

**KAHDI**

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## *President's Message ...*

Happy New Year! We have survived the 00s with all their trials and difficulties, and it's on to the 10s. The road ahead is a big unknown, with changes to the health care system inevitable, although it is unclear what they will be.

Some form of electronic health record is a certainty – our organization is working to ensure that this HER will contain history in narrative form. The narrative is important for a complete medical record that makes sense to the reader and provides necessary information. From the MTs point of view, it is also job security.

Whatever actually happens with the health plan and medical records, we know there are changes ahead for us. But that should not be too daunting. We are used to change, whether it's change in a computer program, change in workplace, or even more drastic change. Some of us remember when we typed on Selectric typewriters instead of computers; now my spell check balks at the word Selectric!

Personally, I dealt with a bit of change recently when I received a new laptop from Santa this Christmas. My game plan all along (when I got a new laptop) was to actually work off the laptop instead of a PC. Then I could take the laptop with me wherever I went and have everything available.

Of course, we all know about the best-laid plans of mice and men. The operating system on the new machine did not like my work software, and many man-hours were spent ironing out the difficulties. Finally, this week I was able to set everything up and get back to work. And it is fun! I still have some things to learn about Windows 7, but we are getting there.

I'm sure all of us can tell similar stories. But we learn to adapt. And we will adapt to whatever the future brings for us.

In our organization, we will have changes as time goes on, too. Elaine Warren tells us that she may be moving to Texas this year. If she goes, we will miss her greatly. She has been a big asset to our organization.

At the same time, fairly often I am hearing from people interested in learning medical transcription or wondering about KAHDI meetings. Whenever any of us talk to such people, let's make sure to invite them to our meetings. Sometimes it takes more than an invitation; sometimes we need to offer them a ride so they don't have to face a new group of people alone.

In the coming year, as change looms in front of us, let us join together to bravely put one foot in front of the other and meet the change head-on.

*Nancy Huffman,  
2010 KAHDI President*



# NEWS NOTES

**Thirty years and counting** – Did you notice the flag on page one of this Sunflower Spectrum? Volume XXX tells us that this is the 30th year for this publication; Number 1 tells us this is the first issue of the year. I am wondering if anyone has old copies of the Spectrum dating back to the early days. If so, it would be very interesting to look through them and find items of interest to share with our current readers. Any volunteers? It could be a fun assignment!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010 – Mark your calendar for these events:**

**March 23-25 – Advocacy Summit** – AHDI and MTIA are again joining forces to host their fifth annual Advocacy Summit. At this event our organizations advocate for our profession and industry at a critical time in healthcare delivery. Key messages around the importance of narrative capture and the critical role of MTs in the EHR future will be delivered to policy makers and legislators on behalf of the medical transcription sector. In past years, attendance at this event has been nearly 100, and it is expected to have an even greater presence on Capitol Hill in 2010. Last year KAHDl's vice president, Debbie Hahn, attended this event on her own.

**March 27 – KAHDl Regular Meeting, Barton County Community Colleague, Great Bend**

**May – National MT Week**

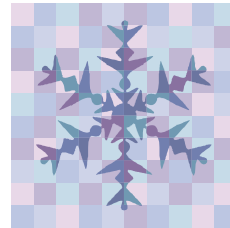
**June 26 – KAHDl Summer Symposium, Wichita** – Plan to spend the day learning, networking and having fun! Five continuing education credits will be available for the day. We will provide a catered lunch. Details will be available later.

**August 4-7 – Annual Convention and Expo, Austin, Texas** – It's not too early to start planning your trip to AHDI's 32nd Annual Convention & Expo! Join more than 500 healthcare documentation professionals to connect with the people and resources you need to prepare for the changes occurring in the industry. There is no other single event for the practicing MT that delivers content-rich

professional development sessions, career opportunities, and relationship-building experiences than the AHDI annual convention. Register online at [www.ahdionline.org](http://www.ahdionline.org) by June 7, 2010, to secure your seat at the lowest early-bird rate.

