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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

April 1, Monday
Meeting with the Department of Health regarding legislation
RIMS Council Meeting:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President

April 2, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting regarding opioid legislation with Prevent Opioid Abuse
Legislative hearings

April 3, Wednesday
Legislative hearings
Meeting with Senate leadership regarding legislation
Rep. Edwards fundraiser

April 4, Thursday
Meeting with BCBSRI,
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President
Health Professional Loan Repayment Program: Steven R. DeToy, RIMS
Director of Government and Public Affairs, Board Member
Legislative hearings

April 5, Friday
Mental Health Parity meeting,
Mental Health Association
RIMS Notes issue production

April 9, Tuesday
Legislative hearings

April 10, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force:
Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President
Legislative hearings
New England Charter Medicine
Academy meeting at RIMS:
Brad Collins, MD, Immediate Past President

April 11, Thursday
Legislative hearings
SIM Steering Committee:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President

April 15, Monday
Meeting with RI Dermatology Society
regarding legislation
Legislative recess

April 16, Tuesday
Meeting with Brown medical students regarding Harm Reduction Center legislation
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee
Legislative recess

April 17, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee
Legislative recess

April 19, Friday
RIMS Notes issue production
Meeting with Chairman Miller regarding legislation

April 23, Tuesday
Legislative Hearings

April 24, Wednesday
Public hearing on pharmacy regulations at DOH
Legislative Hearings: Samuel Evans, MD
Legislative Hearings: Alyn Adrain, MD, AMA Delegate and Past President, and Helena Kuhn, MD, RIMS Councilor, representing dermatology, testified on separate bills.

April 25, Thursday
May is Mental Health Month Kickoff,
State House
Legislative Hearings
Senator Valverde fundraiser

April 26, Friday
Meeting with Virgin Pulse:
Newell E. Warde, RIMS Executive Director

April 29, Monday
International E-Cigarette Summit,
Washington, DC; Steven R. DeToy, RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs
RIMS Finance Committee: Catherine A. Cummings, MD, RIMS Treasurer

April 30, Tuesday
OHIC Integrated Behavioral Health Workgroup
Legislative Hearings

April 30–May 2, Tuesday–Thursday
Annual Meeting of Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education,
Chicago: Maria Sullivan, Director,
Office of Continuing Medical Education, Warren Alpert School of Medicine and member of RIMS CME Committee

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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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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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