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Upcoming Events

January 19, 2007
General Meeting & Planning
for TAHDI Annual Meeting
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Seton Medical Center

February 15-16, 2008
TAHDI Annual Meeting
Event has been moved to the
Marriott Austin North
See the last 2 pages for Agenda
& Registration Form

April 19, 2007
General Meeting
8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

May 17, 2007
Half-Day Symposium
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

May 18-24, 2007
National MT Week

Reflecting on 2007 and Preparing to Celebrate in 2008

Message from the President

It is hard to believe that 2007 is ending and it is time to ring in another new year. I have truly enjoyed serving as the president of the Capital Chapter and look forward to a second term in 2008. Our Chapter has enjoyed some great successes this year including several new members. Please take a moment to review our 2007 Capital Chapter highlights on page 2.

I want to thank my fellow 2007 Capital Chapter officers for their service and support. I have relied on them to keep me headed in the right direction during my first year as president and their knowledge and experience has been extremely helpful to me.

The Capital Chapter will be celebrating

its **25th anniversary** in 2008 and I am excited to be serving as president during this special year. We have a unique opportunity at the upcoming TAHDI Annual Meeting in Austin to honor those who were involved in forming the Capital Chapter in 1983 as well as everyone who has kept it going for all these years. Since Austin was chosen as the location for the TAHDI 2008 Annual Meeting in *recognition* of our Chapter's 25th anniversary, I encourage all Capital Chapter members, past and present, to make plans to attend the event.

We would like to honor all of the past presidents of the Capital Chapter and will be attempting to track them down during the next few weeks. We would like to recognize our past presidents and

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2008 TAHDI Annual Meeting – Make Plans to Attend!

The 2008 TAHDI Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference will be held February 15 & 16, 2008. If you haven't yet made plans to attend, be sure to send in your registration form and reserve a hotel room if you need one. The annual meeting is being held in Austin in conjunction with the Capital Chapter's 25th anniversary. We are excited to have two distinguished national AHDI leaders joining us this year. AHDI 2008 President Betty

Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT, will deliver the keynote address "Capitalizing on Change." Betty served as our board partner in 2007 and many of us were fortunate to meet her at the 2007 State meeting in Arlington. Brenda Hurley, CMT, FAAMT, will be returning to Texas to share her enthusiasm and energy as both a speaker and participant. Brenda will deliver a presentation titled "The Evolving Profession of Medical Transcription." This annual gathering of

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2007 Salary Survey Results Published by ADVANCE

The salary results from a variety of HIM positions are available for viewing on the *ADVANCE for Health Information Professionals'* website [here](#). Nearly 1400 people took part in this survey, which included results and comparisons pertaining to salary with regard to work and home location, job specialty, and education and benefits.

Message from the President

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officers as well as all past and current members during a brief ceremony at the Welcome Reception on Friday evening, February 15. If you know a past Capital Chapter officer or member, please invite them to attend.

Our first meeting of 2008 will be Saturday, January 19, from 9 - 11 a.m. (location to be announced soon). This is a very important meeting as we will be planning for the TAHDI Annual Meeting which our Chapter is hosting. In celebration of our 25th anniversary, we would like to display Chapter memorabilia at the State meeting. If you have special documents or historical Capital Chapter memorabilia to share, please let me know.

Don't forget to register for the TAHDI Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Kathy Muelker, RMT

Capital Chapter Committee Members Needed

The Capital Chapter has an exciting year planned for 2008. We need volunteers to help make our 25th anniversary year successful. Please consider serving on a committee in 2008.

Newsletter Committee: We are seeking an editor for our *Capital Chat* newsletter which is currently published on a quarterly basis. We also need volunteers to contribute articles and/or other ideas for the newsletter.

ByLaws/Policies & Procedures Committee: Review the existing documents and recommend revisions and updates to the Board of Directors.

Cert Connector: Submit the required CE approval request forms to AHDI and prepare attendee certificates.

2007 Capital Chapter Highlights

1. TEN new members joined our Chapter
2. Meetings were held as follows:
 - Three general meetings with a speaker
 - One full-day symposium with 5 speakers
 - Six Board of Directors meetings
 - One symposium planning meeting
3. A total of 8 CECs were offered
4. A new Chapter newsletter was published
5. Four Chapter members attended ACE
6. For the first time, we partnered with CAHIMA - Capital Area Health Information Management Association (TxHIMA Dist.17) for our annual fall symposium
7. The Capital Chapter logo/graphic was updated to reflect "AHDI"
8. Sales of fundraising items resulted in revenue of \$406.33
9. A six-foot banner with both the new Capital Chapter logo and new AHDI logo was purchased to use at future events
10. We had 49 attendees at our symposium with total revenue of \$1343.90



Membership Committee: Respond to inquiries about Chapter membership. Email/mail membership forms and Chapter information to prospective members. Occasional phone calls may be needed as well.

