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RIMS and Coverys announce new partnership

In October 2014, the Medical Society entered into a new strategic partnership with Coverys, the 40 year-old medical liability insurance giant headquartered in Boston.

Coverys and RIMS have pledged to combine and coordinate their complementary strengths for the purpose of enhancing patient safety. The two organizations share the conviction that safety is fundamental to promoting and maintaining the kind of professional liability environment that everyone wants for Rhode Island: one that is stable and responsive to the needs of the medical profession and the public. RIMS and Coverys are uniquely positioned to support each other in this endeavor.

Key elements of the new collaboration will be peer review, risk management and continuing education. RIMS’ peer review prowess is well established, particularly in the highly sensitive and all-important area of physician health. In addition, RIMS is recognized by the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as the agency responsible for accrediting the CME programs of all the hospitals within the state of Rhode Island. RIMS has been a consistent star nationally in earning an unbroken string of long-term recognitions from ACCME.

For its part, Coverys is one of a tiny number of medical professional insurers that have devoted the necessary and substantial resources to gaining and maintaining full accreditation by the ACCME as a source of Category 1 CME credits for physicians. RIMS regards this extraordinary commitment to CME as particularly meaningful and praiseworthy in an insurance company. Of course, medical peer review and continuing medical education, each in its own way, provide targeted risk management and serve to enhance quality and safety.

RIMS has also agreed to advise Coverys and to offer the company additional eyes and ears focused on the evolving insurance market, the medical practice environment and the medical liability climate, as each of these is affected by legislative, regulatory, judicial, economic, demographic and political developments in the Ocean State. In recognition of their strong relationship and mutual support, RIMS and Coverys will also engage in joint marketing.

Coverys is the sixth largest medical liability insurer in the nation. It protects more than 32,000 physicians, dentists and other health professionals nationally, as well as over 500 hospitals, health centers and clinics. It is rated A (“excellent”) by A.M. Best. It writes over $400 million in premium, has net assets of $3.5 billion, and maintained a policyholder surplus of $1.5 billion as of the end of last year. Member companies include Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company (“ProMutual”) and the ProSelect Insurance Company.

Coverys is the dominant insurer of physicians and surgeons in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Medical Society Insurance Brokerage Corporation (RIMS-IBC) is proud to have been appointed as an agent for Coverys three years ago. The RIMS-IBC is a full-service agency that specializes in medical professional liability.

Robert A. Anderson, Jr, Director of the IBC, can be reached at 401-272-1050.
On September 26, RIMS members gathered at the waterfront Save the Bay center at Field's Point in Providence for the second annual Convivium. Those who arrived early had the opportunity to take a guided tour of Narragansett Bay aboard Save the Bay’s 46-foot bio-diesel fueled M/V Elizabeth Morris. On shore, Convivium participants mingled and dined, and enjoyed music by the Be Bop Docs.

A brief speaking program included the inaugural presentation of RIMS’ newly established Stanley M. Aronson Award for humanism in medicine. Dr. Aronson is remembered for many things, including teaching his students that medicine is the most humanistic of the sciences and the most scientific of the humanities. The first recipient of the Aronson Award was HERBERT RAKATANSKY, MD.

RIMS’ Charles L. Hill Award for outstanding service was presented to PETER A. HOLLMANN, MD.

The Herbert Rakatansky Award for professionalism in medicine was presented to CHARLES B. “Bud” KAHN, MD.

The John Clarke Award for distinguished public service was presented to U.S. SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE. (The Award is named for Dr. John Clarke, 1609–1676, who negotiated and secured Rhode Island’s radically liberal Royal Charter of 1663.)

