



Summary of Activities for Board

Committee/Task Force/Other: **Legislative Affairs Committee**

Date: September 6, 2007

Summary of Activities: include meetings held or planned; any action or follow-up in process; any other relevant activity

Legislative Affairs Committee
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Elaine Fanwick prepared a summary report of the legislative Affairs Committee activities for the Transitional Board Meeting. The following items are included in that report.

In November, 2006 we had our Second Annual Beacon Hill Day. We received more visits from Legislative Aides and they reported that there was more recognition of Senate Bill 1292 and the bill had a good chance of passing. In fact, it was later reported to us that there was only one member of the Legislature who opposed the bill in that session and it is thought that it has a good chance of passing in the next (current) session. It was a successful day of advocating for our profession and passage of the bill.

In March, 2007 Karen Griffin and Elaine Fanwick were fortunate to be able to accompany Sue Marre, Georgette Wilson and Betty Ann Carroll to Washington for the AHIMA Capital Hill Day at which we joined other AHIMA members in lobbying our congressional representatives on issues such as passage of ICD-10, the future HIM workforce, and safe use of the PHR. It was a rewarding experience re: lobbying and a great opportunity to meet with our peers from the other Component State Associations.

In April, 2007 we had our annual Dot Wagg Memorial Legislative Seminar at the Dedham Holiday Inn. The theme was "Today's Hot Topics in HIM"; including the Deficit Reduction Act with an emphasis on Present on Admission and the speaker was Jennifer Cox, Esq. We received excellent feedback for the topic, the speaker, and the location.

The next meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee is scheduled for September 14, 2007, from 12 noon to 1:30 PM via conference call. Agenda items for the meeting are:

- Critiquing Beacon Hill Day and creation of a To Do list for this year's Beacon Hill Day including our advocacy efforts in support of our profession and in support of 15 year chart retention legislation.
- Critiquing the Dot Wagg Seminar, and planning for the next Dot Wagg Seminar in April 2008 which will include a Release of Information 101 workshop
- Creating a task force to review of the Medicolegal Guide to Health Record Information for the purpose of updating the Guide.

Respectfully submitted,
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