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**The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) Annual National Institute Held October 5-7, 2011.**

Fairfax, VA – The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) [www.aaham.org](http://www.aaham.org), held its Annual National Institute (ANI), “A Winning Combination”, October 5-7, 2011 Las Vegas, Nevada.

Attendees from across the country attended educational sessions, networked and visited exhibitors to learn about the latest in products and services available to the industry. “Despite the lure of the casino and other attractions, attendees packed the strong educational sessions” said President, Laurie A. Shoaf, CPAM. The nearly 600 conference goers included patient account managers, business office personnel, medical billing professionals, medical office managers, patient access managers, coding specialists, compliance officers and hospital chief financial officers.

Keynote speakers included award winning business leadership coach, Don Yaeger, James Whicker, CPAM Principal Consultant from Kaiser Permanente and Laurie Darst, Regulatory Advisor from Mayo Clinics. Washington politico, Paul Miller of Miller Wenhold, LLC, presented the Institute’s standing room only closing session about the current political atmosphere and a review of the potential candidates for the 2012 elections.

Over Fifty session speakers presented material on five separate healthcare tracks; Management/Revenue Cycle, Access/Quality Management, Compliance, Leadership/Professional Development and Specialty topics.

“The Las Vegas venue and the powerful slate of speakers and educational topics resulted in record breaking attendance and corporate partner participation this year, we were extremely pleased to see the strong commitment to our industry and continuing education” said AAHAM Executive Director, Sharon Galler, CMP.

New Volunteer Executive Board officers for the 2012-2013 term were announced and sworn in by AAHAM’s Legal Counsel, George Colman, Esquire, Stephenson, Acquisto & Colman at the annual business meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, prior to the opening keynote session. New officers include:

Chairwoman of the Board: Laurie A. Shoaf, CPAM, (Vice President Compliance, NextGen Healthcare)

President: Christine Stottlemeyer, CPAM (Director, Patient Accounting, Memorial Hospital, Pennsylvania)

First Vice President: Victoria DiTomaso, CPAM (System Director, Lee Memorial Hospital, Florida)

Second Vice President: John D. Currier, CPAM, CCT (PFS Director, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, Illinois)

National Treasurer: Lori M. Sickelbaugh, CPAM (Director, Patient Business Services, Lexington Memorial Hospital, North Carolina)

National Secretary: Kathy Sandora, CPAM, CDR Associates, LLC, Pennsylvania

“The new executive board contains a talented and experienced group of individuals who will lead our organization into the future”, President Shoaf said.

For a complete agenda, photos, speaker list and more information regarding AAHAM and its programs, please visit [www.aaham.org](http://www.aaham.org) or contact AAHAM, 703-281-4043.

#### ABOUT AAHAM

The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) is a national professional association of thirty-four chapters and over 2700 healthcare patient financial services professionals from hospitals, clinics, billing offices, allied vendors, physicians and multi physician groups. AAHAM members direct the activities of the thousands of people who are employed in the healthcare industry.

AAHAM is the preeminent professional organization for revenue cycle professionals and is known for its prestigious certification and educational programs; professional development of its members is one of the primary goals of the association. AAHAM is also recognized for its quarterly journal, *The Journal of Healthcare Administrative Management* and its Annual National Institute, held each fall. AAHAM actively represents the interests of its members through a comprehensive program of legislative and regulatory monitoring and participation in industry groups such as WEDI, ASC X12, NUBC and NUCC.

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