



**Legislative Affairs Committee  
Report of Activities  
April 2008**

Old Business:

1. EHR Task Force – Chapter 130 of the Acts of 2007.  
Despite all best efforts to have Deb Adair represent MaHIMA on the State EHR Task Force we were informed by Senator Moore’s office that the committee membership was closed. Senator Moore’s office stated they would keep us apprised of the work of the committee and inform us of open sessions when they occur.
2. MaHIMA President Bettyann Carroll, and Anuj Goel and Mike Srcoczynski of MHA met with Representative Koutopujian’s Chief of Staff to discuss the medical record retention bill. The new legislation is House Bill 2179, An Act Relative to Hospital and Clinic Medical Record Retention. There is great optimism that this bill will pass this session.

New Business:

3. The Legislative Affairs committee met on January 10, 2008 to plan for the Dot Wagg Legislative Seminar. The program planning is complete and will be held on April 15, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. The theme for this year’s program is ROI 101. Senator Richard T. Moore will be presented the MaHIMA Legislator of the Year Award for 2008.
4. The Legislative Affairs Committee met on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Applied Management Systems to discuss an update to the Medico-Legal guide to Health Record Information. Joan Usher gave an outline of the process used when the guide was most recently updated. The group discussed tropics that should be included in the update to include: Electronic Health Records, HIPAA Privacy and Security, Dwyer Protocols, Stark Laws, Physician Office Practices, Clinics, electronic information and communication such as e-mails.

Respectfully submitted,

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