

Massachusetts Health Information Management Association

Summary of Activities for Board

Committee/Task Force/Other: Legislative Affairs Committee

Chair(s): Elaine Fanwick, RHIA, Karen Griffin

Members: Sue Marre, Elaine Fanwick, Karen Griffin, Jeanne Beando, Meredith Cameron, Catherine Cantwell, Molly Cahill Winnie Drayton, Heather Hedlund, Yolette LeCorps, Margaret Murray, Linda Young

Date: January 2, 2007

Summary of Activities:

Activities since last report:

Update on status of Senate Bill 1292.

The Bill is stuck in Third Reading of the House. Senate previously passed this bill.

Second Annual Beacon Hill Day, November 14, 2006.

We held another successful Beacon Hill Day! This year everyone who attended remarked that all the legislators, aides, and other staff members were aware of SB1292 and/or HIM. This proves that all of our work and networking is paying off. We spoke with several staffers who gave members of the committee names to contact in the House to try to get this bill passed prior to the end of this session. Unfortunately, as I write this it appears that the bill has not passed and will have to be refiled with the new session (begins 1/4/07). We will keep everyone updated as news becomes available—another telephone and/or letter writing campaign may be called for, as well as testimony by MHIMA members. Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual event.

The committee will be meeting via conference call on January 18th to discuss this year's Dot Wagg Memorial Seminar. This is tentatively scheduled for early to mid April 2007.

Respectfully submitted: Susan M. Marre, RHIA, Director,
Advocacy and Legislative Focus