

Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative board of directors elects new officers

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Boston – Last night, the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC) board of directors elected new officers. Alan G. Macdonald will serve as chairman, and Lawrence D. Garber, MD, will serve as vice-chairman.

Mr. Macdonald is the executive director of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable. He is on the board of directors at the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education and at the Massachusetts Business Development Corporation. Macdonald also serves as a business, industry, and economic development representative for the Massachusetts Workforce Board Association.

Dr. Garber is an internist at Fallon Clinic in Worcester, Mass. He is also the medical director for informatics at Fallon Clinic, where he is helping to implement the clinic's electronic health record. Dr. Garber attended the New York University School of Medicine and interned at UMass Memorial Health Care.

“It's been very rewarding to be part of the MAeHC effort to date, and I now look forward to helping take MAeHC's successes to the rest of the state,” said Macdonald. “Transparency that benefits all stakeholders is where health care has got to move, and MAeHC's efforts are key to making that happen.”

“As a practicing physician with an EHR, I can attest to the incredible value that these systems offer,” reports Garber. “However, it won't get done if every doctor has to do this on their own, which is why we need to take the invaluable lessons that MAeHC has already learned and apply them to the rest of the Commonwealth.”

Continuing in their current roles as treasurer and secretary are Richard C. Lord and Dr. Lawrence Gottlieb, respectively. Mr. Lord is president and chief executive officer of Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Dr. Gottlieb represents the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans on the MAeHC board of directors.

MAeHC president and CEO, Micky Tripathi, is very pleased about the board's choices. “We're very fortunate to have such prestigious community leaders taking the helm at such a pivotal time for MAeHC. As a key business leader in the state, Alan will help ensure that we remain focused on deploying technology to deliver value. And Larry

brings deep knowledge of the physician perspective and hard-won expertise in EHR implementation.”

*The **Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative** was formed in 2004 as an initiative of the physician community to bring together the state’s major health care stakeholders for the purpose of establishing an EHR system that would enhance the quality, efficiency, and safety of care in Massachusetts. MAeHC endeavors to transform the delivery of health care using electronic health records and health information exchange. In partnership with its three pilot communities and thirty-four member organizations, MAeHC is fostering rapid widespread adoption of these systems. To learn more about the Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative, please visit www.maehc.org.*

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