Symposium Planning Committee: Work with the Chapter officers to plan and organize all aspects of the symposiums.

Continuing Education/Programs: Assist with planning programs for general meetings and identifying speakers.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Kathy Muelker, RMT, at 512-272-9142 or k_muelker@msn.com.

2008 TAHDl Annual Meeting (continued from page 1)

medical transcriptionists from across Texas promises to deliver something for everyone. Betty and Brenda will both be participating in the Leadership Conference on Friday which will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to gain insight into national initiatives and ask questions of our national leaders. You don't have to be a chapter officer to attend the Leadership conference – everyone is encouraged to attend! We will be sharing tips for success and discuss how to increase chapter participation, keep members interested and engaged, and build some excitement with new and innovative ideas.

Don't miss the welcome reception on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In addition to seeing old friends and making new ones, you can earn 1 CE credit by playing MT BINGO. Have some fun and test your knowledge at the same time!

Saturday's agenda is packed full of great speakers and topics (see the agenda on the last page). You will also be able to visit with exhibitors/vendors during breaks and lunch. As always, L&M Bookstore will be on hand to provide you with the latest and greatest medical references.

Make plans now to attend the 2008 TAHDl Annual Meeting in February. The event information and registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Make your hotel reservations soon as we have a limited number of rooms blocked for our group. **Come and help us celebrate the Capital Chapter's 25th anniversary!**

For more information or questions, please contact Kathy Muelker, RMT, on-site coordinator, at 512-272-9142 or k_muelker@msn.com.

Let's Get Credentialed!

Is your New Year's Resolution to take and pass the CMT or RMT exam? AHDI wants to help you fulfill your resolution to get credentialed. The AHDI **2008 Credentialing Cup** was recently announced and is a perfect opportunity for those who need a little push or incentive to take the exam. **Participants qualify for a discount on the exam (\$95 for RMT and \$150 for CMT).**

To participate, we need to have at least 10 people on our team who are committed to taking either the RMT exam or the CMT exam by July 31, 2008. The team with the highest pass rate is eligible to win a shared prize of \$2000 in AHDI gift certificates (good toward products and events – even ACE!)

If you are interested in joining our statewide TAHDl team, contact Kathy Muelker, RMT, at k_muelker@msn.com and get ready to join in the fun. More information will be distributed soon, so watch for an email.

In the month of January, AHDI is offering two webinars: (1) *Exploring the RMT Exam* and (2) *CMT Review Guide*. Both webinars cover content areas, provide testing tips, and give sample questions – valuable information to help you prepare for your exam. The webinar information is listed to the right. →→

For details about the **Credentialing Cup** or to download a curriculum for study groups, click [here](#). Let's get ready to get our credentials!



Do you know what your AHDI benefits are?

AHDI is offering a FREE webinar for members and nonmembers to learn about the benefits of membership. These webinars take place every third Wednesday of the month. The next webinar, entitled "Your Association, Your Benefits," is scheduled for **January 16**. The deadline to register is January 11, so sign up now. You may just learn about *new* benefits the association offers or benefits that you didn't know you had or forgot you had! [Click here to register](#)

AHDI Webinars

Jan 17 - Exploring the RMT Exam Presenter: Kim Buchanan, CMT, FAAMT
1 Professional Development

Jan 23 - CMT Review Guide Presenter: Betty Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT
1 MT Tools

Jan 26 - About Medical Transcription Presenters: Kim Buchanan, CMT, FAAMT; Lea Sims, CMT, FAAMT

Feb 6 - General Lab Presenter: Laura Bryan, CMT, FAAMT
1 Clinical Medicine

To find out more and/or register for a webinar, click [here](#)

Thank You Sponsors

We would like to thank the sponsors for our Annual Symposium on Oct. 13:

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Capital Chapter AHDI 2008 Meeting Schedule

January 19 General Meeting & Planning for TAHDl Annual Meeting
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

April 19 General Meeting

May 17 Spring Half-day Symposium
Kick-off of National MT Week

July 19 General Meeting

October 4 Annual Symposium

November 15 Annual Business Meeting & Installation of 2009 Officers

Important Dates

February 15-16 – TAHDl Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference
Marriott Austin North

May 18-24 – National MT Week

August 6-9 – AHDI Annual Convention & Expo (ACE)
Hilton Walt Disney World Resort

Capital Chapter AHDI
Celebrating 25 Years
1983 - 2008

2008 Capital Chapter Officers

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The Capital Chapter needs you!

