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**ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION OUTSOURCING SERVICES  
ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
*Industry Veteran, Mariela Twiggs, Designated to Lead Organization*

**BOSTON, Mass., December 20, 2010** — The Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services (AHIOS), an organization committed to promoting excellence in the handling and dissemination of confidential patient-identifiable information, announced the appointment of its new president and executive committee. Mariela Twiggs assumed the position of president on December 1, 2010.

As president of AHIOS, Twiggs will work to lead the organization's efforts to strengthen, enhance and raise awareness of the health information management (HIM) outsourcing industry while establishing standards of excellence for the entire industry to follow through legislative, regulatory and legal processes.

An industry veteran, Twiggs is currently the CEO of MTT Enterprises, LLC, which provides release of information (ROI), temporary and consulting services. She also leads VELFILE, LLC, a company that provides document management solutions, e-forms and resells an ONC-ATCB certified electronic health record (workflow EHR). During her career, Twiggs has worked as a director of medical records in various hospitals and has also managed an ROI outsourcing business. Twiggs is a Registered Health Information Administrator, Certified in Healthcare Privacy, Fellow of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), Certified Document Imaging Architect and holds a bachelor's degree in medical record administration and a master's degree in healthcare administration. She has also served as past president and treasurer of the Louisiana and Greater New Orleans Health Information Management Associations and has received LHIMA's Distinguished Member and Career Achievement Awards.

Serving alongside Twiggs on the AHIOS executive committee as the executive director is industry luminary, Richard C. Logan, MBA, RHIA, former founder, president and CEO of Medical Record Associates, Inc. Dave Jackson has been named vice president of AHIOS. He currently serves as president of Midwest Medical Record Association, Inc., a company that provides comprehensive information management services for HIM departments in ROI, recovery audit contractor (RAC) tracking and document imaging. Bill Bailey has been elected secretary of AHIOS. He also is currently the president and CEO of Bactes Imaging Solutions, Inc., a company that provides organizations with customized services in ROI, digital medical record archiving and RAC support. Bonnie Coffey, CEO, president and founder of CM Information Specialists, Inc. and past president of AHIOS, remains on the executive committee.

“I am honored to have been named president of AHIOS by my fellow colleagues,” said Twiggs. “I have been a member of this influential organization for more than five years and have seen the remarkable accomplishments that have protected the ROI outsourcing industry via legislative and educational means. As president, my goal is to continue the AHIOS mission of increasing awareness of the value of the HIM outsourcing industry and to ensure that healthcare organizations have access to certified professionals when considering outsourcing HIM responsibilities.”

**About the Association of Health Information Outsourcing Services**

Established in 1996, AHIOS promotes, strengthens and enhances the health information management outsourcing industry while ensuring excellence in the handling and dissemination of confidential patient-identifiable information. Its goals are to increase awareness of the value, importance and complexity of the industry’s services; establish standards of excellence for the industry of health information management outsourcing; pursue fair and equitable treatment of the industry through legislative, regulatory and legal processes; and create educational and networking opportunities for members.

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