Summary of the OIG Work Plan


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Health IT Spending Rises for Patient Satisfaction

In an era of digital natives, new technological solutions to health care challenges appear almost daily. Not surprisingly, health IT spending is rising again, with two-thirds of hospitals reporting increased technology budgets for this fiscal year.

More Details

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Greetings and welcome to 2017! I hope you had the opportunity to join us for the fall institute in Louisville this past October, I would like to thank the education committee members for putting together another great program. We also had our first event that was specifically for early careerists in November in Louisville. I would like to thank the committee for a great event and more specifically Jessica Bowen the chair of the event. There was no blueprint to go off and Jessica worked hard with the committee members to create some great programming for our first event. We had a goal of 50 participants at the event and exceeded that goal with 53 participants. The most exciting part was that 29 of those participants were not members of HFMA. Hopefully events like this and other planned events will get more interest in the chapter and new members in the future.

Our KY HFMA leadership team always welcomes the New Year as our chapter survey results are provided by National. I am pleased to report that the overall high satisfaction score of the Kentucky Chapter was 67%, which unfortunately is lower than the previous year percentage of 79%. This percentage is determined by the number of respondents indicating either “extremely satisfied” or “very satisfied” on the survey. The Kentucky Chapter was slightly lower than the National HFMA average of 70%. The survey indicated sizeable improvements in our chapter’s coverage of state and regional issues, networking opportunities and the chapter newsletter. The survey also provided suggestion for further improvement. We greatly value the feedback from our membership and will be utilizing the results for this year’s survey as we plan for the future of our chapter. Planning is already underway for next year, so if you’ve ever thought about getting more involved in the Chapter there is no better time than now to get connected. Please reach out to me and I can get you to the right person.

I will close with a few highlights of our last event of the year. Be sure to register for our annual spring institute on March 30 and 31 in Lexington at the Embassy Suites. The educational programming committee has been hard at work on the planning for the event and have an excellent line-up of topics and speakers. Please go to our website for more information and registration information.

I hope to see you at an upcoming event, in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours Truly,
Bill Leachman, FHFMA
Past President Spotlight
Catching up with the past presidents of KY HFMA

Don Frank

President during chapter year: 2014-15
Current employer and title: Vice President, Bottom Line Systems
Family: 15 year old daughter, Taryn, 13 year old son, Mason

Most difficult part about being president of the KY Chapter of HFMA:
There are so many ideas and initiatives to consider and do. With the day to day operations of HFMA as well as your full time job, there just isn’t enough time to make the impact you’d like to make. You’re always going to leave something undone or unaddressed.

Most rewarding part about being president of the chapter:
I made many friends over the years being involved with HFMA, many of which I would never have made without being a volunteer. That really culminates in your president year, because you are helping guide a group of people that you love being around. In the end, the networking and relationships make the HFMA experience worthwhile.

Favorite memory from presidential year:
Is it sad to say that I don’t have a specific favorite memory that stands out? I guess one thing that stands out, but it’s lame. At my last board meeting as President, I looked around the room and saw people that several years before, I didn’t know but now we were friends. I’ve stayed in touch with many of these people over the last several years, through events, Facebook, email, and texting. I’m thankful that they have been, and continue to be, part of my life.

Looking back is there anything you would do differently:
Due to HFMA leadership departures, I did not get the benefit of having a President-Elect year. I couldn’t have changed that but wish I could have had more time to be plan and organize for my year. It turned into flying by the seats of my pants a little bit. I think it turned out okay given the circumstances, but there ended up being so many “what ifs” that year.

Any advice you would have for current/future presidents?
One of the hardest parts about this role is being able to handle the adversity that comes up throughout the year. In many cases, it is outside your control. Staying calm and helping make good decisions helps to form how your leadership and the organization are perceived by other leaders and by the membership.

What has changed since your presidential year?
It started during my president year, but provider participation is so much different now. Due to work commitments, I haven’t been to as many events, but I miss seeing all of my provider and HFMA friends at events. The industry is changing so rapidly and it is more important than ever to still find opportunities to network and share information. We just have to do it in different ways today than we did just a few years ago.
Jennifer Thomas

**Current chapter role and responsibilities:** Assistant to the VP of Education

**Employer/job title:** MCM CPAs & Advisors/Assurance Senior Manager

**Family consists of:** Matt (Husband), Will (2), and Nicholas (4 months)

**When you were young what did you want to be when you grew up:** A Lawyer

**Favorite college team:** UofL (Go Cards!)

**What music is on your phone:** Pandora (Family Road Trip Radio; 60s, 70s, and 80s Hits Radio; and a lot of Country channels)

**Favorite song:** Thunderstruck by AC/DC (because my 2 year old will sing it with me)

**Favorite movie:** I cannot remember the last time I have watched a movie without a G rating. Finding Dory and Zootopia are cute!

**TV shows:** The Blacklist, Madam Secretary, Homeland

**Hobbies:** Working out, Golfing, Reading and playing with my kids, Going to UofL Football and Basketball games with my husband and kids.

**Most prized possession:** Our family photos

**Something that most people don’t know about you:** I have played golf since I was seven years old.

**Pet peeve:** People who are poor drivers.

**How do you relax:** Lay on the couch and doze off during weekend naptime.

**Guilty pleasure:** Playing games on my phone.

**Dream job:** Interior designer
## Upcoming HFMA Events

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- **FEB 8**  [QUALITY AND RESOURCE USE REPORTS: KEY CONSIDERATIONS TO OPTIMIZE MACRA’S MERIT-BASED INCENTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE](#)
- **FEB 9**  [HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS DESIGN: SMART, CREATIVE, FORWARD-THinking](#)
- **FEB 14**  [AN OVERVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL’S 2017 WORK PLAN](#)
Want glowing, vibrant, younger-looking skin? Look no further than your diet. The healthier the foods you put in your body, the better your skin will look on the outside. On the flip side, if you are lacking nutrients essential to healthy skin, it will aggravate conditions such as acne, eczema or psoriasis.

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- **Blackberries, Blueberries, Strawberries and Plums.** These fruits contain high levels of antioxidants. After sun exposure, the membranes of the cells can become damaged. However, the antioxidants in these fruits can protect cells so there is less damage suffered by the skin. Another plus: Antioxidants guard against premature ageing.

- **Salmon, Walnuts, Canola Oil and Flaxseed.** These foods are rich in essential fatty acids, which provide benefits to cell membranes responsible for protecting the cells in your body.

- **Healthy Oils.** Cold-pressed, expeller-pressed or extra virgin oils keep the skin lubricated and looking healthier.

- **Whole-wheat Bread, Muffins and Cereals; Turkey, Tuna and Brazil Nuts.** These foods contain selenium, which is proven to prevent further sun damage in already-damaged skin.

- **Green Tea.** This powerful beverage has anti-inflammatory benefits and serves to protect cell membranes, and may even prevent or reduce the risk of skin cancer.

- **Water.** In addition to keeping your cells hydrated, this beverage helps to move nutrients through the body and pushes toxins out. This will leave your skin looking healthy and radiant. Also, when the body is properly hydrated, you sweat more efficiently, which keeps the skin clear and young-looking.

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