

Summary of Activities for Board

Committee/Task Force/Other: RHIA Taskforce

Chair(s):Luisa Dileo

Members: Debbie Adair, Clare Carvel, Annalee Collins, Dick Logan, Kathy Molloy, Bob Seger, Joan Usher – Past President – Board Rep.

Date: June, 2007 – Year-End Summary

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

Framingham State College – Informatics Masters

Dick Logan and Luisa Dileo have contacted FSC on several occasions and they are still considering the informatics proposal. They have established the following framework for the proposal:

1. Joint meeting between FSC/MHIMA Executive Board/RHIA Task Force
2. Documentation of Support from HIM Profession, Healthcare Community, AHIMA Workforce Projections.
3. Marketing, Volume, Financial Resource Outline and Considerations (funds for curriculum development, HIM marketing support – details/outline, student volume)
4. Proposal for Part-Time Program Development/Consulting Services to assist FSC in Program Development/Implementation (Local Consultant vs. AHIMA Consultant, Potential AHIMA reps. To MA – Patt Peterson and/or Claire Dixon-Lee)
5. Network Development – Corporate Sponsors/Support for potential HIM informatics program.
6. Certification Considerations – Need for Communication with AHIMA for New HIM Informatics Programs/Tracks.

Fisher College – Part-Time RHIA Program Proposal

Follow-up contact by Luisa - in January and late February. Workforce projections were requested from AHIMA and submitted to Fisher in January. Patti Parkes – Fisher HIT program director has submitted a formal proposal for a part-time RHIA program (2 + 2). The college administration expressed concerns regarding terminal degree designation for the HIM profession (Masters vs. PhD) – AHIMA contacted regarding terminal degree status (at this point in time, the terminal degree for our profession is the RHIA as the HIM Masters is evolving – Per Patt Peterson - AHIMA). Fisher requested clarification via MHIMA/Luisa from Mass. Board of Higher Education. An e-mail/phone calls were made to state to solicit ruling (CC to George Wilson, MHIMA President).

Status: Awaiting response from State Board of Higher Education (contact Aundrea Kelley)

Follow-up:Luisa to follow-up with the State Board of Higher Ed. Luisa will follow-up with Patti Parkes, Fisher College.

Salem State College-Initial/Follow-up Contacts

RHIA task force materials and Initial Follow-up Contacts initiated. The college is interested by will not be able to entertain the proposal for an RHIA program at this time.

Status: Potential Future Contact if needed.

Briarwood College – CT/Program Update

Joan Usher e-mailed an update to inform the group that Briarwood is projecting implementation of an RHIA program for December, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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