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## **Hometown Security Conference: Huge Success! By John H. Daniels**

C&SO HIMSS, in conjunction with the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA), held a Hometown Security Medical Response Conference at the Hope Hotel & Conference Center located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio.

The conference brought together local healthcare executives and emergency planners and responders in an effort to fill a gap in collaborative planning activities among local and state government agencies as well as local hospitals and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base agencies.

The conference helped participants to understand how the Federal and Ohio emergency response plans related to local disaster response plans and told them about the availability of local, state, and federal disaster response resources.

Additionally, the conference gave participants a chance to meet their local area peers. They heard speakers from the Wright-Patterson Medical Center, the City of Dayton, the Greene County Combined Health District, Ohio's Emergency Management Agency, and the 445<sup>th</sup> Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron.

The speakers answered many questions and spoke about how to access those local, state & federal disaster response resources.

Closer to home, participants learned about local initiatives and were given lessons learned from recent area exercises that could prove useful in their own organizations' planning efforts.

The opportunity to network with their emergency planning peers seemed to be one of the most value added benefits of the conference based on feedback from the participants.

Comments included:

*"Less than ten minutes into the conference and I've already learned something new."*

*"I really learned a lot, but more importantly I met people that I can now go to with future questions."*

*"Thank you for hosting the event. It was quite valuable. Now to decide how best to springboard!"*

*"The speakers were all informative and the tour "wow'd" the attendees. Thank you very much for spending countless hours making this an extremely worthwhile event."*

The conference concluded with tours of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Battle Staff room and a C-141 aircraft configured for aero-medical evacuation. Thanks goes out to all those who helped in planning the event, to the CSO HIMSS Chapter Board for sponsoring the event, and to the Southern Ohio Region of ACHE and GDAHA for their support.

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**Security Conference (cont.):**

Conference Statistics:

- 18% of the attendees were members of GDAHA
- 16% of the attendees were members of HIMSS
- 16% of the attendees were members of ACHE
- 5% of the attendees were members of GCHC
- 25% of the attendees were members of other professional associations
- 20% of the attendees had no professional affiliations
- 11 area hospitals were represented; 3 were federal facilities
- 7 state/local agencies were represented

*“...the country needs to think about nontraditional ways to buttress medical surge capacity, including non-hospital alternatives. Possibilities include bringing the military, with field medical facilities, or Veterans Hospitals into response planning for a major attack; developing reciprocity agreements (including liability and worker compensation issues) among states for licensed professional personnel; utilizing gymnasiums, armories, and other facilities for mass-casualty incidents; and networking with home-healthcare providers.”*

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
DIMENSIONS OF DOMESTIC  
PREPAREDNESS**

*The Executive Session on Domestic Preparedness,  
John F. Kennedy  
School of Government,  
Harvard University,  
Date: November 2, 2001*

**Member Spot Light:  
Beverly Bell, Vice President,  
Healthlink Incorporated**

Beverly has been involved in healthcare IT for almost 25 years. She has held numerous positions involved in IT including responsibility for clinical applications for a multiple facility healthcare organization where she was involved with the selection, acquisition, implementation, integration, maintenance support and training of clinical systems.

Currently, Beverly is a Vice President at Healthlink where she assists clients in positioning them for future information technology strategies and maximizing value from their existing systems.

Beverly has been very active in the CSOHIMSS chapter for several years. She has been involved in the board in several roles including President, Past President and Secretary.

Are you interested in being a spotlighted member? Email us at [contactus@csohimss.org](mailto:contactus@csohimss.org) to set up an interview!

**Success Story: Cerner-  
PharmNet Millennium**

On December 3rd, 2002, St. Rita's Medical Center converted to Cerner's PharmNet Millennium. Interfaces vital to this conversion included bi-directional HL7 messages to the McKesson Robot and the MedSelect (Diebold) Automated Dispensing cabinets, and a one way outbound billing file to the HBOC Series system.

The project was kicked off in May of 2001, making this an 18 month project from kickoff to conversion. Some benefits for PharmNet have included the ease of use for the end users, (very user friendly), high quality outputs including labels, MARs and other reports, and wide flexibility, allowing unique orders and many other types of customization for self medications or pass medication orders.

The interface with MedSelect has allowed St. Rita's to integrate the decentralized distribution of medications to provide a more complete patient profile. All of these features benefit patient care and safety. It is St. Rita's second step in closing the medication administration cycle, with ordering and administration solutions targeted with future implementations.

This implementation is one of the first steps in a multi phased project, with an organizational goal of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE). To date St. Rita's has built the data repository and are feeding laboratory, radiology and dictated reports into the system. These are easily viewable on nursing stations, from physician's offices and in select physician homes.

St. Rita's Medical Center is also one of the sponsors at the one-day seminar on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by:  
*Ronda K. Lehman  
Director of Pharmacy  
St. Rita's Medical Center,  
Lima, Ohio*

## Chapter Business, Activities and Participation:

### Calendar of Events:

Event	Date & Time	Location	Registration Fee
Board of Directors/Chapter Meeting	3/21/2003 9am – 1pm	Columbus, Ohio	Not Applicable
<a href="#">CPOE: Realizing the Benefits and Lessons Learned from Early Adopters</a>	4/4/2003 8am – 3pm	St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio	CSOHIMSS Members: \$75 Non-Members: \$95
<a href="#">Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) Convention Luncheon sponsored by Central and Southern Ohio HIMSS Chapter</a>	6/9/2003	Columbus, Ohio	CSOHIMSS Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$30

### Open Positions:

Currently, the CSOHIMSS Chapter has several vacant positions on the Board of Directors. We are seeking any members of the CSOHIMSS Chapter to volunteer their services if they would be interested in filling any positions. The current open position is:

- Telecommunications Liaison

Active participation has its advantages! Members who participate in this capacity earn valuable HIMSS points which are necessary for advancement to Senior Member or Fellow status within HIMSS.

In addition, you will be plugged into what is going on at the chapter level and have an influential voice in what activities and conferences our chapter sponsors.

If you are interested in any of these positions or if you are interested in volunteering in any other capacity, please contact Fran Hunter, Chapter President, for more information.

### Member Feedback:

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

This section posts questions and comments from chapter members. If you have a comment or question, send them to Sean McPhillips at [newsletter@csohimss.org](mailto:newsletter@csohimss.org) for consideration.

### Open Request to Members:

The CSOHIMSS Chapter has an open request to all members for any subject or issue that they would like to see the chapter address.

Addressing the issue could be in the form of a feature article or a conference presentation (either locally or nationally).

All suggestions welcome. Please consider those that are current, relevant and of pressing concern to the contemporary healthcare environment.

Presentation suggestions should be forwarded to Fran Hunter. Article suggestions should be forwarded to Sean McPhillips.

### Chapter Sponsorship:

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**Event sponsor:** \$150 per event. Company name appears as sponsor for one event, directory listing on website for one year.

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