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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

March 1, Wednesday
Legislative Hearings

March 2, Thursday
Legislative Hearings
Senate Majority Leader Ruggerio Fundraiser

March 3, Friday
Meeting with RI Director of Health, Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, and RI Chapter, America College of Emergency Physicians
Meeting with RI Podiatric Medical Society: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

March 6, Monday
Meeting RI Tobacco Policy Coalition regarding Governor’s budget
RIMS Board of Directors meeting: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

March 7, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
RIMS Weight-Wellness Summit [unique day-long gathering of 280 registrants, 30 speakers, made possible by the Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation]

March 8, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Department of Health
Governor’s Overdose and Intervention Task Force
Legislative Hearings

March 9, Thursday
Senate Leadership PAC fundraiser
Diabetes Prevention Program Stakeholders Meeting
Legislative Hearings
SIM Steering Committee: Peter Hollmann, MD

March 13, Monday
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President; RIMS staff
Meeting with Department of Health Staff regarding Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP)

March 15, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health
RI Tobacco Policy Commission meeting

Legislative hearings
Inaugural meeting of the Collins Committee: President-elect Bradley Collins, MD, Chair [topic: patient safety]

March 16, Thursday
Legislative hearings
Chairwoman Fogarty fundraiser

March 21, Tuesday
Legislative hearings

March 22, Wednesday
Legislative hearings

March 23, Thursday
Legislative hearings

March 28, Tuesday
RI Academy of Family Physicians Legislative Day: RIMS Staff
Chairman Craven fundraiser
Chairman Miller fundraiser

March 29, Wednesday
Legislative hearings
Meeting with Senate leadership regarding legislation: Michael E. Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee

March 31, Friday
Meeting with Todd Handel, MD, regarding Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

RIMS is pleased to introduce Marc Bialek, the new Director of Membership. Marc has over 13 years of experience working for national and international non-profit trade associations and societies. He has worked for The National Restaurant Association, the U.S. Green Building Council, The Society of American Military Engineers and InfoComm International. He has recently moved to Rhode Island with his wife and three children. Marc looks forward to working with RIMS leadership on recruitment, retention and most importantly engagement. Marc will be working with the 11 specialty societies that RIMS manages.

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Building Practitioner Resilience in Challenging Times

Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Warwick Country Club, 394 Narragansett Bay Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889

This program will focus on helping participants recognize the signs of physician burnout and realize the impact practice stressors have on physician health. It will also help participants design plans that will enhance their well-being and resilience.

Contact Catherine Norton for more information, 401-443-2386 or cnorton@rimed.org.
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First Weight + Wellness Summit Held in RI
Almost 300 attend to network and share ideas, solutions

The Rhode Island Medical Society and the Rhode Island Health Center Association convened the state’s first Weight + Wellness summit on March 7, with approximately 300 people in attendance.

SARAH FESSLER, MD, president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, welcomed the diverse group of attendees from the medical and healthcare community, the state, and community organizations and businesses, to the event, along with JANE HAYWARD, president of the Rhode Island Health Center Association; ANYA RADER WALLACK, acting secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and ANDY MOFFIT, first gentleman of Rhode Island.

According to the summit planners, “The inspiration for this Summit was provided by the many individuals and organizations that are working to make
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daily habits of smart nutrition and healthy living convenient and affordable for all Rhode Islanders. We wanted to showcase the diversity of local initiatives and provide an opportunity for like-minded people to learn and interact on the multifaceted topic of weight and wellness.”

After the event, Catherine Norton, assistant director of professional and community services at RIMS and a member of the planning committee, said there was a “tremendous response from attendees to organize another similar event. The W+W Planning Committee will meet in April to discuss the next steps.”

The event, held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, was funded through an educational grant from the Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation, and partially sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI.

The exhibitors included:
American Heart Association & American Stroke Association
Ascensus College Savings
CharterCARE Health Partners
Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island
City of Providence Healthy Communities Office
Community Health Network, RIDOH
Farm Fresh RI
F.I.T. Club
Fuel Up to Play 60
Greater Providence YMCA
Grow Smart RI
Healthcentric Advisors
Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
Newport Wellness Hub
Nutrition Outreach Programs
SNAP & EFNEP
Rhode Island Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Rhode Island Bike Coalition
Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition
Rhode Island Public Health Institute
Rhode Island Quality Institute
United States Army Health Care
Urban Greens Food Co-Op
We Quit

Dr. Dieter Pohl, bariatric surgeon at Roger Williams Medical Center, served on the physician advisory committee for the event.
The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanded its Affinity Program to allow for more of our colleagues in healthcare and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

Contact Marc Bialek for more information: 401-331-3207 or mbialek@rimed.org

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Doctor’s Choice provides no cost Medicare consultations. Doctor’s Choice was founded by Dr. John Luo, a graduate of the Alpert Medical School at Brown University to provide patient education and guidance when it comes to choosing a Medicare Supplemental, Advantage, or Part D prescription plan. Doctor’s Choice works with individuals in RI, MA, as well as CT and helps compare across a wide variety of Medicare plans including Blue Cross, United Health, Humana, and Harvard Pilgrim.

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is a non-profit HMO founded in 1993 in partnership with Rhode Island’s Community Health Centers. Serving over 185,000 members, Neighborhood has doubled in membership, revenue and staff since November 2013. In January 2014, Neighborhood extended its service, benefits and value through the HealthSource RI health insurance exchange, serving 49% the RI exchange market. Neighborhood has been rated by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as one of the Top 10 Medicaid health plans in America, every year since ratings began twelve years ago.

RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care member physicians. Our PCP’s act as primary care providers for over 340,000 patients throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA was formed to provide a venue for the smaller independent practices to work together with the ultimate goal of improving quality of care for our patients.
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Alyn L. Adrain, MD, and Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Rhode Island Delegates to the AMA, participate in the formation of national AMA policy at annual House of Delegates meetings in Chicago.

RIMS Leadership: Treasurer José Polanco, MD; Secretary Christine Brousseau, MD; President-Elect Bradley J. Collins, MD; President Sarah J. Fessler, MD; Vice President Peter A. Hollman, MD; and (seated) Immediate Past President Russell A. Settipane, MD.

RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD, hosting a free CME seminar for members of the Medical Society.

RIMS maintains close contact with federal and state lawmakers to represent physician and patient interests in emerging legislation. RIMS Public Laws Chair Michael E. Migliori, MD, at left, and RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs Steven R. DeToy shown here following their meeting with RI Representative David R. Cicilline.

RIMS hosts social events throughout the year for members and guests.
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