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A Year of Transition -- There are many changes that will be occurring this year, I can only speculate on what the final changes will be!

Jaime LeQuire has resigned her position as president-elect of MAHDI. I know this was a difficult decision for Jaime to make, and I hope all members will support her. She is still very involved with the credentialing cup for the West Michigan Chapter (CMT) and is concentrating her efforts on studying for the CMT exam as well as coordinating the efforts of the WMC members. It is very encouraging to hear from the chapter's presidents how hard everyone is studying. I wish all aspiring CMTs good luck on taking these exams!

Another change is the decision for MAHDI to be a part of a region with Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. The final decision on whether or not other states will be added and make us a district has not been made.

Last October, I had the opportunity to help host MAHDI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary state meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the Hilton Hotel. I certainly did not realize that this year for MAHDI's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Chlesea, Michigan, at the Comfort Inn, that it would be our last year as a state to hold a meeting. I will be assuming many of Jaime's responsibilities this year, coordinating speakers, menu selections, etc.

Do you have any pictures, digital or otherwise, that you could share with our group for our meeting? Do you have any stories that you would like to share? Do you have updated information on a favorite speaker? Any other suggestions for me?

This meeting will be a perfect time to connect with old friends, make some new friends, and to reminisce on how the medical transcription field has changed over the years! I hope to see everyone the weekend of October 8- October 10!

Liz Aschwege, CMT, AHDI-F  
MAHDI 2010 President

## TREASURER'S REPORT 5/1/2010 through 7/9/2010

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 7,571.92
<b>Income:</b>	\$ 200.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ 1,842.61
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	\$ 5,929.31



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## DELEGATE'S REPORT

Since Advocacy Summit, I attended MHIMA with Liz, and I picked up Carol Current in Owosso from Mid-Michigan Chapter, who also attended with us. What a wonderful day we had there. Warm welcomes from all and a total delight to see us again. Quite a reception we had waiting. They were waiting at our booth and were wondering where we were the day before, and I was quite surprised at the reception! I would say, "We've come a long way, baby!" LOL. From the first year I started going with April until this year, the bridges that have been built have been remarkable. This year, once again, we brought a door prize to raffle off (thank you, Liz), we brought information. I had my cards to distribute to those who wanted them, and we distributed chapter and state information for those who wanted that. We talked about regional formation we were working on, schools in the area, accreditation, and Advocacy Summit. Marsha Allen put us in a centrally located spot right across from Davenport University and TRSI -- wonderful location! I love the way they set this up. Perfect for anyone interested in transcription as a career or a second career! I would like to suggest that just because we are forming a regional that we not forget about this strong bond we have formed. I might not once have thought it so necessary. I have certainly changed my mind. Even those who came to our state meeting who were not so friendly, welcomed us with open arms and hugs. As I said, we have come a long way; and I think this is due to the hard work of April Martin, who has worked very hard to show that transcription certainly isn't going away. Speaking of which, while we were there, she had been working with Charlie, MHIMA's delegate, who came to our Mid-Michigan meeting, regarding a little business to take to the AHIMA House of Delegates. Below is the resolution April proposed for AHIMA.

At the MHIMA Annual Business Meeting on 05/12/10, when MHIMA President, Karen Schmidt, RHIT, CCS, called for any new business, April Martin, RHIA, CMT, AHDI-F, submitted a request that MHIMA submit the following resolution at the AHIMA House of Delegates:

### ***Resolution***

#### *Preamble*

*Whereas, the quality of healthcare depends on the accuracy of clinical documentation;*

*Whereas, there exists an official, established, competency-based credentialing exam for healthcare documentation professionals;*

*Whereas, ensuring the reliability of health information is the professional obligation of AHIMA members;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that AHIMA, in its commitment to quality clinical documentation:*

- *formally recognizes the value of the Registered Medical Transcriptionist (RMT) and Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) credentials offered by the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI); and*

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- *recommends that healthcare documentation workers be preferred or required to hold one of these credentials.*

Martin was requested and given 5 minutes to address the membership on why this should be done. She educated the MHIMA membership on the fact that AHDI provides 2 credentialing exams and spoke of the continuing education required, including the recent changes being made to make them more stringent, to maintain those credentials. She presented facts that transcriptionists are currently transcribing directly into hospital EMRs, those reports are viewable in draft format before a physician authenticates them, and patients are being treated on those reports prior to the physician authenticating them. She reminded the audience what authentication means and queried the attendees of how many believed all their clinicians were truly reading their documents before authenticating them. She fielded questions from the audience, including whether current MTs would be grandfathered in, to which she provided education as to why that would not be the case. In the end, President Schmidt agreed there was enough support by the membership to move forward with this motion and mentioned co-sponsoring this motion with states Tennessee and Washington at the House of Delegates.

