





Join Us at the National HIMSS Conference

HIMSS18 is the health information and technology conference – where professionals from around the world connect to gain the education, innovation, and collaboration they need to continue to transform health and healthcare all year long – all at one time, all in one place.

If you haven't registered for HIMSS18 yet, there's still plenty of time. We hope you'll attend and join us at our National HIMSS Reception at HIMSS18 in Las Vegas on March 6th. [Learn more about the conference and register for the TN HIMSS reception here.](#)

Upcoming Events



March 6: Chapter Reception at HIMSS18:

Join TN HIMSS at HIMSS18 and experience "NashVegas" at our chapter reception. Network with your colleagues from the chapter and around the country at one of the premiere spots in Las Vegas. This entertaining event brings together the bright lights of Vegas with a little Music City flair. [Register here.](#)

February 7: Legislative Reception and Hill Day

Let your voice be heard. TN HIMSS is teaming up with other healthcare and advocacy organizations across the state to help support and promote a very important set of events in our community. The Legislative Reception and Hill Day



are both opportunities to meet your Tennessee State Legislators and share your perspectives on important issues. [Register here.](#)



August 27–29th: Summit of the Southeast 2018

Mark your calendars! Save the date for next year's Summit of the Southeast at Health:Further on August 27-29th in Nashville. Registration opens in late February, so be on the lookout for an email.

Chapter News



Support for Nashville's Transit Plan

While TN HIMSS is a statewide organization, the chapter's Board of Directors is committed to improving the ability of our members to recruit and cultivate an HIT workforce across all the state's communities to meet demand. Workforce Development is a key tenet of the chapter's mission.

One of the unique challenges facing the middle Tennessee market and the ability to recruit the needed technology skills and talent is simply transportation. The population explosion seen in

middle Tennessee has added tremendous pressure on the public roadways, resulting in increased drive times and traffic congestion across Nashville. This is a negative factor for employment candidates and companies deciding to relocate to Middle Tennessee.

Because the state and the city of Nashville are competing with markets that already have robust transit systems in place, TN HIMSS supports Nashville's transit plan and subsequent investments. This is important in attracting top HIT talent to the region, along with companies wanting to ensure that there is a workforce capable of supporting them while thriving in the region with a high quality of life.

According to the Recent Brookings Institution Report, Nashville and the state of Tennessee have the opportunity to be a National HIT hub and a reliable transportation system is a tool to help attract and retain the talent to make that happen.

CPHIMS Certification News

TN HIMSS Ambassador Justin Mooneyhan PMP, Director, Clinical Technology – Ambulatory/Post-Acute Systems Health informatics and technology services at LifePoint Health passed the CPHIMS exam over the holiday break. We encourage other Tennessee HIMSS members to make it a goal for 2018 to get the certification for their own development.



TN HIMSS Board Retreat Highlights

The TN HIMSS Board recently convened at c3 Consulting's headquarters in Nashville. In an interactive working session, the Board celebrated such successes from 2017 as the Summit of the Southeast at Health:Further, launching the Ambassador program, graduating the 100th student from the Workforce Accelerator, and expanded educational content. The Board explored potential opportunities with Health2.0 and participated in a panel discussion with the Ambassador team.



Chapter Support for Nursing Terminology Standardization

The 3rd Annual Clinical Care Classification (CCC) User Meeting was recently held at HCA's headquarters in Nashville. Supporting this important initiative was Guice Smith, TN HIMSS' Vice President of Collaboration. CCC is an important initiative for healthcare with its exclusive focus on nursing by providing standardized coded terminology specifically for nursing and an information model design for the electronic documentation of clinical nursing practice. TN HIMSS supports the goals of CCC through its collaboration-led strategies designed to further healthcare improvements for clinicians through the use of Health IT. [Learn more.](#)



through the noise and reach CIOs, IT managers, CNOs and other decision makers. [Get more information here.](#)

Call for Speakers: BrandHIT Marketing Summit in Nashville

[BrandHIT Marketing Summit](#) (a HIMSS event) is coming to Nashville, May 7-8. The call for presentations is now open with the goal for Health IT marketing pros to share successes in utilizing multi-channel content marketing programs that cut

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discounts, multiple sponsorship options, brand recognition and networking opportunities.

For more information contact Tiffany Towson at tiffany@tnhimss.org or by phone at [714-310-0633](tel:714-310-0633).



