Professional Development Grant Final Report

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Restatement of Professional Enhancement Opportunity

Funding of my grant allowed me to attend the 88th annual American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Convention in Baltimore, MD. This key event puts members face-to-face with health information management (HIM) professionals, such as directors, educators, privacy and compliance officers, clinicians, IT specialists and more.

Brief review

It is important that the academic community remain vigilant in providing comprehensive, high-quality educational methods. AHIMA continuously helps the faculty prepare our students for the upcoming changes in healthcare by providing us with the necessary knowledge and tool kits. In addition to presenting the most up-to-date information in our courses, we are expected to guide our students in becoming active participants and lifelong members of our profession.

Summary of Findings, Outcomes, or Experiences

I attended several meetings related to Privacy and Security, Informatics, Cybersecurity, and Leadership that will be useful in updating my course material. I also attended meetings that were directed at Workforce Development introducing new AHIMA membership categories and apprenticeship programs. This is the focus of my report. I presented my findings at the 10th annual Career Day for Health Information Management students. See agenda and PowerPoint presentation that follows.

Conclusions and Recommendations

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the annual AHIMA convention. I am planning to do the same presentation (with a few modifications) to the Health Information Technology (HIT) program on our Ozark campus. I hope to use this as a recruitment tool to encourage the two year HIT students to continue their education for the four year HIM degree.