All I can say is phenomenal! Wow! There were many comments made at our booth about this very thing during the day. Transcription is not going to just die away. There is a need for various aspects in transcription. We need to hold our heads high and be counted... We need NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN AT MHIMA! They are looking for us there.

There are some very interesting things going on at AHDI. The Blueprint for Great Governance Committee is holding Town Hall meetings. They have a blueprint in which they would like to streamline AHDI's current way of doing things, i.e., divide everyone, states, regionals, etc., into 6 districts. Picture a map of the United States and try to picture 6 divisions across that United States territory. It is still in the works. Nothing has been decided. It has not even been brought before the HOD. I am on the committee only because the Lead Team was recently merged into the BGG, and it was all very confusing to me when I first heard it. I have asked for much feedback from Barb Marques, Bonnie Monico, and Kat King, who is my lead team delegate. The thought behind all of this is that many chapters are failing to reach members, few step up to the plate to serve as officers (always the same people over and over again with those people hitting burn-out), chapters butting heads against one another, regionals forming, and travel to and from for delegates obviously going to be an issue, etc. The structure, as I see it, is one of possibly a governor or president with coordinators, treasurer, and focus groups. How is this going to affect the chapters at this point in time??? It probably won't right now. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, they had an informational meeting for the HOD and the officers of the chapters, states, and regionals. I sent out a link to register with all Presidents of chapters and state board members Monday, July 5, 2010. I feel, in order to discuss this better, I want to be more informed, you need to be informed, and definitely our members. Just an FYI. I will not make any decisions for Michigan based on anything I know as a committee member but as your delegate for the state of Michigan and only by the feedback I receive from the members. Please call me or e-mail with any questions you have after July 12<sup>th</sup>. I believe there also is another Town Hall Meeting July 22, 2010.

Looking forward to seeing you in August at ACE. Congrats to Kathy Dominguez on her nomination for Member of the Year and to April Martin on her nomination for Member of the Year, to Cora Clement on her nomination for Excellence in Credentialing! Fantastic! Good LUCK to all 3 of you, and I will see you in August.

Your delegate working for you!  
*Dianna Hall, CMT, AHDI-F*  
**MAHDI Delegate**

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## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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**Huron River Chapter** - HRC has posted its first online newsletter, which can be accessed at [HRC-MI.com](http://HRC-MI.com). Our website is now fully functional and ready for viewing including links to AHDI, MAHDI, and Chelsea Comfort Inn and Village Conference Center, the site of our quickly approaching State Annual Meeting in October. We still have MUCH to learn about creating and manipulating the details that go into building a website that makes sense, but it's been fun! Calling all members, educators, and recruiters to c'mon out and support our student population at HRC's 4th annual Student Day. This year's event will be held at the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center in Garden City on 9/11/10, from 8 a.m. until noon. Our signature "student basket" raffle will be back by popular demand. Please help spread the word to anyone you think may be interested in attending. The *Credentialing Cup* participants have finished their study sessions and are now beginning to schedule exam times. We have 2 slated to take the CMT exam on 7/23/10. Good job, everyone and good luck! The 6/210, Board of Directors meeting was well attended and accomplished the task of delegating responsibilities among those present. We still need someone to step forward as Newsletter Editor and would truly appreciate the services of a Nominations/Elections Chair. As reported earlier, HRC will host the State Annual Meeting October 8, 9, and 10, 2010. We encourage all members to be watching for suitable raffle items to donate for the state meeting. The theme this year will be *Catch the Current*. Membership has risen to 33. We plan to fashion a "we miss you" letter for former members who have not renewed, and we will focus on improving recruiting efforts as well. We gained 5 new members from the *Credentialing Cup* study group.

*Rose M. Bledsoe, CMT, AHDI-F*

*HRC Immediate Past President/Chapter Representative*

**Mid-Michigan Chapter** - We have an update from our coordinator, Cora Clement, regarding the credentialing cup. She has finished the webinars and is wrapping things up with some personal contacts to see how everyone is doing with their test preparations. She is answering questions, giving exam registration information and encouragement. One RMT candidate was scheduled to test on

6/20/10. The other RMT candidates are not ready to schedule but probably will do so in the fall. She still has to contact the potential CMT candidates for updates on their testing progress. In order to be eligible for the \$1,000 prize from MAHDI, all tests must be taken by 12/1/10. On that note, MMC has nominated Cora for the Excellence in Credentialing award to be given at ACE in August. We extend our best wishes to Cora in winning this prestigious award. Finally, MMC is making the final preparations for our Fall Meeting/Student Day on 9/18/10, at Baker College in Flint. Judy Ravin, president of the Accent Reduction Institute, will present "The Sound of Success," which we are confident will be an invaluable tool for our student attendees. Our current membership is 38 individual professional members and 6 student members.