Fall 2017 Health IT Workforce Accelerator Graduates 6th Cohort

On Monday, December 11 students in the sixth cohort of the TN HIMSS and Belmont University Health IT Workforce Accelerator graduated, marking more than 100 graduates since the program started three years ago. [Read more or register here to be part of the next cohort.](#)



Join Tennessee HIMSS Today!

It's an exciting time to be involved in healthcare IT. If you aren't a member of Tennessee HIMSS, join today to gain access to our events, education, and networking opportunities. Or forward this email to a friend with an encouragement to join.

[Click here to join.](#)



Get Involved with Tennessee HIMSS

The best way to maximize your membership in TN HIMSS is to get involved. There are many committee opportunities available through TN HIMSS, including Membership, Programs, Marketing, Advocacy and more.

For information on joining a committee, contact Tiffany Towson at tiffany@tnhimss.org or by phone at [714-310-0633](tel:714-310-0633).

Follow Us on Social Media

Did you know that our TN HIMSS community is on social? Follow us on



[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date with the latest news and events from our chapter.

You can also request access to our exclusive [Linkedin group here](#).

Newsletter Sponsor

The logo for Golden Spiral features a stylized blue spiral icon to the left of the word "GOLDEN" stacked vertically with "SPIRAL" below it. Below the logo, the tagline "Shaping Technology Marketing" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Industry News

Nashville ranks No. 8 in Milken Institute jobs report

The nonpartisan nonprofit's annual report is based on growth in jobs, wages and salaries, technology output and the concentrations of high-tech fields compared to the national average. [Read more.](#)

TeamHealth Acquires X32 Healthcare and Appoints Jody Crane, MD, MBA, Chief Clinical Officer for Emergency Medicine

TeamHealth, a clinician services organization, announced the acquisition of X32 Healthcare. X32 Healthcare, an emergency department performance improvement consulting practice. [Read more.](#)

LifePoint Health Facilities Recognized by March of Dimes

LifePoint Health, a healthcare company dedicated to Making Communities Healthier®, has once again earned recognition from March of Dimes for giving babies across the country a healthier start. [Read more.](#)

HealthStream Introduces “Verity™, a HealthStream Company,” and Its New SaaS-Based Platform Also Named “Verity”

HealthStream (NASDAQ: HSTM) announced today the introduction of “Verity™, a HealthStream Company,” its newly formed company that combines its Echo and Morrisey businesses. [Read more.](#)

Member Spotlight



Caleb Graves
Director, Business Development for Staffing as a Mission (SaaM)

Tell us a little bit about your work in the HIT space. Staffing as a Mission helps healthcare companies find talent. Our focus is to provide subject matter experts in HealthIT, Revenue Cycle and Information Technology for companies that span across the healthcare continuum. Our services range from conducting individual talent searches to providing HealthIT staff augmentation for health systems across the country. We are passionate about matching great candidates with incredible companies and making a positive impact in our community by contributing our time, talent and finances to our non-profit mission partners.

What excites you about the future of HIT? What do you see as the biggest challenges?

I'm excited about the intersection between health information technology and healthcare services because of the potential it has to improve patient care and lower costs. One of the biggest upcoming challenges is how the industry will transition from a fee-for-service payment model to value-based care. Technology will play a critical role, which can already be seen in areas such as telemedicine, home health, and remote patient monitoring.

What do you see as the value of being a TN HIMSS member?

The value I see being a TN HIMSS member is not only the opportunity to expand your professional network, but also the access it provides to first class educational programs. It is a great way to network with HIT thought leaders and to come together with like-minded professionals and discuss topics facing the industry.

What advice do you give to other HIMSS members to maximize their membership?

Simple. Get involved TODAY. Take advantage of the networking opportunities and the educational events. If you want to know the latest trends in HIT, you need to be actively involved in TN HIMSS.

What was favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

I recently attended the graduation ceremony for the latest class of the TN HIMSS/Belmont University HIT Accelerator Program. In two years, over 50 students have graduated from the program, which is a 14-week curriculum taught by HealthIT leaders. If you haven't heard about the HIT Accelerator Program or if you are interested in applying you can visit TNHIMSS.org.

What is the last book you read?

“Getting to Yes” by Roger Fisher and William Ury. I first read this book for business school and really enjoy rereading it every year. This is a classic book on how to approach conflict resolution and it has been a useful tool in creating win-win solutions for our clients.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

My wife and I love to travel. While we don't have a “favorite” place we recently got back from a ski trip in the Rocky Mountains in Banff, Canada. The views were incredible as we felt like we were living inside a snow globe. We would go back in a heartbeat.