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2022 AHDi Integrity Award Winners Announced

MODESTO, CA, August 17, 2022—In support of AHDi’s professional programs, standards, and best practices, the Association conducts an annual awards program to acknowledge the significant contributions of its members and other individuals and organizations that have made an impact on the healthcare documentation sector over the previous year. The Association is proud to promote and honor those who have supported the professional practice standards and goals that AHDi has developed for advancing the profession and positioning this sector for continued relevance in the future of healthcare delivery.

Congratulations to all these dedicated members. Award winners were announced during AHDi’s Healthcare Documentation Integrity Virtual Conference (HDIVC) on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

EXCELLENCE IN CREDENTIALING AWARD: Cyndi Sandusky, CHDS, CHDP, AHDi-F

Cyndi began her career in healthcare documentation in 2003 and has continued her involvement with the association in numerous ways. She has written articles, authored challenge quizzes, edited articles, served on committees and taskforces as well as on the Board of Directors. She is a strong leader and advocate for the profession and for a fully credentialed workforce. Cyndi is the current Chair of the Credentialing Commission for Healthcare Documentation (CCHD), having helped update the Registered and Certified Healthcare Documentation Specialist exams and create new blueprints, exams, and practice exams for our new Certified Healthcare Documentation Professional credential and Auditor and Scribe micro-credentials.

The Excellence in Credentialing award serves to recognize a credentialed professional who has demonstrated measurable outstanding contributions to the industry and to AHDi credentialing program/process through relevant service and activities that have advanced the mission, goals, and objectives of the Association.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Carol Waddell, CMT, CHDP, AHDi-F

Carol served on the AHDi Board of Directors previously and continues to serve the association by contributing to the ACCP, having helped to review and update the Model Curriculum, 6th edition, and the Education Approval Manual. She also serves on the Credentialing Commission for Healthcare Documentation (CCHD), volunteering her time and expertise in the creation of the new exam blueprints, review, and item writing for our new exams. She is always willing to contribute her knowledge and

expertise in everything she does. Her desire for life-long learning and continuing education shines through in all that she does to promote the association and support AHDI's vision and mission.

The Member of the Year award serves to recognize an individual for outstanding contribution to AHDI through relevant service and activities that have advanced the mission, goals, and objectives of the Association.

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD: CanScribe Career College

CanScribe has been a longtime supporter of AHDI initiatives as well as a conference exhibitor for many years. CanScribe promotes AHDI membership and recognizes the expertise of professionals in the healthcare field through biweekly topic webinars geared at promoting industry standards, best practices, and relevant subject matter to help students understand their critical role in ensuring patient safety and understanding the importance of becoming a credentialed professional in the industry.

The School of Excellence award serves to recognize an Educational or Individual Professional member who employs instructors of healthcare documentation courses, for outstanding commitment to the professional development of its students and their success.

INNOVATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: Carrus/CareerStep

Carrus/CareerStep's Healthcare Documentation Editor program has been approved by AHDI and the ACCP since 2009. They have built on the core foundation of the program and aligned it with AHDI's *Book of Style & Standards for Clinical Documentation, 4th edition*, and the 6th edition of the AHDI Model Curriculum. They encourage credentialing by paying for the RHDS exam for students who successfully complete the Healthcare Documentation program.

Carrus/CareerStep's Learner Placement Portal has an end-to-end automated placement process that handles the externship placement partner or site onboarding requirements, Learner requirements, Site and Learner support, and complete visibility to all stakeholders.

The Innovation Through Technology award serves to recognize an individual or corporation for outstanding technology knowledge and/or innovation related to the profession of healthcare documentation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Justin Chapman, BMgmt

Justin strongly believes in AHDI and its value to the healthcare documentation industry. He is the Chief Operations Officer of CanScribe Career College and has worked diligently on their courses, programs, departments, and professions. Through his marketing, he educates new program prospects on what being part of AHDI means for them as a potential student as well as a future healthcare documentation specialist. He also encourages students to earn AHDI credentials. He exhibits a work ethic and professionalism that reflects his drive to meet new challenges and make a difference. You can always find him going the extra mile to help in an upbeat and positive manner.

The Distinguished Service Award serves to recognize an individual or organization that has demonstrated consistent support of the Association, its goals and objectives, and the profession through services rendered to the industry, sponsorship of AHDI events and projects, and/or contribution of content expertise and leadership in key AHDI initiatives. This honor is awarded by the AHDI National Leadership Board.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Leigh Anne Frame, CHDS, AHDI-F

Leigh Anne joined AHDI in 1998 and has been an active member for the better part of 23 years. She has supported AHDI by serving on numerous committees and task forces as well as educational opportunities. She has served as President of AHDI, as well as President of District 2 and the Nebraska association. In her role as manager of Health Information Management at Bryan Health Medical Center prior to retiring, she implemented the use of AHDI's Book of Style. She was a booster for AHDI membership and encouraged her employees to attend annual conferences. She implemented document integrity auditing at Bryan Health. She mentored and strengthened each member of her team by instituting the policy that all should be fully credentialed.

With over 40 years of experience in the healthcare documentation industry, Leigh Anne is well respected by her peers. For her many years of service to AHDI and the field of healthcare documentation integrity, our award recipient has not only earned but greatly deserves the AHDI Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Lifetime Achievement Award serves to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association and industry over the course of his/her professional career and has left a resonating footprint on the Association and its members. This is the highest honor bestowed by AHDI and is awarded by the AHDI National Leadership Board.

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About AHDI

The [Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity](http://www.ahdionline.org) (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, www.ahdionline.org.