*Kathleen Dominguez, CMT, AHDI-F*

*2010 Mid-Michigan Chapter President*

**West Michigan Chapter** - WMC Chapter has approximately 60 members this year. Our CMT study group had a good response. We had 35 people participate in the study groups. We held 3 different groups, 2 which were via webinar and 1 was held at the Business Center. We held a speaker meeting for MT week with Ava George presenting a game of Medical Terminology Jeopardy, which was quite entertaining. We also served a light breakfast. BeautiControl was also present to pamper our attendees. We gave away 5 reimbursements for the state meeting. We are planning 2 speaker meetings yet this year. One is 9/18/10, which is a student day; and the other is 11/6/10, which will also include our annual board meeting. Our spring symposium was a success. We had approximately 70 attendees. We are in the process of planning next year's symposium to be held 4/16/10. We have moved the meeting from the Howard Johnson Hotel to the Hilton Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> Street and have signed the contract.

*Michelle Gooden*

*West Michigan Chapter 2010 President*



**OCTOBER 8, 9, and 10, 2010**

**CHELSEA, MICHIGAN**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

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## MAHDI – 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE MEETING

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, October 8, 2010

2:00 p.m.	<b>MAHDI</b> Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m.	First-Time Attendees Gathering
6:00 p.m.	Registration & Vendor Reception
7:00 p.m.	Amy Fehn, J.D.: “Security and Privacy Go HITECH”; 1 ML credit
8:00 p.m.	Paul Ernest, MD: “Cataract Surgery is now Refractive Surgery”; 1 CM credit

#### Saturday, October 9, 2010

7:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
8:30 a.m.	Scott Faulkner: “Staying Relevant in 2010: Disruptive Technologies and Consumers Gone Wild!”; 1 TW credit
9:30 a.m.	Dr. Daniel Sherick: “All about Cosmetic Surgery”; 1 CM credit
10:30 a.m.	Break – Vendor Exhibits
11:00 a.m.	Kara Milliron, MS, CGC: “Family History of Breast Cancer: The Link to Our Past—Bridge to Our Future: Understanding Genetic Testing for Familial Breast Cancer.”; 1 CM credit
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Raffle
1:00 p.m.	Kathleen Dominguez, CMT, AHDI-F: “Navigating the AHDI web site”; 1 PD credit
2:15 p.m.	Yvonne Alles, Ph.D, MBA: “Mermaid Syndrome”; 1 CM credit
3:15 p.m.	Small Break – Vendors
3:30 p.m.	Yvonne Alles, Ph.D., MBA: “Medical Transcription for a Society Living in Exponential Times – Are We Going the Way of the Buggy Whip?”; 1 MTT
4:30 p.m.	Final Raffle

#### Sunday, October 10, 2010

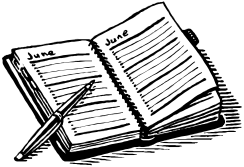
8:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Annual Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Jennifer Patterson, PT: “Pelvic Floor Therapy”; 1 CM credit
11:00 a.m.	Small Break
11:15 a.m.	Nancy Nortier, M.Ed, BSN: Allergies: “Kids to the Elderly”; 1 CM credit
12:15 p.m.	Centerpiece Raffle & Closing

All speakers and times subject to change

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## MAHDI 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR



### August

- 4-7 ACE – Austin, TX
- 13 Newsletter Registration Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Registration Release Date
- 27 Newsletter Ballot Deadline

### September

- 3 Newsletter Ballot Release Date
- 11 HRC Student Day
- 18 MMC Student Day
- 18 WMC Student Day

### October

- 1 Special Edition Newsletter Deadline
- 8 MAHDI BOD Meeting
- 8-10 MAHDI Annual Meeting (Chelsea)

### November

- 6 WMC Educational/Business Meeting

### December

- 3 MMC Officer Installation
- 4 Newsletter Deadline
- 4 MAHDI BOD Meeting
- 9 HRC BOD Meeting
- 10 Newsletter Release Date
- 11 WMC Board Meeting

# GOOD LUCK!

The following Michigan members have been nominated for awards at ACE!!!

April Martin, RHIA, CMT, AHDI-F  
for Member of the Year

Kathleen Dominguez, CMT, AHDI-F  
for Member of the Year

Cora Clement, CMT  
for Excellence in Credentialing

# WE ARE ALL CROSSING OUR FINGERS AND TOES FOR YOU!!!!

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**August 13, 2010**

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