Do you want to help support the Capital Chapter but aren't quite sure how you can help? Are you interested in contributing an article for an upcoming newsletter? Do you know someone who would be a great speaker for a meeting? Please contact Kathy Muelker at k_muelker@msn.com or 512-272-9142

Important Websites

AHDI <http://www.ahdionline.org>

TAHDl <http://www.texasmt.org/>

Capital Chapter AHDI

<http://www.texasmt.org/Capital.htm>

Capital Chat Advertising Rates

Business Card..... \$15

Half Page..... \$25

Full Page..... \$50

Submit your ad via email to: k_muelker@msn.com

Make checks payable to: **Capital Chapter AHDI**

Mail to: Jennifer Willie, CMT, Treasurer

P.O. Box 1543

Mason, TX 76856

Board Partner Update

December 19, 2007

As 2007 seems to be waning, I wanted to get one last board partner report off to everyone in Region 4. I am looking forward to serving you as AHDI president next year but disappointed that I can no longer be your board partner. However, I will be leaving you in the competent hands of Harriet Stewart, CMT, FAAMT, who will take over my board partner states to include Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. I am confident she will do a wonderful job of keeping you informed with all the news you can use. Please know that any information found in board partner reports can be utilized in your newsletters or component websites and I encourage you to do so.

I will be continuing my blog in 2008 and encourage you to check it out at <http://www.bettyhonkonen.blogspot.com>. Updates will be done at least monthly and, hopefully, more often to ensure that it contains relevant information you can share with your components. I will also be blogging about my travels to various components as well. In light of that, any requests for my presence at your meetings next year need to go through Gigi DeLuca at gdeluca@ahdionline.org.

I'd like to encourage you to help your association by participating in one of the many committees, councils, task forces, and special interest groups by contacting the chairs as follows:

Committees: **Nominating** (Kat King) **Awards** (Chad Sines) **Ethics** (Susan Pierce)

Bylaws (Chad Sines) **Resolutions** (Paula Hoover)

Teams: **Credentialing Development** (Kim Buchanan)

Component Support (Brenda Hurley and Jacque Taylor)

Councils: **Vendor Affiliate Advisory** (Steve Dunkle)

Workforce Development (PJ Posey and Vince Consoli)

EHR Initiative Advisory (Monica Haddox).

Membership Advisory (Kim Watts and Jacque Taylor).

Special Interest Groups: **Educators Alliance** (Kathy Martin and Ron Holliday)

Business Issues/Managers, Supervisors (Beth Tribelhorn, Ken Schafer, Heather Steinfeld)

Student Alliance (Latisha Guthrie and Corinna Frenzl)

Quality Assessment (Judy Hinickle)

Military Spouses (Debbie Kean and Betty Honkonen)

Legislative Issues Group (Karen Fox)

HOD Task Forces and Focused Initiatives: Communications (Vallie Piloian)

Standards/Best Practices (Laura Bryan and Barb Marques)

Leadership Development (Monica Haddox and Harriet Stewart)

Technology (Chad Sines and Tina Whitecotton)

PROGRAM UPDATES: The AHDI education approval program has now approved a total of 14 schools. The registered apprenticeship program is alive and well, and the Military Spouse Program is going strong with over 400 military spouses now enrolled in approved schools. Dr. Peter Preziosi, attended the Military Spouse Career Advancement program on November 14, 2007 at the Pentagon. This government initiative will provide school vouchers for military spouses at about 15 bases in 8 states. For more information see: <http://caa.milspouse.org/>.

CREDENTIALING UPDATE: AHDI is proud to announce the 2008 Credentialing Cup. Get at least 10 people together and register for either of the credentialing exams and you can participate! Teams of 10 or more who study together and apply to take the exams together qualify for the deepest discounts on both exams—\$95 for RMT and \$150 for CMT. Enter your team into the Credentialing Cup and your team could win a shared prize of \$2000 worth of AHDI products/events—a great way to start earning your CECs after you pass your exams. For details about the Credentialing Cup, and to download a curriculum for study groups click on this link: <http://www.ahdionline.org/scriptcontent/CredentialingCup08.cfm>

Finally, let me say what a privilege it has been for me to serve as your board partner for these past two years. I have been honored to visit all but one of my states but I am hopeful that opportunity will present itself next year. I am anxious to get started on my year as AHDI president and appreciate the vote of confidence by the board of directors in giving me this honor. I look forward to the challenge!

