Rural Health Special Interest Group Launch & Workshop

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Purpose

To share information and resources related to health information management in the rural sector.

To draw on individual experiences to explore different approaches to deal with common or recurring health record management issues.

To provide support to HIMs and other health information professionals working in the rural sector.
Meetings

Teleconference meetings with WebEx

1 hour bi-monthly meetings with emphasis on providing a discussion forum/sharing of experiences and professional development/networking.
Suggested topics

Health record management
Discuss different record management approaches taken by members, including filing methods, cross referencing disparate records, tracking, discontinuing manual processes and record retention and destruction.

Documentation
Issues related to documentation, including forms, clinical notes, etc.

Data management and reporting
Discuss issues around reporting and data analysis for external and internal parties.
Suggested topics (continued)

Accreditation
Discuss standards, preparation for accreditation, etc

Education, including invited speakers
• Review HIMAA journal, invite contributor
• Facilitate HIMJ and HIMI contributions from the rural sector
• Watch & discuss a podcast published on the HIMAA website
• Linked In - overview and demonstration, what are the benefits
• Department of Health representatives – what’s new?
• State records representatives
• Skills based guests – e.g. negotiation skills, writing a business case
• Accreditation surveyor
Other topics or suggestions?