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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

July 6, Thursday
Lifespan Fellows’ Orientation:
RIMS Staff

July 10, Monday
Meeting with Department of Health regarding Diabetes Prevention Program
Board of Directors Meeting:
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

July 11, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting with ACLU-RI regarding warrantless search legislation veto strategy

July 12, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Meeting with Brown University Office of Continuing Medical Education regarding DPP CME Event
Meeting of the Governor’s Opioid Overdose Prevention Task Force:
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President; Gary Bubly, MD, Past President
Conference call with coalition members seeking gubernatorial veto of bill giving law enforcement warrantless access to PDMP.

July 13, Thursday
SIM Steering Committee:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and RIMS Staff

July 14, Friday
Meeting with Nicholas Schilligo, Associate Vice President for State Government Affairs, American Osteopathic Association

July 17, Monday
Morning press conference hosted at RIMS’ headquarters for 20 organizations allied with RIMS in opposition to legislation proposed by the Attorney General that would open the PDMP to law enforcement without need of a warrant. RIMS and the allied organizations called upon Governor Raimondo to veto the legislation, which had passed both houses of the General Assembly. RIMS President Sarah J. Fessler, MD, presided.

July 18, Tuesday
OHIC rate review public hearing

July 19, Wednesday
Workers Compensation Fee Task Force
RIMS Foundation Strategic Planning

July 24, Monday
Healthcare Quality Reporting Commission at Department of Health
RIMS Finance Committee:
Jose R. Polanco, MD, Treasurer

July 26–29, Wednesday–Saturday
American Association of Medical Society Executives; Steven R. DeToy, Director of Government and Public Affairs, Presenter; Marc Bialek, Director of Membership, Attendee

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE
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Inquiries to Newell Warde, nwarde@rimed.org
The Rhode Island Medical Society now endorses Coverys.

Coverys, the leading medical liability insurer in Rhode Island, has joined forces with RIMS to target new levels of patient safety and physician security while maintaining competitive rates. Call to learn how our alliance means a bright new day for your practice.

401-331-3207
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

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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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.

The ABCs of membership

**Advocacy:** RIMS membership offers a cohesive platform for its members to speak with a unified voice on local, state and national issues through committee participation, policy development, legislative representation, educational conferences, and stakeholder seminars.

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