

October 17th, 2007 – Joyce Sensmeier MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS Co-chair Alliance for Nursing Informatics VP, Informatics, HIMSS and Charlotte Weaver RN, PhD Chair, HIMSS Nursing Informatics Committee VP and Chief Nursing Officer, Cerner Corporation presented to the Congressional Budget Office on the Nursing Perspective on HIT Workforce Issues. An overview from the HIMSS NI Workforce 2007 survey illustrated the current landscape of nursing informatics. "Nursing informatics is the leading edge solution that can positively impact the delivery of state of the art health care, lower its cost and dramatically improve patient safety across the entire industry." *Quote From 2007 HIMSS Nursing Informatics Survey Respondent.* While progress has been made in the awareness and transformation of the NI field, much works remains to be done. A heightened need has arisen - for those in the NI field and NI advocates to be involved in a awareness campaign identifying the roles of NI in all patient care related information systems and technologies, not just nursing systems.

Ms. Sensmeier and Dr. Weaver also presented the ongoing work of the TIGER Initiative and ANI. The TIGER Initiative is a program to engage all nursing stakeholders to better prepare our nursing workforce (all practicing nurses and nursing students) to use technology and informatics to improve the delivery of patient care. The Alliance for Nursing Informatics is a collaboration of organizations that represent a united voice for nursing informatics.

Please follow this link for the slide sets that were presented: http://www.himss.org/handouts/NursingInformaticsforCBOOct2007.pdf

For more information on the TIGER Initiative: www.tigersummit.com

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