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## **AHDI Announces New Board Members, 2021-2022 Executive Committee**

**MODESTO, CA, August 25, 2021**—The Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) is pleased to announce the addition of three new members and one re-elected member to the Board of Directors (BOD), who will serve under the leadership of incoming President Stacy Lehto, CHDS, AHDI-F. The Board of Directors also announced officers for 2021-2022.

"Bonnie Monico set out to *Build Bridges* when she started her second term as AHDI President," said Sheila Guston, CHDS, AHDI-F, Interim CEO of AHDI. "It was Bonnie's mission to connect with members on a more personal level, and she has done exactly that – building bridges between members, nonmembers, Board and Staff, and between all those who interact with the patient's medical record regardless of their specific role.

As she transitions to Immediate Past President, we thank Bonnie for her time and expertise as well as her love and passion for this organization and its members. We wish to thank Cyndi Sandusky, Daysha Weller, and Brenda Wynn for their many contributions during their time on the Board of Directors also. Laura Bryan, Mandy Hildenbrand, Deb Palmer, and Val Purdy are welcome additions to the Board as is the return of Patt King for a second term. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve and to continue the important work ahead. The future is bright!"

The following individuals were elected by the AHDI membership in June and will serve three-year Board terms from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2024:

Laura Bryan, MS, MT(ASCP), CHDS, AHDI-F Mandy Hildenbrand, CHDS, AHDI-F Patricia King, CHDS, AHDI-F (re-elected) Deb Palmer, CHDS Valerie Purdy, CHDS, AHDI-F

Stacy Lehto, CHDS, AHDI-F, stated "I am so honored to serve as President of AHDI in the coming year and look forward to continuing the great work begun by the administrations before me, especially the member community outreach. Survey feedback will guide many decisions in the year ahead, and I am delighted to work with AHDI Board, staff, and volunteers to achieve our goals. We could not succeed without them! Lastly, thank you to all who helped make HDIVC21 successful! It was truly amazing!"

On August 2, 2021, the Board of Directors elected the following individuals to serve as officers for 2021-2022, taking office September 1, 2021:

Jody Gall, RHDS, AHDI-F, Secretary Patricia King, CHDS, AHDI-F, Treasurer Tina Hincka, RHDS, AHDI-F, President-elect

AHDI recognizes and expresses gratitude to outgoing President Bonnie Monico, CHDS, AHDI-F, who will begin her term as Immediate Past President, and the following Board members whose terms end August 31, 2021:

Sheila Guston, CHDS, AHDI-F Cyndi Sandusky, CHDS, AHDI-F Daysha Weller, RHDS, AHDI-F Brenda Wynn, RHIT, CHWP, CMT, AHDI-F

To view a roster of the current BOD, refer to www.ahdionline.org and click "contact us."

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## **About AHDI**

The <u>Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity</u> (AHDI) is a not-for-profit association representing the individuals and organizations in healthcare documentation. AHDI leads, educates, and advocates for professional excellence and integrity in all aspects of healthcare documentation practices worldwide. We envision a future where optimal healthcare outcomes are supported by complete and accurate patient health stories. Learn more about AHDI by visiting our website, <u>www.ahdionline.org</u>.