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AHIMA Appoints Pamela Lane as Vice President, Government Relations

In her new position, Lane will focus on issues such as data integrity, interoperability

CHICAGO – June 1, 2015 – The [American Health Information Management Association](http://www.ahima.org) (AHIMA), the organization representing more than 101,000 Health Information Management professionals (HIM), has appointed Pamela L. Lane, MS, RHIA, CPHIMS, HIMSS, as vice president, government relations.

“Pamela’s extensive background in health policy and health information technology will benefit AHIMA, its members and the healthcare community as we continue advocating for important issues including information governance, clinical data integrity, interoperability and the privacy and security of health information,” said AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA. “As a well-respected and recognized leader in the HIM and health information technology community, Pamela will be an asset as we continue to ensure patients and clinicians have access to secure and accurate health information when and where they need it.”

With more than two decades of senior leadership experience in HIM, revenue cycle management, clinical applications and hospital operations, Lane joins AHIMA from her position as deputy secretary, health information at the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). In the Governor-appointed position, Lane advised the administration on issues related to electronic health information technology and exchange and served as the director of the Office of Health Information Integrity responsible for development of a privacy and security policy framework that supports the electronic movement of health information.

“I’m delighted to join the leadership team at AHIMA,” said Lane. “Together, we will advance HIM practices, improving the effectiveness of interoperable electronic health records and ensuring the integrity and quality of health information.”

Prior to her appointment at CHHS, Lane served as vice president, health informatics at the California Hospital Association where she represented California’s more than 400 hospitals on data and information technology management issues.

In 2013 Lane received the AHIMA Leadership Triumph Award for her work in health information exchange (HIE) and leading California in its efforts to create a statewide HIE. While at the CHHS, Lane promoted collaboration between the Office of the National Coordinator for Health

Information Technology and AHIMA to ensure core HIM issues are well represented in the HIE discussion.

Lane is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where she served as hospital corpsman and commissioned line officer.

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