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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

April 3, Monday
Meeting with Department of Health regarding Diabetes Prevention Programs/RIMS grant
RIMS Council meeting: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

April 4, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting with Department of Health regarding opioid regulations
RIMS Weight + Wellness Planning Committee wrap-up meeting
Legislative hearings

April 5, Wednesday
Workers Compensation Advisory Council Legislative Hearings

April 6, Thursday
Meeting of the End of Life Task Force
Legislative Hearings
Chairman Jacquard

April 7, Friday
Telephone interview with researchers from Boston Medical Center regarding Governor's Opioid Task Force
Meeting with House of Representatives policy staff regarding RIMS' Legislative Agenda: Michael E. Miglior, MD, Public Laws Chair

April 11, Tuesday
Presentation by American Academy of Physician Assistants to Massachusetts/Rhode Island MGMA
Meeting of the RI Department of Health Physician Assistant Licensing Board
Town Hall Meeting, RI Academy of PAs
Legislative hearings: Michael E. Miglior, MD, Public Laws Chair

April 12, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Meeting of the Governor's Opioid Overdose Prevention Task Force: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President; Gary Bubly, MD, Past President
Meeting of Department of Labor and Training’s Workers Compensation Fee Task Force: Sidney Miglior, MD, President RI Orthopedic Society; RIMS staff
Meeting of RIMS Foundation Strategic Planning
Legislative hearings

April 13, Thursday
Legislative hearings
SIM Grant Steering Committee: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Vice President
RIMS Mix and Mingle

April 19-22, Wednesday–Saturday
Federation of State Physician Health Plans, Fort Worth, Texas: RIMS staff

April 19, Wednesday
RI Department of Health’s Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee
Meeting with Healthcentric Advisors regarding CMS Physician Quality Payment Program
RIMS’ Diabetes Prevention Grant Physician Advisory Committee: Roberto Ortiz, MD, and Sarah J. Fessler, MD, co-chairs

April 20, Thursday
Meeting with Senate policy staff regarding proposed amendments to current legislation

April 22, Saturday
RIMS annual CME event: Building Practitioner Resilience in Challenging Times; Russell E. Settipane, MD, Membership Committee CME Task Force Chair

April 24, Monday
Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield medical directors: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President, Bradley J. Collins, MD, President-elect, and RIMS staff

April 25, Tuesday
Finance Committee: Jose R. Polanco, MD, Chair
Legislative hearings

April 26, Wednesday
Workers Compensation Advisory Council Legislative Hearings
Meeting of RIMS Foundation Strategic Planning
Representative Corvese Fundraiser

April 27, Thursday
Legislative Hearings
YMCA Heroes
Meeting with Director, RI Department of Health regarding new opioid prescribing regulations
Chairman Keable Fundraiser

April 28, Friday
Department of Health Bridging Health Equity Across Communities reception at the State House
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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.

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.

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The Rhode Island Medical Society’s annual CME event was held on April 22 at the Warwick Country Club. This year’s focus was on Building Practitioner Resilience in Challenging Times.

A Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants (RIAPA) town hall meeting was held April 11 at Kent Hospital on PA practice in the state. Representatives from the state and national PA organizations and the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Medical Society participated in a series of meetings and updates on recertification and looking at the future of PA practice in the state.

A RIMS Mix and Mingle event was held at the Chapel Grille restaurant in Cranston on April 11.

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.
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