCS codes.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0 Cost: \$40 Register [here](#)

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