**September 25 – KAHDl meeting, Wichita**

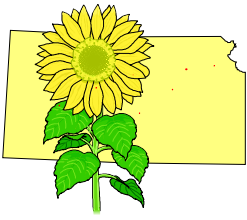
**November 20 – KAHDl meeting, Newton**



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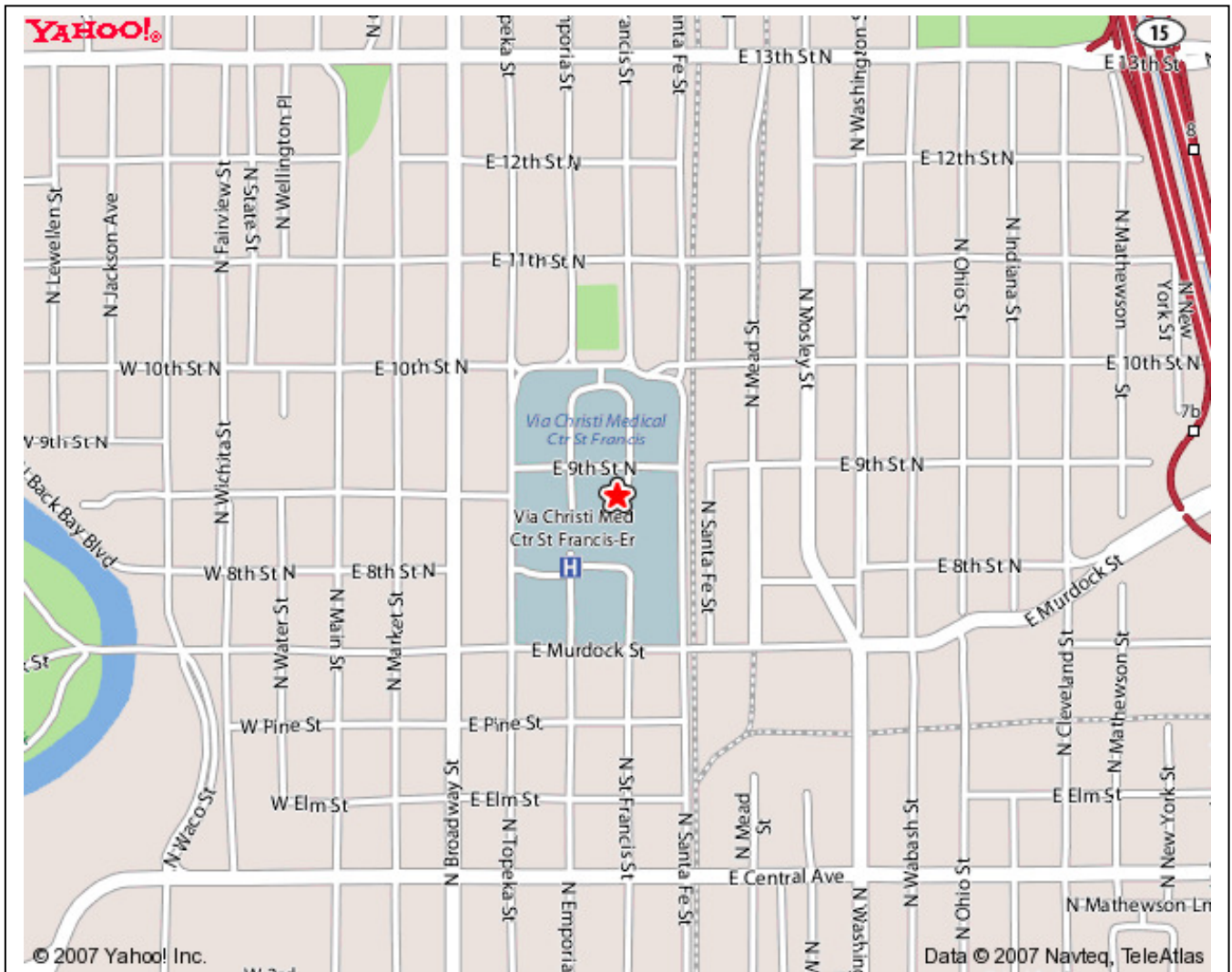
# January KAHDl Meeting

## KAHDl

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**Date:** Saturday, January 23, 2010  
**Location:** Via Christi-St. Francis  
North end of employee cafeteria (second floor)  
929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, Kansas  
**Hostesses:** Via Christi ladies

- 9:00 a.m.**                    **Venous Insufficiency, by Stephanie Oberhelman, DO** - 1 Clinical Medicine  
CEC
- 10:15 a.m.**                **Catheters, by Dawn Gosnell, RN, Via Christi-St. Francis** - 1 Clinical Medicine  
CEC
- 11:00 a.m.**                Business Meeting



## *Minutes for November Meeting*

Minutes from November 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. November 21, 2009. The minutes from the September 2009 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given:

Balance after May 2009 Meeting	858.56
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07/16/2009

Deposit Symposium Pre-Registration	600.00
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Balance 07/18/2009	1458.56
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07/18/2009

Kathy Jenkins Symposium Expenses	162.93
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07/21/2009

Deposit Symposium Registration	240.00
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08/31/2009

Late payment for symposium	60.00
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Balance September 26, 2009	1595.63
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10/30/2009

KAHDI Liability Insurance Renewal	75.00
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11/20/2009

ACE expenses for delegate	1141.94
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ACE registration	300.00
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Air Fare	465.84
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Hotel Expenses	376.10
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Balance 11/21/2009 meeting	378.69
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Nancy has not gotten the webinar done yet as there has been no time.

The option of giving a limited amount of money to the delegate for the national convention was discussed. This was discussed so that the treasury wouldn't be nearly depleted every year. We also discussed some fundraising ideas.

Debbie Hahn discussed updates on her advocacy items. There is talk that the 2010 Advocacy meeting will be a two-day function; however, only one day is scheduled for lobbying. She also talked about an amendment proposed by Congresswoman Foxx that

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would have meant that the small business act lending program would be terminated when the EHR standards would basically nullify one benefit that this bill provides for small businesses. David Blumenthall, MD, MPP, is the national coordinator and Charles P Freidman, PhD, deputy national coordinator, is assisting him. The Foxx amendment was defeated. Small business owners, including transcription companies, can apply for a small business loan to get started.

There were some visitors to the meeting today so there was introduction of everyone, how long they have been an MT/MT QA/editor, and where they worked.

The March meeting will be changed to Great Bend. I was to hold that meeting in Hutchinson, but I may be moving so will not be able to do that.

Door prizes were given out.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

*Elaine Warren, RHIT, secretary*