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Subject: 1st Quarter HOD Meeting-- Delegate Update

Hello Colorado Members,

The **1st Quarter House of Delegates Meeting** was held this afternoon with the new Speaker of the House Brenda Hurley at the helm. The meeting was very informative and here are the highlights. There were 32 Delegates present with over 68 total participants. All of the members of the association are welcome to attend both the Board of Director and House of Delegate meetings.

Brenda Hurley addressed the delegates and reminded us that all members should participate in the following ways.

- We need to be as informed as possible.
- We need to ask questions.
- We need to be empowered to know that we can ask questions.
- We should always be positive. We have a lot of work to do as an association.

Susan Lucci AHDI President also addressed the delegates and her key points from the 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting were presented.

- Being as informed as possible. She stated that we have a great deal of knowledge and we need to share our knowledge with other healthcare providers and we can do this with greater effect when we have a credential.
- The most important goal of AHDI this year is to promote credentialing.
- Next when asked what has AHDI done for members lately? The answer is the creation of the Knowledge Base. Studies are currently being performed to show gains in productivity and quality.
- The delegates were asked to deliver the AHDI message to members. With the difficulties in the economy, as shift to SRT and Physician based documentation AHDI believes that having a credential will give MTs the advantage in this difficult economy.
- In cooperation with MITA, AHDI will be meeting in April at the QA Summit. This summit will bring together Health IT, nurses, physicians, QA, MTs, and MTSOs to discuss Quality Assurance issues.
- Advocacy is very important this year with the new administration, new senators, and new congressmen in Washington DC.
- ACE in Nashville is expected to be a great event.
- Susan wants us to ask the questions that will help you as members. (Please let me know your concerns so they can be brought forward to the HOD and other SIGs and task forces to be addressed by the association.)

CEO Peter Preziosi also presented the work that the staff is undertaking and what he and Greg Doggett the new government affairs liaison have been working on in Washington DC.

- Peter illustrated that of the 800 billion dollar stimulus package 20 billion was being earmarked for Health IT, of that 20 billion 2 billion will be going to the National Coordinator of HRIT who will focus on standardization of healthcare documentation with more government enforcement of standardization. With another 18 billion for EHR/EMR adoption. There are also increases in privacy and security safe guards. There will be new requirements for transcription services with regards to where MTSOs fall.
- AHDI is currently preparing a white paper on the topic of MTs as an intelligent workforce that needs to be coupled with new technology to ensure correct data, as well as the changes in standardization. The

CDA4CDT project has focused on standardization for the past several years and was recently renamed the Health Story Project.

- On the credentialing front work has been done in 3 states to promote required licensure by the following champions: Carrie McComb in Washington State, Gigi DeLuca in Illinois, and Carole Croft in Pennsylvania.
- Our profession is on the verge of a major transformation. Peter and Gregg have meetings set up with the American Medical Association, The American Medical Group, Health Information Management, American Hospital Association, and AHIMA. Gregg is a lawyer who specializes in Health Law.
- Peter encouraged us as delegates to connect with and engage the members of our components.

The House of Delegates reviewed HOD policy and procedure changes and voted upon them with the expectation of HOD -017 which will be returned to the lead team for review and alteration. The HOD will vote on that procedure at our next meeting.

Components are encouraged to participate in the **Mission: Possible initiatives**. They can be found on the AHDI web site at the following link. Please take a look at the initiatives and get involved.

<http://www.ahdionline.org/mp/index.cfm>

Advocacy Summit

The 4th Annual Advocacy Summit will be held June 2nd –June 4th in Washington DC. There will be an orientation session on June 2nd after the AHDI Board of Directors Meeting. This is a joint event with MITA.

The cost of registration is \$40 for members and \$65 for nonmembers prior to May 1st. There will be 10 CECs available at this event (5 medicolegal and 5 personal development CECs). The event will be held at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, VA. The hotel is near Reagan Airport. Members are encouraged to make their hotel reservations soon. The hotel per night is \$159 plus tax. Members are encouraged to share rooms to defray the cost. Jacque Taylor has agreed to match roommates. Her e-mail address is taylor.jacque@gmail.com. Kelly Kapheimer has also set up a Facebook page for the Advocacy Summit event.

The LIG has been active with a lot of focus groups. Any member can join the LIG and attend the LIG meetings. The next meeting will be on February 25th at 2:00 pm MST. You can contact Sheryl Williams the LIG chair for more information at swilliamsomt@msn.com.

Here is a list of the LIG focus groups.

Health Story Project

Credentialing

Military Spouse- They are looking at ways to get funding for approved schools.

HIT and Patient Safety- They are looking at the changes in HIPPA.

Business Incentive- They are looking at ways to get grants for businesses to improve technology.

Green Career

Every member is encouraged to join the LIG and attend the Advocacy Summit. Last year 100 hill visits were made with 30 States represented. This year the goal is to have 50 states represented.

The Colorado Legislative Liaison is Brett McCutcheon please let him know if you are planning to attend the Advocacy Summit or would like to get involved with the Legislative Issues Group.

Brett can be contacted via e-mail brett.mccutcheon@gmail.com

Component Association Support Team Report

Jacque Taylor the CAST chairman reported that the focus of CAST this year will be to share the successes that components are having with other components. She also announced the formation of the AHDI-West regional association, the new Southeast Regional Association that includes Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee. The State of Colorado is also considering extending membership to the members in the states of Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico to form the Mountain States Region. This action will be further discussed at the Colorado Board of Directors meeting on March 7th.

CAST will also be creating new component policies and procedures. Jacque also requested additional volunteers to serve on CAST from the Delegates and members-at-large. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee you can contact Jacque Taylor or you can sign up on the AHDI web site under the Networking in

Groups section or at the following link. <http://www.ahdionline.org/scriptcontent/Groups.cfm>

There was a lot of information provided at this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Rashell Coleman the AHDl Colorado Delegate via e-mail at Rashell.coleman@gmail.com or reply to the google group.

Respectfully submitted,

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