Gov. Strickland Issues Executive Order to create Health Advisory Board

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On Monday, September 17, 2007, a landmark milestone of achievement in the advancement of Health Information Technology in the state of Ohio. Gov. Ted Strickland signed Executive Order 2007 - 30S to create a Health Information Partnership Advisory Board for the State of Ohio. This is the first of its kind in Ohio. On of the driving goals of this state advisory board is to reduce the growth in health care costs partly by improving the exchange of health information throughout the industry.

The Advisory Board will be lead by the state's Chief Information Officer, R. Steve Edmondson. Gov. Strickland will also appoint a co-chair. Additional board members will include two members from each the State House and State Senate. Other members will be appointed as needed.

The Order defines the mission of the Board as bringing together broad-based private and public sector representatives to formulate policies and programs that address health information technology issues in Ohio. The Order goes on to enumerate the role of the Board, which summarily provides a sense of state-wide strategic direction for Health Information Technology in Ohio. This includes operational planning, recommendations for privacy collaboration, developing a strategic roadmap of HIT, and advising the Governor's Office and Ohio General Assembly on Health Information Technology as needed.

The executive order will naturally expire on December 31, 2008, unless otherwise extended. All members of the Board will serve without compensation for their participation.

This bi-partisan issues is receiving positive accolades from Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted, R-Kettering. According to Karen Tabor, Husted's spokeswoman, the Speaker agrees in concept with Gov. Strickland on health care issues such as this one, as long as policies don't lead to a "one-size-fits-all" government-run universal health care system.

Fall Conference 2007

Clinical Informatics in a Regional Setting

Save The Date - Friday, November 2, 2007!!!

This comming November 2nd, the CSOHIMSS Chapter will hold our semi-annual regional conference in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of this conference will be Clinical Informatics in a Regional Setting.

With one keynote and four speakers expected, the CSOHIMSS Fall Conference 2007 is exptect to be another great success for our chapter's continuing education initiatives. To register or find out the latest information on the CSOHIMSS Fall Conference 2007, please refer to our Calendar of Events.

Copies of the presentations will be available for download in the Resource Library of the CSOHIMSS Website. Additionally, the handouts of presentations from previous conferences as well as past Chapter Newsletters can also be found in the Resource Library. In addition, the CSOHIMSS website always tries to obtain and make available presentation from any event the chapter is associated with so that those who were unable to attend can still benefit from the information presented. If you have trouble downloading a desired document, feel free to contact us at contactus@csohimss.org for assistance.

For those of you who are interested in learning more about what's going on at our neighboring chapters, visit their websites at: http://www.bluegrasshimss.org, http://www.indianahimss.org , & http://www.nohimss.org or you can get involved more with our own chapter.

Member Spotlight

Ajay Sharma

Ajay Sharma is a Senior Manager at Satyam Computer Services, a multi-billion dollar leading global systems integrator specializing, among other areas, in application development and services in Healthcare & Life Sciences for customers around the globe.

Ajay is a welcomed new addition to the CSOHIMSS Board of Directors as our first ever Public Relations Chair. He will help the chapter define the responsibilities of the newly created position with the goal of creating a more positive and pronounced public presence in the local environment.

Success Story

Rural Health

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Conference

This two-day event was held on September 17th & 18th and included attendees, speakers, and guests from all over Ohio. Distinguished speakers include:
• Zack Space, U.S. Congressman, Ohio's 18th Congressional District
• William Hayes, Ph.D., President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
• Dozens of CIOs and Industry leaders throughout Ohio

In addition to the conference sessions, over 20 sponsors generously donated time and resources to make this conference a success. Included in this group of sponsors was your very own CSOHIMSS Chapter. Our booth got a lot of notice from attendees

CSOHIMSS Jane A. Blank Annual Scholarship

The CSOHIMSS Chapter is offering our annual Jane A. Blank Distinguished Member Scholarship Award in the amount of $1,000.00 scholarship along with a one-year HIMSS membership ($30.00 value) to an undergraduate or graduate student studying in the healthcare information or healthcare management systems field.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the healthcare information and management systems industry. Review criteria are focused on academic achievement, service activities, technical skills, career goals, demonstration of leadership potential, and communication skills. The $1,000.00 scholarship (cash award) and one year HIMSS membership is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the CSOHIMSS Scholarship Committee.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, download the Scholarship Application or visit our web site at www.csohimss.org for more information. Application submission deadline is February 28, 2008. Good luck!

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and generated a lot of positive feedback.

Thanks to all who made this a success for our chapter and for Ohio!

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