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SOUTH FLORIDA Chapter

President's Message



Welcome to the second issue of the South Florida HIMSS newsletter. It's been a great year & we are proud to highlight some of the great efforts being made by the chapter.

Due to popular demand, we are working to create educational opportunities that are flexible and accessible regardless of your geographical location or schedule. We are proud to announce that speaker's PowerPoint presentations from past events are now available on our chapter website for reference and download. Additionally, we launched our first lunch & learn webinar during National HIT week. The recording of that event is also available for you to watch at your leisure. We truly appreciate the feedback provided via the membership surveys as it truly drives us to improve and provide members with what is needed.

[Click here to view presentations and recordings of past events](#)



Last May, SFLHIMSS held its 6th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting the SFLHIMSS Scholarship Fund. Year after year, this tournament proves to be a memorable event, including a round of golf, a light lunch, early dinner during the awards ceremony, raffle prizes, and more! It was held at Melreese Country Club in Miami, Florida. In addition to golf, this year we offered a group golf lesson by skilled professionals for non-golfers.



November 29, 2018
[SFLHIMSS - Meet the Board & Learn How to Get More Involved](#)

February 13, 2019
[HIMSS19 Conference: South Florida Chapter of HIMSS Reception](#)

March 13, 2019
[SAVE THE DATE: SFLHIMSS HIT Education Event for Professionals & Students:](#)

Please save the date for our 7th Annual Golf Tournament, taking place on April 8, 2019, location TBA. Join us for a fabulous day of golf and festivities, networking with HIT colleagues, and fundraising for the scholarship fund.

Integrate 2018

Our 8th Annual IntegraTe Conference took place on October 2, 2018 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida, and included engaging success stories told by thought leaders forging innovation and paving the way to a new healthcare delivery model. The annual IntegraTe Conference strives to bring healthcare professionals together to hear compelling education topics geared towards executives in the healthcare IT and finance landscape, to learn about all the latest technology and services available in this arena, and to network with peers in this ever-changing field...and as with past years, this year was a success! The conference concluded with presentations from the Innovation Award finalists speaking about technology innovation taking place within their healthcare organizations as well as the announcement of the Innovation Award winner. On behalf of the South Florida HIMSS chapter, thank you to our sponsors, speakers, and all those in attendance! We look forward to seeing everyone at IntegraTe 2019.



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2018 Innovation Award Winner



South Florida HIMSS is excited to honor the winner of this year's IntegraTe Innovation Award: **Sam Nimah, CPA, MBA**, Chief Executive Officer, Special Care Providers

The South Florida HIMSS Healthcare Technology Innovation Award looks at the direct correlation between an organization's IT initiative (one specific IT initiative) and accomplishment of a documented organizational objective. This is

what Sam demonstrated during 2018 Integrate with "Measuring Caregiver Dwell Time At The Bedside, What We Learned & Earned, And Why Nobody Complained That We Are Doing It!"

Initiative: Special Care Unit has been operating since 1991. In this time, we have become the preeminent organization in the function of ventilator weaning. We continue to widen the gap between our results and the competition by investing in technology that enhances our high touch model, while staying true to the unit culture. We seek technology that increases data communication and analysis and rewards positive behavior. We have implemented a Bluetooth enabled solution that measures staff dwell time at each patient's bedside.

[Click here to see the winning presentation slides](#)

National HIT Week

U.S. National Health IT Week (NHIT Week) is a nationwide awareness week focused on catalyzing actionable change within the U.S. health system through the application of information and technology. This year, NHIT Week was recognized October 8th through 12th. SFLHIMSS partnered with Mosaica Partners, LLC, to provide an educational webinar, titled "The Past Present and

Potential of State Health IT Roadmaps” focusing on state health IT plans, specifically what Florida health plans exist, what a roadmap is, and examples of existing health IT roadmaps. Thank you to those members that participated! Thanks to our fantastic member turnout and valuable information provided by Mosaica Partners, our first SFLHIMSS webinar was a huge success! We look forward to providing more webinars in the near future.



[View Recorded Webinar](#)

South Florida Advocacy Receives Accolades



2018 Presidential Level of Advocacy Award

The SFLHIMSS chapter has received recognition as the recipient of the Presidential Level Advocacy Award as part of the FY18 HIMSS Chapter Level of Advocacy Awards. A HIMSS Chapter Level of Advocacy Award is presented to the chapter as a direct result of their Chapter Advocate’s leadership and commitment to health IT advocacy. HIMSS Advocacy works closely with key federal and state level decision-makers to advance improvements in the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare. This is a testament to the incredible work of our Chapter Advocate, Kendall Brown, and the entire Advocacy Committee to enable the achievement of this Presidential Level Advocacy Award.

U.S. NHIT Week 2018: Chapter Advocacy Challenge

The HIMSS State Government Affairs team issued the Chapter Advocacy Challenge this year to encourage chapter advocates to engage with state and local level stakeholders in developing recommendations for creation or revision of an existing state or territorial health IT roadmap or strategic plan. In collaboration with the Central/North Florida and Puerto Rico chapters, our SFLHIMSS submission was awarded \$1,200 to support our initiative to advance HIMSS’ points of engagement, to include Supporting Healthcare Transformation and Expanding Access to High Quality Care. Through a joint effort, these funds will be used to build a health IT roadmap or strategic plan and to connect other plans, such as the state health information exchange plan and state emergency preparedness plan between Florida and Puerto Rico. Congratulations to our Chapter Advocate, Kendall Brown, and the Advocacy Committee members for all their hard work!

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