

Annual Report of the AAHM *Ad Hoc* Committee on Impact of HIPAA

April 2007- February 2008

Part I – Stephen Novak

April – December 2007

Susan Lawrence, University of Nebraska, joined the Committee

Stephen Novak stepped down as Chair to be replaced by Nancy McCall

Novak and McCall collaborated with Society of American Archivists' President Mark Greene in writing a letter to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) raising objections to some provisions of S 1814, the Kennedy-Leahy Privacy Bill as they relate to archives. The letter was officially supported by AAHM and ALHHS and sent to the Senate Committee in Nov. 2007.

<http://www.archivists.org/news/HIPSA-Provisions.asp?prnt=y>

Part II – Nancy McCall

January – February 2008

Nancy McCall is working with committee members on a document for the AAHM website that will describe how historical research may be conducted within terms of the compliance requirements of the Privacy Rule of HIPAA.

With the concurrence of Bruce Fye, the incoming president of AAHM, she and committee members will also address other compliance requirements that have an impact on history of medicine research and publication so as to help researchers navigate their ways more easily through the compliance bureaucracy of institutions holding health and human subject records. Of particular concern is the Common Rule for Protection of Research Subjects which is frequently confused with requirements of the Privacy Rule.

McCall and committee members plan to submit the document they prepare to AAHM Council in April for review.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy McCall

Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on Impact of HIPAA

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