Best regards and Happy New year to all,

Betty Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT
2007 AHDI President-Elect
PA, MI, OH, & TX Board Partner



Texas Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity
Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference
February 15 & 16, 2008
Austin Marriott North



Name _____ AHDH # _____
 Print your name clearly as you would like it to appear on name badge. Include credentials, if applicable.

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Component Association Affiliation _____

Students: Name of School _____

To qualify for student rates, a letter from your instructor confirming student status must be attached.

- Check here if you will be a first-time attendee
- Check here if you require special services. Please attach written description of needs
- Check here if you do not want your name on the list of registrants made available to sponsors/exhibitors

Registration (mark appropriate boxes)	Current AHDH Member	Non-Member	Student
Total Meeting Package Includes <u>all</u> educational sessions, Friday Leadership Luncheon & Conference, Welcome Reception, Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and exhibits	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$155 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$120 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$140 Late/At door
Friday only Includes Leadership Luncheon & Conference - 3 CECs anticipated	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Late/At door
Saturday only Includes educational sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, and exhibits 6 CECs anticipated	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$110 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$140 Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Regular <input type="checkbox"/> \$105 Late/At door
Welcome Reception only (included in purchase of Total Meeting Package) 1 CEC anticipated	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Regular/Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Regular/Late/At door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Regular/Late/At door

- \$25 Extra lunch ticket Saturday (for guest)
- \$30 Extra ticket for Welcome Reception

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Early Bird registration ended on December 1, 2007.

Regular registration must be postmarked by January 25, 2008.

Late/At door registration fees apply after January 25, 2008.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

 Keep this portion for your records

Make check payable to TAHDH and mail to:

Laura Morgan, 2008 TAHDH Treasurer
 18015 Forest Cedars
 Houston, TX 77084

Phone: 281-861-7477 LLMorgan@luccia-evans.com

For information, please contact:

Margaret Bridges, 2008 TAHDH President
 817-613-7707 or MBridgesMT@aol.com

Kathy Muelker, RMT, On-site Coordinator
 512-272-9142 or K_Muelker@msn.com

Refund Policy: Written refund request must be submitted to TAHDH Treasurer prior to January 18, 2008, to qualify for 50% refund. After this date, no refunds will be given.

Note: Contributions or gifts to TAHDH are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes; however, they may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Texas Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (TAHDI)
Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference
“Capitalizing on Change”
February 15-16, 2008

Special Guest Speakers

Betty Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT - 2008 AHDI President

Brenda Hurley, CMT, FAAMT - 2008 AHDI Speaker-Elect for the House of Delegates

Event location: Moved to Austin Marriott North 2600 La Frontera Blvd. Round Rock, TX 78681

You can book your stay online using this link: [Austin Marriott North](#)

You may call 1-800-865-0546 and request our group rate of \$104 per night for single, double, triple and quad occupancy plus tax. Hurry – rooms are limited and reservations must be made by **January 25, 2008**, to qualify for the special group rate.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, February 15, 2008

9:00 -12:00 p.m.	TAHDI Board of Directors Meeting
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Leadership Luncheon and Conference (3 CECs anticipated)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception and MT BINGO (1 CEC anticipated)

Saturday, February 16, 2008

7:15 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration / Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	Betty Honkonen, CMT, FAAMT Keynote Address: <i>Capitalizing on Change</i> 1 CE – Professional Development
9:15 -10:15 a.m.	Sandra Martin, LMSW, CEO, Center for Child Protection Barbara Jefferson, LCSW Beth Nauert, M.D., Pediatrics <i>Road to Recovery: Investigation and Healing Young Victims of Abuse</i> 1 CE - Clinical Medicine
10:15 -10:45 a.m.	Break / Exhibitors
10:45 -11:45 a.m.	Laura Bryan, CMT, FAAMT <i>Alphabet Soup: The Recipe for Healthcare IT</i> 1 CE - Medicolegal Issues
11:45 -12:00 p.m.	TAHDI Business Meeting
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch / Exhibitors / Networking
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Tim Brandon, M.D., Emergency Medicine <i>ER Signs, Symptoms and Identifying Data</i> 1 CE - Clinical Medicine
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Brenda Hurley, CMT, FAAMT <i>The Evolving Profession of Medical Transcription</i> 1 CE - Technology & the Workplace
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break / Exhibitors
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Jim Pandzik, A+, Network+, CCNA <i>Great Things to do for Your Computer</i> 1 CE - Technology & the Workplace

Schedule subject to change and subject to AHDI approval

Mark your calendar and make plans to be in Austin for this special event!
Join us in celebrating the Capital Chapter's 25th anniversary!