RUSSELL SETTIPANE, MD succeeded PETER KARCZMAR, MD as President of the Rhode Island Medical Society. SARAH FESSLER, MD became President-Elect of the Society. BRADLEY COLLINS, MD, CHRISTINE BROUSSEAU, MD, and JOSE POLANCO, MD were installed as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

View the photo album: www.rimed.org/photos-annual-meeting.asp

Award recipients: Herbert Rakatansky, MD; US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse; Charles B. "Bud" Kahn, MD; Peter A. Hollmann, MD

Newly inaugurated 2015–2016 RIMS Officers: Treasurer Jose Polanco, MD; Vice President-Bradley Collins, MD; President Russell Settipane, MD; President-Elect Sarah Fessler, MD; Secretary Christine Brousseau, MD.
Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

September 1, Tuesday
Physician Health Committee, Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
CMS conference call regarding alternative payment models
AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call regarding federal licensure and interstate compact

September 2, Wednesday
State Innovation Model (SIM) Measurement Harmonization Working Committee, Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and staff

September 3, Thursday
AMA ARC conference call with Directors of Department of Health and Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals [BHDDH] regarding grant from US Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA], RIMS staff

September 8, Tuesday
AMA conference call regarding no-fault medical liability Department of Health Primary Care Physician

September 9, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Presentation by RIMS Physician Health Program, Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, Kathleen Boyd.
Meeting of RI Governor’s Overdose Prevention & Intervention Task Force
Meeting with Board of RI ACEP regarding legislation and political fundraising
Employment 101 Seminar, Peter Hollmann, MD, Robert A. Anderson; Jeffrey Chase-Lubitz, Esq., and staff

September 10, Thursday
Meeting with OHIC regarding RIMS representation on care transformation working committees
Meeting of Good Samaritan allies regarding General Assembly special session
Public Hearing on BMLD regulations
SIM Board Meeting, Peter A. Hollmann, MD

September 11–13, Friday–Saturday
Attendance at Maine Medical Association Annual Session

September 15, Tuesday
Alliance for Healthy RI meeting regarding obesity prevention legislation

September 16, Wednesday
Primary Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health
Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council

September 17–18, Thursday–Friday
AMPAC State Federation Meeting, Washington, DC, meetings with Congressional offices regarding meaningful use, Health IT, IPAB (Independent Payment Advisory Board), and other topics, Michael E. Migliori, MD, and staff

September 19, Saturday
AMA New England Delegation Meeting, Peter Hollmann, MD, Alyn Adrain, MD, RIMS Staff Newell Warde and Steve DeToy attending

September 21, Monday
Meeting with New Jersey-based opioid addiction prevention coalition, Josiah Rich, MD, and staff
RIMS Finance Committee, Jose R. Polanco, MD, Chair

AMA New England Delegation Meeting
On September 19, RIMS’ Peter Hollmann, MD, RIMS’ Senior AMA Delegate; RIMS’ Executive Director, Newell Warde, PhD and Alyn Adrain, MD, AMA Delegate attended the fall meeting of the New England Delegation at the headquarters of the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham, Massachusetts. RIMS’ trio joined their colleagues from the other New England states to discuss the upcoming interim meeting of the AMA House of Delegates.

AMPAC Federation Meeting
On September 17, Michael E. Migliori, MD, Chair of RIMS Public Laws Committee, and Steve DeToy, RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs (not pictured) met with RI Representative David Cicilline and other members of the RI Delegation in Washington, DC.

September 22, Tuesday
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI regarding Health Services Council

September 24, Thursday
Healthy Kids in Schools Coalition Breakfast
State Innovation Model (SIM) Measurement Harmonization Working Committee, Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and staff

September 25, Friday
Primary care/behavioral health summit

September 26, Saturday
RIMS Convivium, Save the Bay, Providence; Awards Ceremony and Installation of New Officers

September 28, Monday
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI, Russell A. Settipane, MD, Sarah J. Fessler, MD, staff

September 29, Tuesday
Meeting of EOHHS Provider Advisory Committee; RI Medical Society office
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**Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society**

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- Career management resources
- Insurance, medical banking, document shredding, collections, real estate services, and financial planning
- Powerful advocacy at every level
- Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals
- Complimentary subscriptions
- Publications include Rhode Island Medical Journal, Rhode Island Medical News, annual Directory of Members; RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University
- Member Portal on www.rimed.org
- Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS