

Speaker Bios

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Dianne M. Cearlock, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)

Dr. Cearlock recently finished her second year as NAACLS' CEO. Prior to NAACLS she served as faculty for the Program in Clinical Laboratory Science at Northern Illinois University for 20 years and as faculty for the Medical Laboratory Technician program at Waubensee Community College in Illinois for 6 years.

She holds a doctorate in Microbiology/Immunology from the University of Illinois in Chicago, where she conducted research on lymphokines from established T cells lines under the direction of Dr. Sheldon Dray. Research conducted in partnership with Dr. Nancy Nuzzo, Ph.D., PT, while serving as faculty at NIU investigated the effects of moderate regular exercise by pre-, peri-, and post-menopausal women on selected cardiac and circulating blood parameters. She has published peer-reviewed articles in the *Journal of Immunology*, *Medical Laboratory Observer*, and *Clinical Laboratory Science*.

Dr. Cearlock is an associate member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology and a member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, the American Society of Association Executives, and the National Network of Healthcare Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2). She has served as Region VI Director on the ASCLS Board of Directors and President of the ASCLS-Illinois. She represents NAACLS at meetings of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and the Coordinating Council on the Clinical Laboratory Workforce (CCCLW). She is currently serving a term on the ASPA Professional Development Committee.



Claire R. Dixon-Lee, PhD, RHIA, CPH, FAHIMA; Executive Director, CAHIIM

Dr. Dixon-Lee is Executive Director of CAHIIM (the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education), for which she is responsible for health information management and health informatics programmatic accreditation, oversight of college and university relations, professional association relationships for the disciplines within CAHIIM's scope, and international higher education quality assessment initiatives.

Dr. Dixon-Lee is a past president (1999) of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and recipient of its Triumph Award for Professional Achievement.

Dr. Dixon-Lee has over 30 years of experience in the health information management (HIM) field. Formerly she was president of MC Strategies, Inc., a web-based learning management system design corporation, and has worked for some of the industry's leading health care technology companies.

She served as department head of the Health Information Management undergraduate program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and continues to serve as an adjunct associate professor in the UIC School of Public Health – Public Health Informatics online Master’s Degree Program.

In the past, Dr. Dixon-Lee has served AHIMA as vice president of education and accreditation services, and director of HIM education, continuing education and research. In 1993, she was awarded the first Alexander M. Schmidt Fellowship for Research at the University HealthSystems Consortium in Chicago, where she focused on clinical benchmarking studies and multi-hospital clinical database management.

Dr. Dixon-Lee holds a master’s degree in Medical Epidemiology from SUNY at Buffalo and a doctoral degree in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago - School of Public Health and holds the Certified in Public Health credential.



Chrisann Lemery, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA

Ms. Lemery is a Director on the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Board. She is past president of the Wisconsin association and recipient of Wisconsin's Distinguished Member and Outstanding Educator awards. Chrisann is the HIPAA security officer and assistant privacy officer for WEA Trust Insurance Company in Madison, Wisconsin. She has many years of health information management experience in hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, and a human services department. She is a speaker on privacy, security, health information exchange, and identity management.

Ryan Merclean, JBS International

Mr. Merclean is a research assistant at JBS International, Inc. working in support of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Industry Competency Model Initiative project. He supports the project by collaborating with industry, education, and workforce professionals to develop, validate, and publish industry competency models. Mr. Merclean also provides technical assistance to federal grantees regarding the use of competency models and career pathways; writes and edits articles for the Department of Labor’s Competency Model Clearinghouse Web site; and conducts research to obtain material for case summaries highlighting promising practices about the use of competency models. Mr. Merclean has experience developing and moderating focus groups and online crowdsourcing projects, as well as forming strategic partnerships between federal agencies.



Ron E. Peck, Esq., General Counsel, The Phia Group, LLC

Mr. Peck is an attorney with The Phia Group, LLC, and has been a member of The Phia Group's team since 2006. As an attorney with The Phia Group, Ron has been an innovative force in the drafting of improved benefit plan provisions, handled complex subrogation and third party recovery disputes, and spearheaded efforts to combat the steadily increasing costs of healthcare.

Ron has lectured at and participated in many industry gatherings such as NASP's Litigation Skills Conference, HCAA, SIIA, and TABA. Ron is also frequently called upon to educate plan administrators and stop-loss carriers regarding changing laws and strategies. Ron's theories regarding benefit plan administration and healthcare have been published in many industry periodicals, and have received much acclaim. Prior to joining The Phia Group, Ron was a member of a major pharmaceutical company's in-house legal team, a general practitioner's law office, and served as a judicial clerk. Ron is also currently of-counsel with The Law Offices of Russo & Minchoff.

Ron obtained his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University. Ron is also a Certified Subrogation Recovery Professional ("CSR").



Jon Pryor, MD, MS, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Medical College Physicians

In addition his role as CEO, Dr. Pryor is also Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs-MCP and Professor of Urology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Pryor works closely with Froedtert Hospital leadership, the clinical Chairs (in regard to the adult clinical practice), and practice leadership to develop effective on- and off-campus clinical program strategies, enhance the success of the newly formed interdisciplinary Adult Clinical Service Lines, enhance program planning in all areas in relation to the MCP practice, and provide executive and collaborative leadership for all MCP activities.

Dr. Pryor has worked as a consultant in health care for McKinsey and Company since 2006. From 2001 to 2006, he served as Chairman and Professor of Urologic Surgery at the University of Minnesota, where he also served as residency program director. He began his academic career at Minnesota in 1991 as an Assistant Professor of Urologic Surgery.

A national expert in his field, Dr. Pryor has long-standing academic and clinical interests in male sexual health and infertility. He is a Past-President of the American Society of Andrology and the Society of Male Reproduction and has served as co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Andrology*.

He has received numerous awards for educational excellence and has received extramural funding for his research efforts throughout his career. He has 67 peer-reviewed publications and has edited three books and written one book on men's health.

Dr. Pryor received his MD from the University of Minnesota in 1983, his MS from the University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1989, and his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in 2006. He completed two preliminary years of surgery at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, and completed his residency in urology at the University of Virginia in 1989. He received his undergraduate degree in physics at Carleton College.