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New Legislators Reception
RIMS held its bi-annual New Legislators Reception on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Eighteen new legislators were elected to the General Assembly for the new 2015-2016 session. New legislators attending the event included Senators Coyne, Morgan, and Gee; and Representatives McKiernan, Lancia, Solomon, Fogarty, Filippi, Price, Tobon, and Regunberg.

RIMS members in attendance were
Peter Karczmar, MD;
Gary Bubly, MD;
Bradley Collins, MD;
Sarah Fessler, MD;
Christine Brousseau, MD,
James Griffin, DO;
Arnold Herman, MD; Mike Migliori, MD; and Senator Christopher Ottiano, MD, and James Carney, PA-C.

Lively conversation between the legislators and RIMS members made for an enjoyable evening in this informal, relaxed setting.

RIMS' Reception for New Legislators, RIMS leadership and staff

Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

January 5, Monday
Meeting with Hospital Association of RI (HARI), RIMS staff
Governor’s Commission on Disabilities meeting
HealthSource RI Advisory Board meeting
RIMS Executive Committee meeting

January 6, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee (Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair)
Bryant University Physician Assistant Program’s White Coat Ceremony

January 7, Wednesday
RIMS Membership Committee meeting, Drs. Fingerut, Fera, Frazzano, Jones, Karczmar, Settipane and RIMS staff

January 7–10, Wednesday–Saturday
AMA State Legislative Strategy Conference, Michael Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws, and Staff

January 12, Monday
OHIC Administrative Simplification Workgroup

January 13, Tuesday
HealthSource RI Expert Advisories board meeting
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists’ reception for legislators

January 14, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (BMLD) meeting
Secretary of State meeting regarding lobby regulations
Special Commission to Study Health Plan Patient Liability Provisions on Access to Health Care and Provider Financial Condition
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January 15, Thursday
Health Services Council meeting
Meeting with Rhode Island Quality Institute

January 16, Friday
Coalition of Mental Health Professionals of RI
Meeting with Purdue-Pharma regarding opioid-related legislation
Meeting with Amy Nunn, ScD, Brown University School of Public Health, regarding RI Public Health Institute

January 20, Tuesday
Meeting with HSRI Staff
Meeting with HealthSource RI Expert Advisory Board
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee meeting
Legislative hearings

January 21, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health
OHIC Administrative Simplification meeting
Recovery Works Coalition meeting
Meeting with Chairman Miller, Chair Senate Committee of Health and Human Services, regarding 2015 legislation
Legislative hearings
Speaker Mattiello Fundraiser, Drs. Migliori and Rich; and RI Society of Anesthesiology members Rafael Padilla, MD and Brett Arron, MD, attending

January 22–23, Thursday and Friday

January 22, Thursday
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition meeting
Joint Senate Finance/Health and Human Services hearing regarding State Innovation Model Grant

January 23, Friday
Meeting with DOH staff regarding legislation

January 27, Tuesday
DOH Health Services Council meeting
Meeting with Chairman Keable, House Committee on Judiciary, regarding legislation
Legislative hearings

January 28, Wednesday
Legislative hearings

January 29, Thursday
Meeting with Aetna
Legislative hearings
Senate President T. Paiva-Weed fundraiser, Michael Migliori, MD, and RIMS staff attending
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