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## **Legislative Management Team (LMT) Report:**

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#### THE LMT AT WORK

**At our Atlantic City Convention we awarded our "Legislator of the Year award to Senator Joseph Vitale.**

**DOBI Commissioner Tom Considine spoke to us about some of the things the department will be doing as it prepares for healthcare reform implementation over the next 4 years.**

**HIAPAC funds continue to hold steady at about \$26,000 but we really NEED more people to volunteer to help Brad Greenbaum with the fundraising efforts. He is doing a great job but cannot go it alone.**

**Eileen Shrem attended a fundraiser for State Senator Joseph Vitale last week. He has introduced a number of pieces of proposed legislation that we need to keep our eye on.**

**Theresa Semple is arranging a meeting with Assemblyman John Wisniewski in the near future.**

**Marilyn Stenger, Jim Stenger and Stephanie Myers will be attending a fundraiser for Senator Tom Goodwin on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Position Papers Sub-Committee** that reviews recently introduced state legislation and where necessary, drafts a position paper on it. Joan Fusco, Clare Waxman, Gene Koster and Jack Kalosy could sure use some volunteers to help draft the paper or weight in with some opinions. Please consider contributing when they reach out to you.

**We recently posted [Position Papers](#) on the following bills: S-1742, S-1743 and S-358. Please log on to our website at [www.njahu.org](http://www.njahu.org) to read these papers.**

#### STATE ISSUES

**The NJ Small Employer Health Board met on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Among the agenda items was the ongoing issue "slice business" and compensation as a result of that type of business. New regulations are set to be published on June 1, 2010 and it appears that the Board will be recommending a one carrier, dual option rule to be effective September 1, 2010. There will be an opportunity for a "secondary carrier" to**

participate but 3 out of the 4 carriers who write small group business are leaning towards NOT participating as that secondary carrier.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 the Department of Banking and Insurance released Bulletin 10-SEH-04 which deals with the requirements to offer coverage to a small employer. **The bulletin and underwriting guidelines have been posted on our website.**